
BC Lacrosse Association
2020 Minor Directorate Special Session Minutes
October 3, 2020
Zoom Meeting

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting called to order at 3:06 PM, with Chair Gord McIntosh presiding. Introductions took place and Gord reviewed the format/ballots for the meeting today. Reminder to fill out your club information sheet and send in to BCLA.

2. Attendance - Accredited Minor Voting Delegates

There were 102 voting delegates present out of a possible 129 voting delegates.

3. Minutes of the October 18-19, 2019 Special Session, Whistler, BC

It was moved by John Stevens, seconded by Tim Frost that the minutes of the October 18-19, 2019 BCLA Minor Directorate Special Session be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

4. Reports

- a) Minor Directorate Chair – Gordon McIntosh
- b) Zone 1 Representative – Karyn Yasinsky
- c) Zone 2 Representative – Karen von Hellen
- d) Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair – Beth McLucas
- e) Zone 4 Representative – Michael O'Connor
- f) Zone 5 Representative – Mary Clare
- g) Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair – Tim Frost
- h) Great White North Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair – John Stevens
- i) Zone 8 Representative – Richard Paciejewski
- j) Female Box Lacrosse Chair – Linda Cretney
- k) 2020 Minor Box Provincials – Pam Mason
- l) 2020 Minor Box Tournaments – Gordon Miller
- m) BCLCG Vice Chair – Minor – Rob Arden
- n) BCLOG Vice Chair – Minor – Wilson Louie

It was moved by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Linda Cretney that the Minor Directorate reports be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

5. Presentations

- a) Jeff Gombar - BCLA Executive Director and Gord Kask – BCLA VP Performance:

Gord Kask:

It has been a trying season Trying to find the safest way to return to Lacrosse.

- Team BC Box – 2020 Nationals were cancelled.
- Canada Games – postponed to 2020.
- Thank you to Ray and Rochelle for all their support and service to Team BC over the years.

Jeff Gombar:

- Return to Play:
 - o Thank you to the dozens of people that were tap into for advice and guidance.
 - o Thank you to the volunteers in the community. We have a place to play for our athletes because of you.
- Thank you to Rochelle.

b) Gerry Van Beek – BCLA President:

- Provided an overview and timeline for the proposed policy changes for the Minor Directorate Annual General Meeting. Proposed policy changes were received on time to the BCLA office by the Minor Directorate.
- Further discussion was had about the order of today's meeting.

6. Proposed Amendments

Gord: Rule that the meeting proceed with all the proposed amendments and let the agenda stand as is.

Motion: That the proposed amendments are out of order at this time. It was moved by Beth McLucus, seconded by Tom Kellet that the Minor Directorate reports be accepted as circulated.

Noted: 44 votes in favor and 48 not in favor. Voted required a 2/3 vote for majority.

Motion is out of order. DEFEATED.

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE, 1.01 – COMMISSION CHAIRS currently reads:

Commission Chairs

- (a) Communication link between the Minor Directorate (through Zone Directors) and their Associations
- (b) Ensure good communications with the Executive and their Associations and possibly with players and parents
- (c) Maintain a good working relationship with all Associations within their Commission
- (d) Responsible to Minor Directorate and all Associations within the Commission
- (e) Responsible for schedule and guidelines for league play and Provincial play-offs in their Commission
- (f) Select their Commissioners, as per Commission Operating Policy and acts as Head Commissioner
- (g) First level of appeal on all matters within their Commission (jurisdiction, players discipline and player movement)
- (h) When player registrations dictate and local associations agree, is able to suggest cross association boundary teams within their league and obtain approval from the Minor Directorate as needed.

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- (i) *Responsible, along with the elected commission executive members, for managing and making decisions on all release requests and player moves from the Member Associations.*

Rationale: Policy has been vague on who is responsible for decisions on player release requests within commissions. There have been variations on how this was done within different commissions. This is meant to clarify that the decision on player release requests lies with the commission chair together with the elected commission executive.

