



2017 BCLA Coaches Special Session Minutes
Saturday, September 9, 2017
Executive Inn – Burnaby BC

In Attendance:

Rob Arden, BCLCG Acting Chair/Vice Chair – Minor	Mike Newton, Pt. Coquitlam Minor
Bryan Baxter, BCLA Regional Coach	John Olson, Ridge Meadows Minor
Glenn Bzowy, Vice Chair – Field	Ryan Paddon, Surrey Minor
Mark Collett, Vancouver Minor	Andy Reynolds, Nanaimo Field
Rey Comeault, Team BC – Field Lacrosse Technical Coach	Darcy Rhodes, Team BC – Box Lacrosse Technical Coach
Simon Gee, Burnaby Field	Wes Tyre, Nanaimo Field
Bill Gowans, Pt. Moody Minor	Scott Vigar, Kelowna Minor
Michael Hagel, Vancouver Minor	Josh Wahl, Pt. Coquitlam Minor
Ryan Keller, Ridge Meadows Minor	Sean Walmsley, Victoria Field
Andy King, Kelowna Minor	Trevor Webber, Burnaby Minor/Field
Ray Legace, Ridge Meadows Junior B	Andrea Wentz, Pacific Rim Field
Gord McIntosh, Minor Directorate Chair	Dave Showers, BCLA Technical Director

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM, with acting Chair, Rob Arden presiding.
2. **2016 Special Session Minutes.** *It was moved by Trevor Webber, Seconded by Sean Walmsley that the minutes from the 2016 Special Session held September 10, 2016 be adopted as circulated.*
CARRIED
3. **Reports:**
 - a) Chair (Russ Sheppard) – Report as circulated
 - b) Vice Chair – Minor Box (Rob Arden) – Report as circulated
 - c) Vice Chair – Senior Box (Kelly Scott) – Report as circulated
 - d) Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Glen Bzowy) – Report as circulated
 - e) Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Jason Bishop) – Report as circulated
 - f) BCLA Team BC Technical Co-ordinator – Box Lacrosse (Darcy Rhodes) – Report as circulated
 - g) BCLA Team BC Technical Co-ordinator – Field Lacrosse (Rey Comeault) – Report as circulated
 - h) BCLA Regional Coach – Vancouver Island (Bryan Baxter) – Report as circulated
 - i) BCLA Master Learning Facilitator – Box, Field (Terry Mosdell) – Report as circulated
 - j) BCLA Technical Director (Dave Showers) – Report as circulated

It was moved by Bill Gowan, seconded by Darcy Rhodes to accept the reports as circulated.
CARRIED
4. **General Discussions.** We need to find ways of getting more resources available for Coaches and for Coaching Facilitators. Need more Coaching Facilitators. When is the best time to run a clinic? Before the season? Some teams don’t even have their coaches chosen until closer to the season, so earlier clinics may not work.
5. **Discipline Hearings.** Three coaches received abuse of officials assessments. Majority of hearings (half a dozen) ended up being verbally abusing the officials. One suspension was reduced due to the referee being wrong. Another coach answered that he took the CPI – Level 2 clinic 20 years ago. Part of his suspension includes having to re-take the level 2 course. Some Coaches don’t seem to be learning anything from these suspensions. If a Coach is having a player or coach being suspended, coaches should keep a copy of the game sheet to show that they have sat out the needed games.

6. **Provincial and National Championships.** National Championships – Box Female Midget – Gold, Female Bantam – Silver, Boys PeeWee – Bronze, Bantam Boys – Silver, Midget Boys – fourth. No issues regarding all the team’s actions.
Field Team BC – Girls U19’s directly after the box Nationals. They picked up the silver medal. U15 won Gold, U18 captured Silver. Good calibre of players who attended. Coaching applications are out and available on the BCLA website. U14, U15, U18 for this season for boys. NAIG – Team BC sent three teams – U19 girls and boys both won bronze medals, U15 boys placed fourth.

Female Provincials – No discipline. Only two coaches were removed from the bench. One accusation about playing O/D, coach was warned, but no further issues.

We are always looking for Coaching Reps at the Provincials, as it is difficult to find volunteers. We would like to have at least one per arena. Hours sometimes are long, but more volunteers mean more shifts that can be created.

7. **Operating Policy – Proposed Motions**

It was moved by Trevor Webber, seconded by Wes Tyre to **Add New REGULATION 7.01: BENCH RULES, 7.01 (a) that would read:**

- 7.01 (a) *The minimum age for Assistant Coaches of Novice and lower is 14 years of age and the Coach must have completed NCCP Community Development level prior to being on the bench. The minimum age for Assistant Coaches of PeeWee and up is 16 years of age and up.*
- (b) In all divisions in at the Minor Box level, no one but players in uniform and suitably registered and trained/certified bench personnel shall be permitted to occupy the player’s bench. A maximum of four (4) non-playing personnel are allowed on the bench. Certified trainers or other qualified personnel shall only be allowed on the bench to attend to player injuries. Where facilities do not permit access to the bench without entry to the playing surface, a certified trainer will be allowed on the bench.

It was moved by Bryan Baxter, seconded by Trevor Webber that the motion be amended to read:

- 7.01 (a) *The minimum age for Assistant Coaches of Novice and lower is 14 years of age and the Coach must have completed NCCP Community Development level prior to being on the bench. The minimum age for Assistant Coaches of PeeWee and up is 16 years of age (calendar year) and up.*

AMENDMENT CARRIED.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Trevor Webber, seconded by Sean Walmsley to **Amend 7.03: BENCH RULES, 7.03 by removing (a) 2 and (b) 2 that would read:**

- 7.03 (a) All bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in any BCLA sanctioned games in the Novice division and below:
- 1) All Coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B and/or Form 100M in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCG (May 1 – Minor Box/Women’s Field; April 20 – Senior Box; October 1 - Field).

