



B.C. LACROSSE OFFICIALS TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP

2020 SPECIAL SESSION

Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 6:00 PM

A G E N D A

1. **Call to order 6:02pm with Introductions.**
 - a) **Thanks to BCLA staff for facilitating meeting**
2. **Minutes of the September 7, 2019 BCLOG Special Session**
 - a) M Doug Wright/S Dylan Taylor /Carried
3. **Reports**
 - a) **Chair** (Lee Brien)
 - i) Report as written
 - (1) Very difficult year
 - (2) Very glad to get back to some play this fall
 - ii) Many thanks to Rochelle Winterton, who retired in April.
 - b) **Directorate at Large** (Doug Wright)
 - i) Very hard without lacrosse this summer
 - ii) Looking forward to some field
 - c) **Vice Chair - Senior Box** (Sean Lehman)
 - i) Looking forward!
 - d) **Vice Chair – Minor Box** (Wilson Louie)
 - (1) Thanks to BCLOA leadership
 - ii) LMMLC (no report)
 - (1) Introduction of Meaghan Snow as rep for next year
 - iii) Zone 2 BCLOG Rep
 - (1) Nothing to add
 - iv) Zone 3 BCLOG Rep (no report)
 - v) Zone 4 BCLOG Rep (no report)
 - vi) Zone 5 BCLOG Rep (no report)
 - vii) Zone 6 BCLOG Rep
 - viii) Zone 8 BCLOG Rep (no report)
 - e) **Vice Chair – Men’s Field** (Ryan Nose)
 - i) Low number of referees that are being recruited
 - ii) Gearing up for modified play in October
 - f) **Vice Chair – Women’s Field** (Sydney Hara)
 - i) Most officials ever last season – hoping this year will see people return
 - g) **BCLA Vice President Technical Programs** (Dennis Quigley)
 - i) As submitted
 - h) **BCLA Technical Director** (Dave Showers)
 - i) Correction to be made on # of women’s clinics

Motion to accept reports Brad Watson, S Tyler Boyer /Carried

4. Operating Policy Proposed Changes

Proposed by Sean Lehman, BCLOG, Vice Chair – Senior Box

Add **new** REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION, 3.01 b) that would read:

- 3.01 b) *All elections will be held at the Officials Special Session. Voting members can only vote on the Officials General Operating Policy. 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 thirty (30) days prior to the Officials Special Session.*

Nominations will be circulated to the members twenty-one (21) days prior to the Officials Special Session and elections will take place at the Officials Special Session. In the event 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 at the Officials Special Session.

Renumber current 3.01 b) to c) and all those following under 3.01

Rationale: To make elections transparent to our members even those who may not be able to attend the vote and those who may be carrying votes for those outside the Mainland/Island who are unable to attend. Also to fall in line with other directorates within the BCLA who do their elections this way.

5.

- a) M Dylan Taylor/S Andy Watson - DEFEATED

6. Election of Officers

- a) Vice Chair – Minor (two-year term)
- i) Wilson Louie - acclaimed
- b) Vice Chair – Senior (two-year term)
- i) Sean Lehman - acclaimed
- c) Vice Chair – Field (two-year term)
- i) Ryan Nose - acclaimed
- d) Director at Large (one-year term)
- i) Doug Wright - acclaimed
- e) Motion to end elections Stacey P Second – Dallas Lister **Carried**
- i)

7. New Business

- a) Comment about return to lacrosse
- i) Recruit players and officials to stay with the sport
- b) 7 vs 7 lacrosse is coming
- i) Are officials doing anything from a developmental perspective to be able to get in on this topic?
- (1) Not yet – focus is on the 10v10 of the Return to Play
- ii) Perhaps a way to get more players involved and more touches on the ball
- iii) Could also be variations such as 6 v 6 or 4 v 4.
- iv) Focus of World lacrosse on 7v7 for the Olympics
- (1) Good idea to get started – there has been groundwork done and rules available

8. Adjournment Motion – Joe Smith 6:51pm



BC Lacrosse Officials

Chair Year End Report 2020

To say that there has been some interesting and challenging times so far in 2020 would be an understatement. It has been disappointing to have our spring box training session cut short and even more disappointing to have the 2020 box season outright cancelled. At the end of the day we must understand that the health and safety all players, coaches and officials is paramount.

