

**2020 Minor Directorate Special Session  
October 3, 2020  
BCLA Minor Directorate Chair Report: Gord McIntosh**

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I usually look forward to reviewing the past box lacrosse season, but there is nothing usual about our 2020 season. We left the AGM last October and were ready to implement some changes and continue to fine tune things for the upcoming season. Then, March nailed us and nothing has been the same since. There were various times during the spring of 2020 that we thought we could have some form of box lacrosse, but it just wasn't going to happen. We will hope that our environment changes in 2021 to allow us the opportunity for box lacrosse to happen.

I encourage all presidents and association executive members to maintain good communication and relations with your local recreation facilities to ensure we have timely access to arenas and boxes next year. We may be using boxes more in the future, so they are not to be forgotten. I feel the same way about our many volunteers around the province. I hope that we don't lose any of them now that they have had a taste of what a summer without lacrosse is like for free time! Let's try to keep them involved and stay in touch.

There are 19 people (17 now, as we have 2 zone rep vacancies) that make up the Minor Directorate and I thank each one of them for their time and dedication to lacrosse in BC. They have been a patient and supportive group to work with and always have a view to what is best for lacrosse in the province, not just their league, zone or commission. It was a quieter year in what we were asked to do, but we still met regularly to continue to move things along.

Thank you to the BCLA staff of Jeff, Dave and Deb in helping me get through another box lacrosse season as minor directorate chair. Although we will miss Rochelle, we have seen this small group take on a very difficult situation with issues that we knew nothing about and make the best of it. They, along with our president, Gerry van Beek have impressed me in how they have dealt with adversity and communicated with our lacrosse community. Not fun, but a job well done. You are a treat to work with and we appreciate your efforts.

Regards,  
Gord McIntosh  
BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

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**Zone 1 Representative Report: Karyn Yasinsky**

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Zone one has Cranbrook Minor Lacrosse and West Kootenay's Lacrosse

Cranbrook Minor lacrosse at 86 players registered when the pandemic hit which of course cancelled our season. Cranbrook refunded players the registration less a \$15 administration fee. When the return to play guideline came out Cranbrook decided to return to the field, we had 51 players chose to return. We practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays we have an assigned Covid officer that takes attendance at each practice asking each player a series of questions, making sure players come fully dressed with no gear bags and a labelled water bottle. They also take head counts at the beginning, middle and end of practice.

West Kootenay's had approximately 50 players registered when the pandemic hit which of course cancelled their season as well. West Kootenays did a full refund of the players registration and decided not to participate in the return to play.

Cranbrook and West Kootenay's are looking forward to the 2021 box season.

Sincerely,  
Karyn Yasinsky  
Zone One Rep

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**Zone 2 Representative Report: Karen von Hollen**

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ZONE 2 includes eight associations consisting of Kamloops, Kelowna, Logan Lake, Merritt, North Okanagan, Penticton, Princeton, and Shuswap.

At the time of the COVID outbreak, many Thompson/Okanagan associations were waiting for their City's opening of outdoor boxes and areas. Registration was ongoing and associations were working on solidifying teams, coaches and preparing for the regional scheduling meeting.

COVID resulted in a cancellation of the entire box season, tournaments and Provincials which North Okanagan was to host the 12U (PeeWee) division.

Due to the City closure of outdoor boxes and arenas, the region was unable to run any box lacrosse activity. As a result, associations worked through the difficult decision regarding refunds as players had yet to step foot on the floor. Offering full refunds was the choice of many of our associations, as they had to weigh the pros and cons of retaining any part of registration fees and how this would fair with families in our smaller towns.

Financially, several of our associations are in a difficult situation as many had made pre-season equipment orders as well as paying their operational costs and BCLA insurance. We are working on regional fundraising options to help our associations through this unprecedented time.

On behalf of Zone 2, we would like to thank BCLA for their tireless effort in communicating, providing guidelines and support to our associations to help us through this process. We would also like to thank all of our volunteer association members for your continued dedication and hours spent maintaining and growing this great sport.

We look forward to the full return of lacrosse.

Thank you,  
Karen von Hollen  
Zone 2 Representative

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**Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair Report: Beth McLucas**

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I think this will be the shortest report I have ever written.

COVID-19 shut down box lacrosse before we even started.

All going well we will have some form of box lacrosse in 2021.

Thank you to everyone who sits at the LMMLC table all the presidents and their reps, the LMMLC executive for all their time.

Thank you to all the people at the MD table it's always a pleasure working with you all.

Thank you to the BCLA, who has had many changes with Rochelle leaving and COVID -19 coming in.

Beth McLucas  
LMMLC Chair

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**Zone 4 Representative Report: Michael O'Connor**

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Zone 4 - Fraser River Delta is 6 active Associations: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, New Westminister, Semiahmoo, and Surrey.