- (b) All bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in any BCLA sanction games in PeeWee and above (Box) and U12 and above (Field):
- 1) All Coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B and/or Form 100M in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCG (April 20 – Senior Box; May 1 – Minor Box/Women’s Field; October 1 - Field).
- c) Trainers must be certified a minimum of first responders (firemen, ambulance, armed forces personnel, medical profession) or, have an approved and valid trainer’s certificate (or its equivalent including the “Trainers Aide Training”), suitably registered on the form 100B, including certification number. A payment of \$5.00 to the BCLA must accompany the form 100B. Trainer certification numbers must be noted on all applicable games sheets unless a trainer is provided for an entire event by the BC Lacrosse Association (i.e., Minor Provincial Championships) or has been trained as a first-responder (i.e., doctor, firefighter, nurse, etc.).

CARRIED.

8. Election of Officers – BCLCG Executive:

Vice Chair Senior – Scott Jensen has been elected by acclamation.

Vice Chair – Men’s Field – Glen Bzowy has been elected by acclamation.

Secretary – Remains Vacant

It was moved by Josh Wahl, second by Trevor Webber that the recording secretary destroy the ballots.

CARRIED.

9. New Business:

- **Glen Bzowy** - U15 Field coaches need Field Competitive Introduction – Level 2
- **Bryan Baxter** – We should have a Development Committee to help create a program to help develop our youth, find ways that coaches can use to get athletes through various stages of skill progression. Need ideas and recommendations. Bryan would be willing to Chair the committee. Anyone interested can forward his/her name and contact information to Dave Showers.
- **Josh Wahl** - Female High School Teams – get more schools involved. If Associations can bring back the ideas and present them to the districts. Try and grow the game.
- **Dennis Quigley** – visiting schools and teaching lacrosse during PE classes, might help increase participation. Langley lacrosse went up 10%, when Dennis started attending schools. Surrey Minor went up 20% the first year, then 20% in the second year.

10. Motion to Adjourn Meeting. *It was moved by Sean Walmsley, seconded by Dennis Quigley that the meeting be adjourned.* The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Joint Session of Coaches and Officials – September 9th, 2017 Executive Hotel - Burnaby

Meeting brought to order at 9:40am

Chaired by Lee Brien

1. JOCAP – Jody Weatherby with comments by many attendees
 - a. Feels like there was little progress this year – if anything it was remission
 - b. Lost officials
 - i. 168 games were postponed due to a lack of officials
 - c. Officials lost due to abuse by coaches and parents
 - i. This results in officials being put into games that they are not prepared for.
 - d. Very concerned about not having enough officials
 - e. Senior lacrosse – has serious issues too
 - f. Rob Arden – same number of reports roughly but severity increasing
 - i. Port Coquitlam paid for coaches to take “Respect in Sport” clinic
 1. No reports this year after several the year before
 - ii. Differences in how commissioners respond to abuse of officials from Lower Mainland/Island to other areas of the province
 - iii. Last year – 1 coach received two hearings
 - iv. This year – 3-5 coaches had two hearings
 - v. Some coaches own their actions and change behaviour
 - g. Referees group appealed Senior Directorate ruling on suspension for physical abuse of official – suspension was increased
 - h. Which group needs to take it to the BCLA executive to act on recommendations?
 - i. Directorate
 - ii. Area Commissions
 - iii. Associations
 - iv. Technical groups
2. Lack of Head Coaches and Head Referees
 - a. Someone in name who is allocating but not teaching officials/coaches
 - i. Referees attend yearly clinic
 - ii. Coaches attend a clinic but not yearly
 1. Does local executive take on watching a coach or official who is having difficulty?
 - iii. Should there be a yearly refresher at the local level to emphasize expectations?
 - b. How do coaches receive information about new rules and initiatives?
 - i. What happens to the dissemination of information to the people who need to hear it?
 - ii. Lack of knowledge creates a problem for all involved (coach, player and official)
3. Differences between field and box (especially minor)
4. What is happening with the coaches’ evaluation form of officials?

- a. 12 people reviewing it (referees/coaches/administration)
 - i. About 50 reports in 2016
 - ii. 25 in 2017
 - 1. Island received 1 coach report this year
 - 2. 2/3 were acted in and forwarded to appropriate people for follow-up
 - b. Every report followed up with the official this year
5. Could the officials do a report on the coaches?
- a. In addition to game reports for calls made on the floor
6. What about changing things with respect to playing less games and having more practice time?
7. Are there policies around videoing games and officials?
- a. No
 - i. In private facilities the facility can ban video taping
 - b. Report of a coach videoing a game and then telling referee head referee that the official was not good
8. Discipline and use of video
- a. Policy does make allowable for purposes of discipline and education
 - b. More impact on minor age than age of majority
9. Referees wore go-pros at Female Nationals
- a. Info from Steve O'Shaughnessy (New Brunswick) – CLA board member
 - b. Video to be used as part of training of officials
 - i. Will be reviewed at fall 2017 Box NOCP meeting
10. Official conduct is also reviewed
- a. 2 discipline actions for officials
 - i. 1 suspended for full year
 - ii. 1 fine and shorter suspension

Adjourned 10:45am