From all of this the officials executive and myself have been and still are continually looking for the underlying positives from this 'pause'.

One of which is looking forward to getting back to play this fall with the field season. With a ton of hard work by Jeff Gombar, Gerry Van Beek and the rest of the Return to Lacrosse Committee this is looking as highly probable. The challenge that committee faced throughout the summer was the ability to achieve a stable set of rules and guidelines as the landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic was been ever changing.

With this fall Return to Play probably and some restrictions in place on where and how we run our clinics the officials field operating committee have been working hard to adapt and overcome under the circumstances. This fall you will see the field clinics for both Men's and Women's officials held through online platforms such as Zoom until such time we can safely get back into actual class rooms. As this new grounds for most of us the work to achieve smooth and fluent virtual sessions, and to get the technical bugs out have been a small challenge. I would like to thanks Sydney Hara, Ryan Nose, Jody Weatherby and Doug Wright for the hours they have put in to help our new presentation model be technically sound.

My thanks again to our Vice-Chairs and Zone Reps who put in awful lot of time to make the day to day referee operations as smooth as possible, and my thanks to Dave Showers and Deb Heard with all their help at the office and administration work around our clinics.

Lastly, my thanks to the outgoing BCLA Executive director Rochelle Winterton and for all her years of service. It has truly been an asset to have her in charge and lacrosse in BC would not be as successful as it is without Rochelle leading the way. Thank-you!

I'm looking forward to getting back to 'normal', here's hoping for a successful the fall field season and a full unrestricted return to box lacrosse in the spring.

Stay safe and healthy all!

Lee Brien
BCLOA - Chair of Official



BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group

#101-7382 Winston Street Burnaby B.C. V5A 2G9 Tel: 604-421-9755

August 23, 2020

BCLOG Director at Large Special Session report:

In the midst of these challenging times it is once again my privilege to submit a report to the BC Lacrosse Officials Group as a member of their executive committee. 2020 has been a very different and challenging year for all of us, and as I reflect on the past several months, I have greatly missed my usual lacrosse activity. This past summer was the first summer I've had without lacrosse since before I was a teenager.

Our work since last year's Special Session progressed as normal up until March 15 when all in person activities and meetings ceased. At that time, we were in the midst of our usual box referee clinics, and were looking forward to our lacrosse season. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 outbreak, and the subsequent isolation protocols halted our activities and eventually cancelled the box season entirely.

However, despite there not being any competition, the Officials Group executive have been busy throughout the spring and summer as we prepared contingencies for a return to lacrosse activity. As I write this report, efforts are in progress to develop an online clinic for Field officials, and we are working with the Field Directorate and the BCLA on a modified rule set that will allow a return to competition, hopefully early in the Fall. There are however a number of challenges in making plans given the uncertainty of the epidemic, and when circumstances will allow a return to play, and under what conditions we can play our sport.

I would like to offer my thanks to our Chair Lee Brien, our Vice-Chairs, Sean Lehman, Wilson Louie, Ryan Nose and Sydney Hara, and our Secretary Andrew Corbould. I would also like to offer a special thank you to Jody Weatherby who wears many volunteer hats. I would also like to thank our Zone coordinators, league representatives, clinicians, evaluators and all our other volunteers for their continuing hard work and service to our members and our sport.

I must also thank Dave Showers and Deb Heard for their efforts at the BCLA office. I would also like to thank Jeff Gombar for his work and to congratulate him on his promotion as our new Executive Director, and wish him the very best in his new role, especially in the wake of Covid and what must be the most difficult time in our sport's history.

