
**Minutes of the
2016 BCLA Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2016
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, BC**

1. **Welcome/Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM with President, Sohen Gill presiding. Sohen introduced the BCLA Executive and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2015 BCLA Annual General Meeting.** *It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Dan Wray that the minutes of the B.C. Lacrosse Association 2015 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED*
3. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes.** None.
4. **Executive Reports – All reports contained in the 2016 BCLA Annual Report**
*** Motion to accept all reports as circulated.**
 - a) President and CLA Report: Sohen Gill
 - b) Vice President – Administration and Finance: Don Scott
 - c) Secretary: Myrna Cable
 - e) Vice President – Operations: Greg Toll
 - f) Vice President – Performance Programs: Tyson Leies
 - g) Vice President – Development: Terry Mosdell
 - h) Vice President - Technical Programs: Dennis Quigley
 - i) Director at Large: David Jenkins

It was moved by Brian Corbett, seconded by Dirk Rachfall to accept all reports as circulated in the Annual Report. CARRIED

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Terry Kirstiuk to accept the Financial Statements and Budget as presented in the Annual Report. CARRIED

5. Directorate/Technical Support Group Reports

a) Senior Directorate. Terry Kirstiuk reported in Harold Corbett's absence. Elections were held, Terry was re-elected as Vice Chair of Seniors.

b) Minor Directorate. Angie Schwan reported that Gord McIntosh was elected for a two year term as Chair of the Minor Directorate and Angie was elected for a two year term as Secretary. As Gord McIntosh will not continue as the Vice Chair Female Box, nominations will come from the Directorate and an appointment will be made.

c) Field Directorate. Dirk Rachfall reported that the Field Directorate Special Session was held April 16, 2016 and his report is in the Field Directorate section of the Annual Report. Elections were held, Dirk Rachfall was re-elected to a two year term as Chair of the Field Directorate, Tricia Rachfall was re-elected to a two year term as Secretary and Sue Kinna was re-elected as Vice Chair Women's Field. The Field Directorate appointed Jason Bishop as BCLCG Vice Chair Women's and Shawn House as High School Representative. The BCLOG Vice Chair Women's is still vacant.

d) BC Lacrosse Coaches Group. Russ Sheppard reported that the Coaches Special Session was held September 10, 2016. Elections were held and Russ Sheppard was re-elected as Chair, Rob Arden was re-elected as Vice Chair Minor, Kelly Scott was re-elected as Vice Chair Senior, Glen Bzowy Vice Chair Field, Jason Bishop was elected as Vice Chair Women's Field and Dan Wray

was re-elected as Secretary. All positions were for a two year term. Changes have been made to the Level 1 Coaching Certification.

e) BC Lacrosse Officials Group. Lee Brien reported that the Officials Special Session was held September 10, 2016 and his report is included in the Annual Report. Elections were held and Jo Wong was re-elected as Vice Chair Senior Box, Wilson Louie was elected as Vice Chair Minor, Ryan Nose was re-elected as Vice Chair Men’s Field, Doug Wright was elected to a 1 year term as Director at Large and Michelle Bennett was appointed to a 1 year term as Vice Chair Women’s Field following the Special Session.

6. Credentials Report (Myrna Cable)

Out of a possible 344 votes, there were 234 voting delegates in attendance at this AGM. The breakdown is as follows:

Executive	8	out of a possible	8
Coaches	6	out of a possible	14
Officials	14	out of a possible	22
Seniors	58	out of a possible	101
Field	35	out of a possible	67
Minors	113	out of a possible	126
Vol Tech	0	out of a possible	6
Total	234	out of a possible	344

It was moved by Bill Mosdell, seconded by Angie Schwan to accept all reports as circulated.
CARRIED.