All lacrosse activities ended in early March with municipalities closing facilities – some associations had commenced assessments.

Preliminary 2020 Registrations for Zone 4 are as follows:

<b>2020</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Abbotsford	105 -	0	105
Chilliwack	223 -	11 +	234
Langley	430 +	76 +	506
New West	253 +	106 -	349
Semiahmoo	169 +	47 -	216
Surrey	271 -	41 +	312

+ or – indicates an increase or decrease in registration from previous year.

Refunds by the Zone 4 Associations were offered as per below:

**Abbotsford:** 70% refund or rollover 100% for credit to next season

**Chilliwack:** 75% refund, 100% rollover for next season, or 100% donation.

**Langley:** refunding less \$85 for expenses incurred. No roll over to next season.

**New Westminister:** 100% refund unless player participated in A tryouts less the fees paid for the floor time.

**Semiahmoo:** 100% refund or credit for upcoming season

**Surrey:** 50% refund

In regard to return to play and modified games to play Semiahmoo and New Westminister chose not to participate. Langley offered skills and drills sessions through August. A number of Associations were hampered by their Municipalities not re-opening facilities and were unable to hold skills sessions.

Congratulations to Surrey Minor President Sean Reid for his Vancouver Warriors Community Warrior Award.

My thanks to the Association Presidents and Board members who spent many hours trying to plan, set and arrange refunds, have contingency plans and advocate for some sort of a box season. We all look forward to the day we will see competitive minor lacrosse played in BC. till then be calm, be kind, be safe.

Michael O'Connor  
Zone 4 Rep

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Zone 5 Representative Report: Mary Clare**

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**Zone 5** consists of: Sunshine Coast, North Vancouver, Burnaby, Vancouver, Richmond and Delta.

Due to the outbreak of Co-Vid 19 the entire box season was cancelled for this season including provincials. Some associations made a valiant attempt to run skills and drills for their players, mainly at the younger age groups, which were mainly done in outside boxes or on fields as arenas were closed due to the pandemic.

Delta held outside camps. Vancouver indicated they intended to hold an outside camp. Sunshine Coast were trying to get some time allocated by the city. I heard nothing from North Vancouver, Burnaby or Richmond, but I do know that North Vancouver were one of the first associations to refund their members their entire registration fees.

Registration at the time of cancellation were as follows:

Burnaby	373
Delta	323
North Vancouver	2
Richmond	139
Sunshine Coast	49
Vancouver	130

As always, my sincere thanks to the BCLA and the Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission Executive for all their help over the past calendar year, and I'm looking forward to lacrosse resuming in BC in the very near future.

Regards  
Mary Clare  
Zone 5 Representative

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**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair Report: Tim Frost**

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Due to COVID19 Pandemic, the VIMLC cancelled the 2020 season. We have been working with associations to try to launch some return to play activities but have not completed these activities. With some support from our Lorne Winship Zone 6 Head Coach and Shane Mellish Zone 6 Rep – we are continuing to develop some plans for a modified Island competition to allow for skills competition following return to play guidelines. The Island Commission refunded all fees paid in 2020 to try to help alleviate pressure on all associations and have significantly curbed spending to a great extent.

We have participated in planning sessions with the BCLA and the Senior Directorate around the proposed changes to allow for alignment to U17 and the desired option for players to choose to play Junior or Minor in their 17<sup>th</sup> year.

I want to thank all the members of the Minor Directorate – this was a surreal experience for my first year as Zone 6 Chair. I learned a lot and look forward to return to play in the near future.

Thanks  
Tim Frost  
Zone 6 Chair

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**Great White North Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair Report: John Stevens**

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Currently we have Prince George, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Fort St John and Mackenzie potentially playing within commission.

Prior to the Pandemic of Covid19 we were getting our commission organized and plans in place for the 2020 season which never got off the ground.

Our last meeting was April 5, 2020 holding off future meetings due to the uncertainty.

Next Meeting will be our AGM on Oct. 6, 2020 via Tele-conference. My role will be up for election.

**Challenges within commission**

- Quesnel and Williams Lake refunded and or delayed registrations for the season due to the pandemic resulting in unpaid BCLA fees.
- Registration not fully completed and or entered in the system by Quesnel and Williams Lake.
- Full Fee's were returned in these smaller communities due to the lack of funds to support and bank roll due to the demand from families for full refunds.
- To restore numbers to 2019 levels in the upcoming season in the smaller challenged communities.

**Game Play**

- Prince George had held drop in skills clinics prior to Pandemic.
- Williams Lake held some drop in's before the pandemic.

**Opportunities**

- Fort Nelson not responding to communications thus we are unaware of future interest.
- Kitimat doing own thing currently.

We look forward to play lacrosse in 2021 Season.