I would also like to take a moment to express a special note of thanks to our outgoing Executive Director, Rochelle Winterton. I have been tremendously fortunate to be able to work alongside Rochelle for a great many years (more years than either of us would care to mention) and cannot adequately express my appreciation, admiration and utmost respect, for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of our sport. I wish both her and her husband Paul the very best for their future.

In conclusion I would like to thank our membership for allowing me to serve as a Director at Large. I am enormously grateful for the opportunity to continue to give back to a sport that has given so much to me as a player, coach and a referee. It is my intention, if asked and elected, to continue to serve as Director at Large.

Sincerely,

Doug Wright
Past Chair and Director at Large
BC Lacrosse Association Officials Technical Support Group

2020 Senior Vice Chair Report

BC Lacrosse Officials

Due to Covid 19 there were no senior Lacrosse games played in BC in the 2020 box season.

There were some clinics completed prior to the cancellation of the season and discussion of refunds or credits have been on going with the BC Lacrosse office and the chair will be issuing a statement to our body on those discussions.

Prior to the season there were some discussions going on with specific leagues in the OKN and Island regarding travel fees-these will continue once we get back to knowing if we will have a season in 2021.

The major concern I see moving forward is a drop in returning officials, few reasons for this (age, work and time away from the game). Those that do attend clinics next year I expect to be busy on the floor if we have the same number of senior teams across BC.

All Senior Nationals have been postponed and if they are played in 2021, they will be hosted by those that were to host in 2020.

As my position is up for election, I will be letting my name stand for this position for the next two years.

Yours in Lacrosse

Sean Lehman

Wilson Louie

Vice Chair Minor Box

Annual report 2020

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

Zone 2 official report:

2020 box saw no games and a cancellation of several referee clinics. In zone 2 we managed to complete L1 and L2 clinics in Vernon and in Kamloops before the complete Covid-19 shut down. But we did cancel the L3-L5 clinic in Kelowna and L1 and L2 clinics in Merritt, Kelowna and Penticton.

No other lacrosse activity happened in the zone.

Peewee provincials RIC report:

No planning or items were discussed for the 2020 peewee provincials in North Okanagan due to COVID-19 and the cancelation of the event.

Brad Watson

Head Referee

Kamloops Minor Lacrosse

Zone 2 Head Referee

August 18th 2020

Zone 6 Coordinator Report 2020

Not much to report as will be the case with most people this year.

We successfully completed all our minor clinics prior to the shutdown. Looking at this year and how it was run compared against years past this was a HUGE leap forward in delivering quality clinics to our young referees. The added workbooks and structure of the clinics was far superior to anything we have tried before. The clinicians all reported better than normal participation and the overall flow of the clinics was excellent. Speaking with a few younger referees they also reported a much better experience. Moving forward we can build on this new format and integrate more changes to further enhance.

Looking forward to being able to get back out on the floor, my biggest concern is that several RICs have reported that many of their mid tier referees in the 17-20 age group will likely not return, as they have moved on from lacrosse and found new areas to focus. We will need to be extra diligent in recruiting next year and specifically target that age group. Missing that group will impact future lacrosse for many years.

Brian Lister

Zone 6 Coordinator

VICE CHAIR of Men's Field Lacrosse Report for the 2019/20 Season

There are an increasing number of clubs that do not have an active head referee and an equal number of clubs that are not able to provide the necessary number of officials's to cover their own games. As per 20.02 of the operating policy each club is required to have 1 official for each age group. Games continue to be played in these clubs as officials travel to cover these games. With no consequence to the club there is no incentive to recruit and retain their own officials.

There were a number of U15 and U18 games postponed, rescheduled and cancelled this year due to a lack of officials more so than any other year. The group of senior officials is not growing as there are no enough Level 2 officials replacing the senior officials that are stepping away from the sport. The status quo is not sustainable.

Over the course of the playing season I received 32 game reports. 27 came from the minors (U9-U18), 4 from the High School League 1 from the mens league.