7. Proposed Amendments

(a) BCLA Constitution and ByLaws

Preparing for the New Societies Act: The new Societies Act will come into effect on Nov. 28, 2016. In the two years following that date, every pre-existing society will be required to “transition” to the new Act. “Transitioning” requires a society to re-file, in electronic format, its current constitution and bylaws with the Corporate Registry. A few changes to the content of the constitution and bylaws are required. Societies cannot transition until the new Act comes into effect on Nov. 28, 2016. They will then have two years, until Nov. 28, 2018, to file their Transition Application.

In order for the BCLA to prepare for this transition process, there are a few items regarding our Constitution and our By-Laws that require our attention during this AGM.

1. Constitution: The society should prepare a version of its constitution that consists of nothing but the society’s existing name and purposes, word-for-word as they appear in the society’s constitution on file with the Corporate Registry. Any provisions of the existing constitution other than name and purposes must be relocated to the society’s bylaws, under #2 below. The purposes must be exactly as they exist immediately before the Transition Application is filed. There will be no opportunity to change purposes as part of the Transition Application. This means that the BCLA has to do this now.

2. Bylaws: The society should prepare a complete set of bylaws consisting of the society’s existing bylaws in consolidated form (that is, the society’s original set of bylaws, updated to include any amendments to the original set that have been filed with the Corporate Registry). The society must, before transitioning, update these bylaws to include any amendments to them that have been filed by the society since the bylaws were adopted. Provisions of the society’s existing constitution (other than its name and purposes) that were removed from the constitution under #1 must be added, without alteration, to the bylaws. Any unalterable provisions must be identified as having been “previously unalterable.” So, this is also being addressed within this BCLA AGM.

It was moved by Greg Toll, seconded by Angie Schwan to remove points 3,4,5 of the current BCLA Constitution that would read:

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is
"BRITISH COLUMBIA LACROSSE ASSOCIATION"
2. The purposes of the Society are to improve and foster the game of Lacrosse generally, and in particular:
 - (a) To conduct activities to perpetuate the game of lacrosse as the National Game of Canada.
 - (b) To carry out the competitions for the British Columbia Championships.
 - (c) To make, maintain and enforce rules and regulations for the control and governance of the game of lacrosse in British Columbia.
 - (d) To improve, encourage and advance box and field amateur lacrosse in all its divisions and levels.
 - (e) To promote, foster and develop the playing of lacrosse throughout the province.
 - (f) To encourage the growth of lacrosse as a sport, and in doing so, provide an opportunity for improved physical health and welfare.
 - (g) In order to benefit the growth and development of lacrosse in British Columbia by entering into mutual agreements with other inter-provincial bodies.

CARRIED

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Dave Wilkie to amend BY-LAW II: MEMBERSHIP, 8. that would read:

8. Only members in good standing may vote at meetings of the Association. A member in good standing is one whose accounts have been paid for not less than thirty days, and who is not suspended or expelled.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Greg Toll to create new BY-LAW II: THE ASSOCIATION that would read:

1. The operations of the Society are to be carried on throughout the Province of British Columbia.
2. In the event that the Association should at any time be wound up or dissolved, the remaining assets after payment of all debts and liabilities shall, within one year, be split equally between the Wayne Goss Scholarship Fund and Dorothy Robertson Memorial Bursary, be turned over to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame for execution and distribution of scholarships, allocated as laid out in the Scholarship and Bursary Fund criteria, and as directed by the members. This provision was previously unalterable.
3. The purposes of the Association shall be carried out without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes. This provision was previously unalterable.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Brian Corbett to add new BY-LAW IV: MEETINGS, 5. (e) that would read:

5. **Voting** -- at all Annual and Special meetings of the Association, members in good standing will have the following voting rights:
- (a) District lacrosse associations (box and field) may seat one accredited delegate with one vote for every one hundred Minor players, or portion thereof, registered in the previous playing season; plus one accredited delegate with one vote for every Senior team (box and field) registered in the previous playing season.
 - (b) Each accredited delegate of the BCLOTSG, BCLVLA, and the BCLCTSG Technical Support Groups, as defined in By-Law X, Section 4(g), By-Law X, Section 6(c), and By-Law X, Section 5(b) shall have one vote.
 - (c) Each elected or appointed member of a Directorate (Senior, Minor, Recreation and Field) as described in By-Law X, Section 1(b), Section 2(b), Section 3(b), Section 4(a) and the eight (8) Zone Directors as appointed and/or elected by the Minor Directorate, shall have one (1) vote each.
 - (d) All other members in good standing, other than Associate Members and Affiliate Members, will have one vote each.
 - (e) Individuals holding a vote must attend the BC Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) and/or Special Sessions in person. There will be no electronic communication or electronic votes during the BCLA's AGM and/or Special Sessions.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Beth McLucas to amend BY-LAW V: OFFICERS, 3. that currently reads:

3. The President, Vice President Development, Vice President Technical Programs and the Vice President Administration and Finance shall be elected for two year terms in even-numbered years. The Vice President Operations, Vice President Performance Programs, the Secretary and the Director at Large shall be elected to two year terms in odd-numbered years. The term of the Immediate Past President will be limited to two years.

The Executive shall appoint a Nominating Committee to present to the Annual Meeting at least one name for each office. In even-numbered years, the Committee members shall be the Secretary, Vice President Operations, Vice President Performance Programs, and the Director at Large, and the Chair shall be the Secretary. In odd-numbered years, Committee members shall be the President, Vice President Development, Vice President Technical Programs and the Vice President Administration and Finance, and the Chair shall be the President.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Beth McLucas to add new BY-LAW V: OFFICERS, 4. that would read:

4. Any nomination of an individual for election must be supported by a Member, must include the written consent of the nominee, and must be submitted to the BCLA Office 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. 14 days prior to the BCLA AGM, nominations will be forwarded to the delegates including information regarding each nomination.

In the event that there are no nominations for a position for which an election is to occur submitted within the timelines, an individual may be nominated from the floor of the Annual General Meeting.

It was then moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Terry Mosdell to amend the motion to add:

4. Any nomination of an individual for election must be supported by a Member, must include the written consent of the nominee, and must be submitted to the BCLA Office 30 days prior to the

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The Amendment was CARRIED. The Original Motion with the amendment was DEFEATED.

It was moved by Dennis Quigley, seconded by Joe Wong to amend BY-LAW IX: COMMITTEES, 2. (e) that would read:

(e) The Officiating-Coaching Liaison Committee

- (i) The Officiating-Coaching Liaison Committee shall consist of the Chair of the BCLOTSG or a designate, the Chair of the BCLCTSG or a designate, the Chair of the Minor, Senior and Field Lacrosse Directorates or their designates, and the BCLA Vice President – Technical Programs or a designate.
- (ii) The BCLA Vice President – Technical Programs or a designate shall act as Chair. The BCLA Vice President – Technical Programs shall appoint additional members as required.
- (iii) The purpose of this committee is to consider interjurisdictional problems relating to officiating and coaching and to make decisions for their resolution. The decisions of this committee shall be implemented by the Directorates. The main areas of common concern should be recruiting, education, allocation and evaluation of officials and coaches and ensuring that the philosophy of the Association is adhered to. This committee should also discuss, collate and recommend proposed rule changes to the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Brian Corbett to amend BY-LAW X: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, 1. THE SENIOR DIRECTORATE (a), (b), (c) by removing the 2nd Vice Chair position that would read:

1. THE SENIOR DIRECTORATE

- (a) The Voting Members of the Senior Directorate shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Senior Directorate; the Commissioners of all Masters, Senior, Junior and Intermediate leagues or their designates; Vice President Operations and the Vice President Development; Chair of the BCLOTSG or designate; the Chair of the BCLCTSG or designate. All of the above members have a vote. The Chair of the Minor Directorate or designate and the Chair of the Field Directorate or designate may request to attend a Senior Directorate meeting or send written reports as deemed necessary.
- (b) The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Senior Directorate shall be elected, by secret ballot, at a special session of the Directorate to be held during the Annual Meeting. In the event that there is but a single nominee for office, the Secretary shall cast one vote for such nominee. All accredited Senior delegates, the Vice President – Operations and the Vice President – Development, the Chairs of the BCLOTSG and BCLCTSG shall have a vote during this special session.
- (c) The Chair shall be elected for a two-year term in the even years. The Vice Chair and the Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term in the odd year.