Best Regards,  
John Stevens  
GWNLC - Chairperson



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**Zone 8 Representative Report: Richard Paciejewski**

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Not a lot to report from Zone 8. There has not been any official on-floor activity to my knowledge. Our commission has been having virtual meetings every few months just to keep all associations in the loop as far as communication from Provincial government, BCLA and Canada Lacrosse.

Our AGM is scheduled for October 4, 2020 where we will fill open executive roles and review proposed amendments to our Operating Policies and Constitution.

Here's hoping that the 2021 season will be a return to some normalcy.

Submitted by,  
Richard Paciejewski  
Zone 8 Director

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**BCLA Minor Directorate Female Box Lacrosse Chair Report: Linda Cretney**

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The 2020 Box Season was hopefully going to mark the start of some Female box play for Zone 2, however COVID shut things down before that could happen. I would like to thank the association representatives from the mainland and island that were willing to make the trip to Penticton and look forward to continuing to work towards this expansion next year.... if the 2021 playing guidelines permit.

I would like to thank all the players, team personnel, parents, association reps/presidents and the Female Coordinators who help make the Female Program so successful. It is unfortunate that we had to push pause on 2020, but with our cooperative group spirit we will restart when it is safe to do so and continue to grow the game.

With the modified 2020 AGM and the lack of a season to recap the usual Female Box Lacrosse sub-meeting will not be held in October. We will hopefully gather in early 2021 to make plans for a new season. Certainly if anyone has anything they would like to discuss before then, please feel free to contact me at any time.

I will be sure to put in an early request for a Female only Level 2 coaching clinic for 2021. This will help in the goal to not only see more female players, but also increase the number of women on the floor in other roles including coaching. This is to aid in an overall goal to be in a position for Female Box Lacrosse to be added into the Summer Games in the near future.

Stay Safe...

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MD Female Box Lacrosse Chair  
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## **2020 Provincial Championships Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Female: Pam Mason**

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The 2020 provincials were unfortunately cancelled for this past season due to the ongoing uncertainty of sport during the spring months. It was a completely different type of spring and summer for us all, missing our great game of lacrosse and for myself missing out on working with the volunteers of our host associations and parents around the province.

Our planned hosts of Comox Valley Prince George, North Okanagan and Coquitlam waited patiently for us to make the final call on the season and the provincial championships while still hoping to salvage some sort of event but unfortunately we had to postpone and then cancel the events in June.

We have offered and hope that these four associations apply to host for either the 2021 or 2022 upcoming box provincial championships so that we can visit and promote their great communities with the game of lacrosse. I am looking forward to when we will all meet again to showcase the best of lacrosse in the province.

Pam Mason  
Vice Chair Minor Directorate  
Provincials Playoff Director

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**2020 Tournament Administrator Report: Gordon Miller**

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There were 45 tournaments this year, up one from last year. There were 44 in 2019, 46 in 2018, and 50 in 2017.

Unfortunately, before the season started, COVID shut down all lacrosse activities. The online tournament registration never opened, and all tournaments were cancelled.

I'd like to thank the BCLA for all their exceptional work keeping us updated on the COVID status of our sport, and providing guidelines to all our associations.

I hope we can return to normal play in 2021.

Gordon Miller  
2020 Tournament Administrator  
BCLA Minor Directorate  
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**BCLCG Vice Chair – Minor Report: Rob Arden**

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I first off would like to thank all the people involved in the Coaches Technical support group and the BCLA office for all the work they do throughout the year

We started the year off with clinics that were filling up fast which is a good sign. Then in early March the world went into complete disarray and the season shut down. That being said the people that do all the work in the back ground had to keep moving forward in case we came out of this pandemic in time for any sort of box lacrosse season. We can only hope that things will get back to some sort of normalcy before the start of next box season and we can all spend our spring and summer watching and playing lacrosse.

As this is another end of my 2 year term I would like to thank everyone that has helped me out over the last couple of years to try and make our sport great. I will once again allow my name to stand as I enjoy being part of the Minor Directorate and working with the coaches and clubs.

Yours in Lacrosse

Rob Arden  
Vice Chair – Minor  
BCLCG

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**BCLOG Vice Chair - Minor Report: Wilson Louie**

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This year started very promising and most Minor Box clinics on the mainland and Vancouver Island had been completed. With the onset of the pandemic and provincial health orders all clinics and upcoming season were held in abeyance and along the way the referee group was hopeful something would have come for the 2020 season.

This was not to be as the leadership within the province and BCLA took the difficult and appropriate steps to protect our players, officials, coaches and parents from this pandemic. I would like to thank the BCLA executive lead by Gerry, Rochelle and Jeff, the Technical Group lead by Dennis and Lee and the Minor Directorate lead by Gord for their continued efforts throughout the 4 months providing us with updates and communication on BCLAs response to this situation.

Here's hoping we get back to normal for 2021.

Stay Safe,  
Wilson Louie