4 instances were for abuse 4 for unsportsmanlike conduct, 10 for fighting, and 14 for contact (3x slashing, 1x kicking, 4x illegal body check, 3x unnecessary roughness, 3x crosschecking).

Senior Mens Nationals took place in October in Langley. 6 referees were selected for the tournament. 4 from BC and 1 each from Saskatchewan and Ontario. Thank you to Bill Mosdell who served as the RIC his report is included.

The U11 Provincial tournament was held in February , RIC report is included.

The U13 Provincial Championships were held in Nanaimo. Thank you to Wilson Louie for being the RIC his report is included.

The U15 Provincial Championships were held in Richmond. RIC report is included.

The U18 Provincial Championships were held in Port Coquitlam. RIC report is included.

The High School Provincial Championships were held in Coquitlam. Thank you to Jody Weatherby for being the RIC, his report is included.

My thanks to league RIC's: Jody Weatherby (PCFLL), Wes Tyre (VIFLL) and Wuilbert Jaramillo (IFLC), the Field Directorate and the long list of volunteers from across the province for making this another successful year.

League reports are included

Ryan Nose
BCLOA – Vice Chair Men's Field

BCLOG Vice Chair – Women's Field Report

Women's Field Lacrosse Provincials ended the season with a great weekend of mentorship and development and growth from new to senior Umpires.

As Women's Field Lacrosse progresses in competition clubs will need to recruit umpires who will not be playing in Provincials as only a fraction of umpires from the season were willing to both play and umpire.

Junior Umpire of the Year: Mayah Machuik

Senior Umpire of the Year: Taylor Lee

Sydney Hara

BCLOG Vice Chair – Women's Field

DENNIS QUIGLEY
VP TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
SPECIAL SESSIONS MEETINGS
ZOOM MEETINGS

The Field Lacrosse Season is fast approaching and what form it will take in these difficult times is hard to predict. Dirk Rachfall, the Field Directorate Chair is positive that the Field Season will go forward as Via Sport is busy working to expand the rules slowly and safely to provide a return to play in many sports. Phase 3 Guidelines, “ Progressively Loosen Phase” for Sport have been announced. Our Officials Technical Support Group and the Coaches Technical Support Group are preparing for Online presentations for the Coaches certification and referees courses. Dave Showers, Technical Director has been working with Lee Brien and Terry Mosdell setting up a studio in the BCLA offices to provide the technology to deliver information in the new format. The 2020 BC Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting will be held October 17. The Coaches Special Session meeting will be held September 16th at 6 pm.

**2020 BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group Special Session
September 2020
BCLA Technical Director Report: Dave Showers**

Overview

This has been a difficult time for lacrosse around the world with the COVID-19 Pandemic. The 2020 Box Lacrosse season was postponed indefinitely in March, causing half of the Referee clinics to be cancelled. In this report I have gathered data from August 2019 to the beginning of March 2020. My role with the BCLOTG includes the maintenance of the official's database, co-ordination of the clinics, and preparation of resource material. The total Referees/Umpires who attended a clinic this season is **909**. Thank you to again to Lee Brien, Wilson Louie, Sean Lehman, Ryan Nose, Terry Foulds and Sydney Hara for all your hard work in overseeing/running the clinics and spending tireless hours working on new and improved materials. To all those who stepped into a classroom or into an arena or onto a field to teach, evaluate or officiate we thank you in helping keep our sport strong and successful in British Columbia.

Clinics

BOX

The BCLOTG offered **30** clinics across B.C in 2020, with a total of **661** referees being trained and re-trained. Twenty-eight (**28**) scheduled clinics were also cancelled due to COVID-19.

Entry Level = **203** attended.
 Level 1 = **215** attended.
 Level 2 = **203** attended.
 Level 3-5 = **40** attended.

FIELD

The BCLOTG offered **14** clinics across B.C. in 2019/2020; with a total of **192** overall participants.