Motion of out order

Proposed by Greg Toll, BCLA Vice President - Operations

REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 2.01 currently reads:

2.01 The ages of players prior to January 1 of each playing year shall be as follows:

Minor Box

Midget	under 16 years
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years
Mini Tyke	under 6 years, but at least 4 years old

Female Box:

Junior	under 21 years
Midget	under 16 years
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years but at least 4 years old

As per General Operating Policy, Regulation 9, the playing year shall be from January 1 to December 31 in any calendar year.

Amend REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 2.01 that would read:

2.01 The ages of players prior to January 1 of each playing year shall be as follows:

Minor Box

Midget	under 17 years
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years
Mini Tyke	under 6 years, but at least 4 years old

Female Box:

Junior	under 21 years
Midget	under 17 years
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years but at least 4 years old



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Rationale: To comply with recent changes to CLA policy in Midget (17U) aged players.

Motion of out order

Proposed by Greg Toll, BCLA Vice President - Operations

Add new REGULATION 2.02: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 2.02 that would read:

2.02 All midget aged players that will be 17 years old between January 1 and December 31 of their current registration year, will be permitted to choose to play as a midget player or to move up to play in the junior division. This decision must be made prior to registration with a minor or junior team. Once the decision is made, there will be no allowances for reversing this choice at any time. This includes all lacrosse activities (tryouts, training, exhibition games, etc). Any exceptions or appeals will be dealt with by the Jurisdiction Committee. Call ups from minor to junior will continue to be permitted as currently policy states.

Rationale: To comply with recent changes to CLA policy in Midget (17U) aged players and outline players choice has to be made before registration with either the Midgets or the Juniors.

Motion of out order

Proposed by Garrett Ungaro, Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse - President

Add new REGULATION 5.05 (b): COMMISSION COMPETITION, 5.05 (b) that would read:

5.05 (b) In Midget, where there is a 3 year age group, when Associations are declaring an A1 team, no more than 5 (five) rostered players may be 3rd year players. No more than 2 (two) 3rd year players may be called up to Midget A1 at any time for league, playoff or Provincial games. 3rd year players must be identified on all game sheets with the label "OA" to indicate clearly which players are 3rd year players.

Associations may request an exemption from their Local Commission, Minor Directorate and Senior Directorate in that order, to exceed 5 (five) 3rd year players. If an Association has only 1 declared team in Midget, the limitation on number of 3rd year players is waived with no exemption required.

Rationale: With the introduction of a 3 year age group in Midget, large Associations could have a significant advantage in a specific year with a large group of registrants becoming 3rd year players. If that Association fields an A1 team with 15 3rd year players, the rest of the league will suffer or cause teams not to declare at the A1 level. The whole goal of a 3 year Midget program as stated by the BCLA is to capture the odd player who feels they aren't ready to play Junior. This gives those players a place to play in Midget while keeping large and small Associations on an even playing field and not stacking an A1 team with 3rd year players. The goal is participation for smaller or less-developed 3rd year players.

The wording also doesn't punish smaller Associations with only 1 Midget team and allows them to field a team with whatever players are registered to compete at the A1 level.

Should this motion pass the current 5.05 will be renumbered to 5.05 (a)

Motion of out order

REGULATION 7: MOVEMENT – SENIOR BOX TO MINOR, 7.02 currently reads:

7.02 Criteria for Approval:

- (a) Players must be within two (2) years of Midget eligibility.
- (b) Cannot be from an area where there traditionally is a Junior team already registered. When there is no Juvenile Team: over-age Female Box Players will be permitted to play down; male Box Players with two years of experience or less will be permitted to play down.
- (c-i) In Zones where a Junior team is available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player's home: Cannot be more than two (2) over-age players per team unless the Minor Association is less than two (2) years old. If the Association is less than two (2) years old, then the maximum number will be four (4) players.
- (c-ii) In Zones where a Junior team is NOT available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player's home: Cannot be more than four (4) over-age players per team.
- (d) Players granted an opportunity to play down, will have their players statistics reviewed during the season of play (for penalties, scoring, etc). The Minor Directorate will communicate the names of players playing down to the League Commissioners, who will need to keep statistics and report to the Minor Directorate any anomalies seen during review of game sheets, or at a game. Upon review by the Minor Directorate, a previously approved application to play down from Senior to Minor can be reversed at any time during the season of play.
- (b) An over-age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The Minor Directorate determination will include at least the following: penalties review, scoring, participation.