CARRIED

5. (b) BCLA General Operating Policy

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Dave Wilkie to amend REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.02 (ii) that would read:

- 5.02** Upon approval of a BCLA Travel Request Form, approved team athletes and team personnel traveling out of province/out of country will be covered by the BCLA's liability insurance and out of country medical insurance. Teams are responsible for their own travel insurance (i.e., for cancellation or changes of travel).

CARRIED

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Dirk Rachfall to Add new REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.02 (xii) that would read:

- 5.02 (xii) BCLA-member athletes and coaches comprising a team that travels out of province and/or out of country without the consent of the home association(s) and the BCLA by submitting and obtaining approval of a BCLA Travel Request Form, shall be subject to suspension from all BCLA activities.

DEFEATED

The following proposed amendment was withdrawn:

Add new REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.02 (xiii) that would read:

- 5.02 (xiii) *Any coach who is involved in a team travel program with BCLA-registered athletes and team personnel that is not approved by the home association(s) and the BCLA, shall not be considered to coach with Team BC Minor Box and/or Youth Field Lacrosse programs.***

WITHDRAWN

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Dave Wilkie to add new REGULATION 23: PRIVACY POLICY, 23.02 that would read:

- 23.02 All database and directory information shall only be used for internal BC Lacrosse Association and BCLA-member business. No sharing of information with business external to the BCLA and its members shall be allowed unless this is approved by the BCLA Board.

The sharing of database information for reporting purposes (i.e., government, CLA, etc.) will not include any personal information (i.e., names, addresses, e-mail addresses). The information can contain "headless" data including first and last name initials, postal codes and ages for reporting purposes.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Judy Rigier to amend APPENDIX A: BCLA APPEALS PROCESS, 6. that would reads:

6. The applicant must provide to the BCLA Office written notice by fax, email and/or mail and payment of \$500.00 no later than seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of the decision. If notice is provided by fax and/or email, the payment in the amount of \$500.00 must be received by the BCLA Office within seventy-two (72) hours of the written notice.

CARRIED

It was moved by Don Scott, seconded by Dave Wilkie to add a new REGULATION 13: TRANSGENDER POLICY that would read:

REGULATION 13: Transgender Participant Policy

13.01 Definitions

The following terms have these meaning in this Policy:

- a) “Transgender” – People who have been assigned one gender at birth but who identify with the other gender.
- b) “BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) team or event” – includes any member, team, tournament, training opportunity or other sanctioned event organized or managed by BC Lacrosse Association or any member association/club/team.
- c) “Participant” – any player, parent, guardian, manager, trainer, coach, official, volunteer, organizer or other individual involved in the administration, support or conduct of a BC Lacrosse Association and/or member team or event.

13.02 The BC Lacrosse Association supports Inclusion of Transgendered Participants

- a) The BC Lacrosse Association is an inclusive organization and welcomes participation of all individuals in our programs and activities, irrespective of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, religion, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, or physical or mental disability.
- b) The BC Lacrosse Association supports inclusion of transgendered participants in all aspects of Lacrosse.
- c) The BC Lacrosse Association will assign a BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact person and provide contact information on the BC Lacrosse Association website to assist in issues relating to this policy.

13.03 Participation in the Gender Group with which the Player Identifies

- a) For the purpose of registration on gender-based BCLA/member teams or events, a player may register under the gender with which the player identifies.