NOTE: Applications for movement will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, taking a player's size and skill level into consideration.

Amend REGULATION 7: MOVEMENT – SENIOR BOX TO MINOR, 7.02 that would read:

7.02 Criteria for Approval:

- (a) Players must be within **one (1)** year of Midget eligibility.
- (b) Cannot be from an area where there traditionally is a Junior team already registered. When there is no Juvenile Team: over-age Female Box Players will be permitted to play down; male Box Players with two years of experience or less will be permitted to play down.
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during review of game sheets, or at a game. Upon review by the Minor Directorate, a previously approved application to play down from Senior to Minor can be reversed at any time during the season of play.

- (c) An over-age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The Minor Directorate determination will include at least the following: penalties review, scoring, participation.

NOTE: Applications for movement will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, taking a player's size and skill level into consideration.

Rationale: To bring the play down request from senior to minor in line with CLA changes to midget age players (now 17U).

Motion of out order

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 8: MOVES, 8.05 currently reads:

- 8.05 Where there is no team available within the player's age group or in the case of a Female player, a team within the player's age group in the Female league, the player may play for another association with written release from the player's home association and written approval by their local Commission for the current playing season only. (This release is not counted as a grandfathering year.) The player will be placed where the *local* Commission feels it would be in the best interest of the League and then the player.

In cases where there is no Commission, and the player is requesting a release into another Commission/Zone, the President of the other Association where the player is requesting a release from must also approve of this release. If the release is granted/approved, the player will be placed by the Commission/Zone the player is being released to and will be placed where the Commission feels it would be in the best interest of the League and then the player. If the release is not granted/approved, the player can appeal the decision with the Minor Directorate.

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interest of the League and then the player. If the release is not granted/approved, the player can appeal the decision with the Minor Directorate.

Rationale: Policy has been vague on who is responsible for decisions on player release requests and moves within commissions. There have been variations on how this was done within different commissions. This is meant to clarify that the decision on player release requests lies with the commission chair together with the elected commission executive.

Motion of out order

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 8: MOVES, 8.10 currently reads:

8.10 For those players attending a specialized school (i.e., hockey school) that is far enough from their principle residence that they must live away from their immediate family and be billeted, will provide proof of school attendance in way of a school transcript. The billeted address will be recorded in the comments section in the registration database if the home address is being used as the address. The player will be placed where the commission feels it would be in the best interest of the league and then the player. At the end of the school year, if the player wishes to move back to the player's original home association before the June 20th deadline, 8.06 shall apply.

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Motion of out order

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 10: TEAM SIZE, 10.01 currently reads:

- 10.01 (a) Per Rule 14 of the CLA Rulebook, no Midget, Bantam, PeeWee, Novice, Tyke or Mini- Tyke team (mixed Minor or Female Box) under the jurisdiction of the Minor Directorate shall not have more than 20 signed players, except with special permission of the Commission. Such exceptions shall be ratified by the Minor Directorate. Any team carrying more than 20 players will only be permitted to bring 20 players to Provincials and will not be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament.
- (b) No Female Junior team, under the jurisdiction of the Minor Directorate shall be permitted to sign more than 25 players. Only 20 players (18 runners and 2 goalies)



will be permitted to be listed on a game sheet for league and tournament play. Only 20 players will be permitted to be verified for League Playdowns/Championships and Provincial Tournament play.

Amend REGULATION 10: TEAM SIZE, 10.01 that would read:

- 10.01 (a) Per Rule 14 of the CLA Rulebook, no Midget, Bantam, PeeWee, Novice, Tyke or Mini- Tyke team (mixed Minor or Female Box) under the jurisdiction of the Minor Directorate shall not have more than **22** signed players, except with special permission of the Commission. Such exceptions shall be ratified by the Minor Directorate. Any team carrying more than **22** players will only be permitted to bring 20 players to Provincials and will not be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament.
- (b) No Female Junior team, under the jurisdiction of the Minor Directorate shall be permitted to sign more than 25 players. Only 20 players (18 runners and 2 goalies) will be permitted to be listed on a game sheet for league and tournament play. Only **22** players will be permitted to be verified for League Playdowns/Championships and Provincial Tournament play.

Rationale: This policy was changed in 2019 from 22 players to 20 in the hopes of getting associations to increase the number of teams. This did not have the desired effect. The MD had 17 requests for oversize teams in 2020, of which all were approved. Each request had a valid and understandable reason for the request with the majority being from outside the lower mainland where geographies were a challenge.

Motion of out order

7. Election of Officers. Greg Toll conducted the elections.

- a) Chair (Two-Year Term) – Gordon McIntosh was elected. The Minor Directorate, Secretary was asked to case one ballot.
- b) Secretary (Two-Year Term) – Dee Bowley-Cowan was elected. Chair, Minor VP Minor Directorate was asked to cast one ballot.

It was moved by Pam Mason, seconded by John Stevens and that the Minor Directorate Secretary destroy the ballots. CARRIED.

8. New Business:

a) Provincials update Pam Mason:

- 2021 Provincial Box lacrosse applications closed November 1, 2020.
- 2020 Hosts be given the opportunity to host in 2021 or 2022 if they wish.
- 2021 Provincial Dates:
 - Pee Wee / Female – July 8-11, 2021
 - Bantam – July 15-18, 2021
 - U16/Midget - July 22-25, 2021
- 2021 Nationals:
 - 12U and 14U Boys – Langley
 - 17U Boys and Female – TBA

b) Next steps for the Proposed Policy changes:

It was asked to the Minor Directorate Chair, what is the next steps will be for the Minor Directorate membership for the proposed policy being tabled today?

- Maybe a special session to bring the proposed policy changes forward.
- Request for more information from the CLA LTAD program
- Do we need a motion to have a special session? Not granted at this time



- c) Age change for Midget from U16 to U17 for 2021
 - Discussion was held about the proposed age changes for Midget from U16 to U17.
 - Membership was able to speak on the topic without voting on the proposed policy change or motion.

9. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 PM. It was moved by Linda Cretney, seconded by John Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.



Saturday, October 3, 2020 IN ATTENDANCE:

Gerry Van Beek, BCLA President
Greg Toll, BCLA VP Operations
Gord Kask, BCLA VP Perform. Programs
Terry Mosdell, BCLA VP Development
Tony Spagnuolo, BCLA Admin&Finance
Dennis Quigley, BCLA VP Tech. Programs
Angie Schwan, BCLA Secretary
David Jenkins, BCLA Dir. at Large
Observer, Nichola Manning, BCLA
Rob Arden, BCLCG
Lorne Winship, BCLCG
Observer - Bryan Baxter, BCLCG
Lee Brian, BCLOG
Doug Wright, BCLOG
Wilson Louie, BCLOG
Sean Lehman, BCLOG
Ryan Nose, BCLOG
Sydney Hara, BCLOG
Andrew Corbould, BCLOG
Meaghan Snow, BCLOG
Brad Watson, BCLOG
Braden Wilkins, BCLOG
Connor Hollingshead, BCLOG
Jarrett Smith, BCLOG
Brian Lister, BCLOG
Zach Jones, BCLOG
Terry Foulds, BCLOG
Ted Baranyai, BCLOG
Matt Grzebinski, BCLOG
Barry Kelly, BCLOG
Shawn Ringrose, BCLOG
Wes Tyre, BCLOG
Jody Weatherby, BCLOG,
Observer - Dave Wilkie, BC JrB T1
Observer - Peter Frey, Sr W Box
Gordon McIntosh, MD Chair
Pam Mason, MD Vice Chair
Dee Bowley, MD Secretary
Karyn Yasinsky, MD Zone 1
Karen von Hollen, MD Zone 2
Michael O'Connor, MD Zone 4
Mary Clare, MD Zone 5
Shane Mellish, MD Zone 6
Richard Paciejewski, MD Zone 8
Linda Cretney, MD Zone 7
John Stevens, MD GWN
Beth McLucas, MD LMLLC
Wuilbert Jaramillo, MD TO
Tim Frost, MD Zone VI
Abbotsford, Wes Abrams
Abbotsford, Becky Topnic
Alberni Valley, Fines, Kelly
Burnaby - Susan Kirkby
Burnaby - Tom Kellett
Burnaby - Liz Lego
Burnaby - Brad Romano
Burnaby - Annie Hobson
Campbell River - Justine Taylor
Campbell River - Mark Taylor
Chilliwack - Mike Ortuay
Chilliwack - Chris Veenstra
Chilliwack - Chris Charlton
Comox Valley- Geoff Garbutt
Observer Minor Comox Valley Doug Kampen
Coquitlam - Garrett Ungaro
Coquitlam - Rita Isaacs
Coquitlam - Mike Quinn
Coquitlam - Jason Friesen
Coquitlam - Chris Mehnert
Coquitlam - Monica Reis
Coquitlam - Megan Campbell
Cowichan Valley - Chris Claxton
Cowichan Valley - Marnie Isherwood
Delta - David Glover
Delta - Matt Taylor
Delta - Amanda Douglas
Delta - Greg Leung
Fort St. John - Annika Hedican
Fort St. John - Paul Milne
Juan de Fuca - Ryan Hyland
Juan de Fuca - Sean Knowles
Juan de Fuca - Evelyn Sutton
Juan de Fuca - Liz Hyland
Kamloops - Kevin Bankier
Kamloops - Dana Elliott
Kamloops - Jessica Nakashimada
Observer - Minor Kamloops AJ Lockwood
Observer -Minor Kamloops Chad Pawlshyn
Kelowna - Tracy Hansford
Kelowna - Andy King
Observer - Minor – Kelowna Brad Gelsvik
Observer - Minor – Kelowna Leeann Vigar
ObserverMinor Kelowna Jaime MacGregor
Observer Minor Kelowna Allison Zumbo
Observer -Minor Kelowna Debbie Jones
Langley - Sandra Margetson
Langley - Alex Vanichuk
Langley - Kasey Hastings
Langley - Wendy Thomson
Langley - Jason Goller
Mission - Jeff MacAulay
Mission - Nicole Kokoska
Mission - Shelley Bell
Nanaimo - Lonny Sullivan
Nanaimo - Darren Sharpe
Nanaimo - Cathy Coulson
New Westminster - Rich Catton
New Westminster - Bill Tyler
New Westminster - Lynda Callard
New Westminster - Julie Edgar
New Westminster - Kevin Stewardson
North Shore - Shannon Webber
North Shore - Mark Birrell
Oceanside - Jason O'Connell
Peninsula - Phil DiBattista
Port Coquitlam - Josh Wahl
Port Coquitlam - Mike Newton
Port Coquitlam - Chad Miller
Port Coquitlam - Katrina McCurrach
Port Coquitlam - Heidi Davis
Port Moody - Allen Wales
Port Moody - Dave Zille
Prince George - Scott Brown
Observer – Quesnel- Lisa Scott
Richmond - Jenner Jensen
Richmond - Madeleine Lau
Ridge Meadows - Tyson Craiggs
Ridge Meadows - Dave Samson
Ridge Meadows - Will Lockwood
Ridge Meadows - Rich Bonner
Ridge Meadows - Jaime Yerbury
Ridge Meadows - Curt Malawsky
Ridge Meadows - Jen Gagnon
Ridge Meadows Michelle Heiligenpahl-Cooper
Saanich - Andy Stuart
Saanich - James Scott
Saanich - Sharon Allan
Semiahmoo - Colin Snyder
Semiahmoo - Sue Alfawicki
Observer -Minor Semi - Lindsay Gage-Cole
Shuswap - Heather Davis
Observer Minor Shuswap - Bari Leonard
Observer Minor Shuswap - Lianne Dwornik
Sunshine Coast - Dean Mural
Surrey - Sean Reid
Surrey - Rob Comack
Surrey - Ian Tyerman
Surrey - Angie Reid
Vancouver - Michael Hagel
Vancouver - Chris Pinnell