13.04 Disclosure

- a) Disclosure of a player’s transgender status is that player’s choice.
- b) While the BC Lacrosse Association is entirely supportive of transgendered participation and welcomes disclosure of same where an individual prefers, disclosure of transgendered status is not a requirement of participation. Such disclosure should not be sought of any Participant by any Participant.

Exception

- c) A transgender player must inform the BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact and may need to disclose their transgender status more generally where the player wishes to participate in a BC Lacrosse Association/member team or event that could be subject to doping control (see Doping Control), or when participating in an extra-jurisdictional event which requires said disclosure (see Extra-jurisdictional Participation).

13.05 Doping control

- a) All athletes must be aware of and have a responsibility for meeting eligibility requirements based on doping control.
- b) Transgender athletes are encouraged to contact the BC Lacrosse Association Support Contact, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), to assist in establishing eligibility at relevant events and what process, if any, may be required to obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) related to gender reassignment, if necessary.

13.06 Extra-Jurisdictional Participation

- a) All athletes must be aware of and have a responsibility for meeting eligibility requirements based on the rules and regulations of extra-jurisdictional events within which they wish to participate.
- b) Some BC Lacrosse Association/member teams and events occur in conjunction with other organizations or occur outside of BC. These extra-jurisdictional events may be subject to rules or requirements for transgendered participation that are different from this policy. Transgender athletes are encouraged to contact the BC Lacrosse Association

Support Contact, and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), to assist in determining eligibility at relevant events in advance of competition.

13.07 Confidentiality

- a) Any communication to the BC Lacrosse Association regarding participation or transgender policies between a transgendered athlete and the BC Lacrosse Association will remain confidential to the extent requested by the athlete and/or their family, except as necessary for the purposes of implementing this Policy.

Application

- b) All individuals participating with the BC Lacrosse Association/member teams or events are expected to observe and follow this policy.
- c) Any member of the BC Lacrosse Association and/or participant in a BC Lacrosse Association/member team or event who becomes aware of conduct that violates this policy should report the conduct to a person within the BC Lacrosse Association.
- d) Any participant in a BC Lacrosse Association/member team or event in violation of this policy may be subject to sanction, including exclusion from the BC Lacrosse Association/member teams or events.
- e) The BC Lacrosse Association will endeavour to apply this policy in a reasonable and flexible manner, respecting the importance of fostering fair and equitable participation and competition at all levels of play, maintaining and promoting the BC Lacrosse Association as an inclusive organization for transgendered participants, and the privacy interests of those participants.

13.07 Facility Use – Washrooms and Change rooms

- a) Participants may use washroom and change room facilities consistent with the gender with which they identify. The BCLA recommends provision of gender neutral facilities where available.

13.08 Ongoing Monitoring

- a) This policy is informed by the recommendations of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, as detailed in “Creating Inclusive Environments for Trans Participants in Canadian Sport”– May 2016
- b) The BC Lacrosse Association commits to monitoring ongoing developments regarding national and international participation guidelines for transgender athletes and pledges to review and/or revise this Policy whenever new information becomes available, and at a minimum every 3 years.

CARRIED

6. Election of Officers

- a) Slate of Officers presented by Nominations Committee
- b) Election by Position:
 1. **President (2-Year Term)** Sohen Gill by acclamation. Secretary will cast one vote.
 2. **Vice President – Administration and Finance (2-Year Term)** Don Scott by acclamation. Secretary will cast one vote.
 3. **Vice President - Development (2-Year Term)** Terry Mosdell by acclamation. Secretary will cast one vote.
 4. **Vice President – Technical Programs (2-Year Term)**
Dennis Quigley nominated from Nomination Committee; Bill Mosdell from the floor
Ballots were issued; Dennis Quigley was elected.

It was moved by Sean Lehman, seconded by Braden Wilkins to destroy the ballots. CARRIED.

8. New Business. No new business at time of meeting.

9. Adjournment. *It was moved by Terry Kirstiuk, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.