FL1 = **111** attended (12 more than last season).
 FL2 = **55** attended (12 more than last season).
 FL3-5 = **26** attended (10 more than last season).

WOMEN'S FIELD

The BCLOTG offered **2** Umpire clinics across B.C. in 2019/20; with a total of **56** participants (13 more than last season).

Total Officials attending clinics: 909

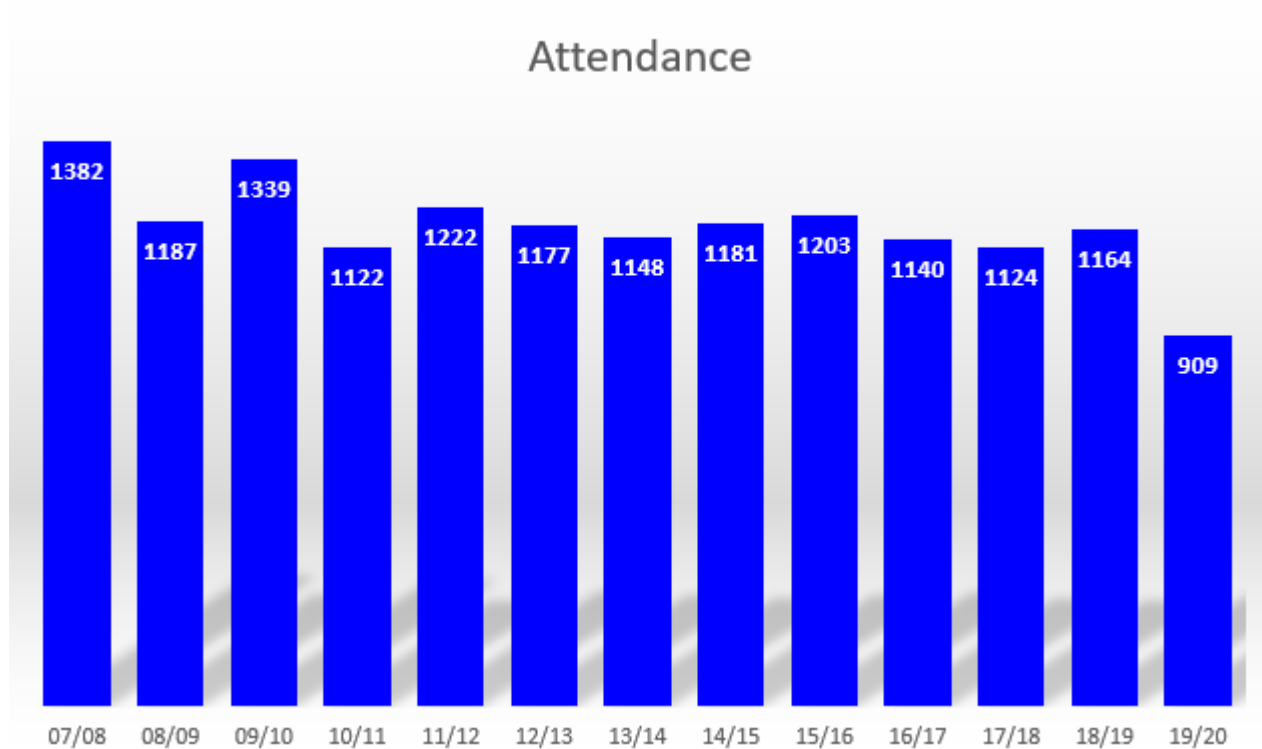
Number of Clinics by Zone in all disciplines (Minor Directorate Zones)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	6		19	1	17		

Scheduled Areas Affected by COVID-19 (Minor Directorate Zones)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4	7		3	5	1		8

CLINIC ATTENDANCE – Clinic Referee/Umpire attendance from 2007/2008 to current



Reminders

- Head Officials need to know certification levels of officials in order for an accurate pre-registration listing for clinics.
- New and returning referees need to register for clinics through the Head Official of his/her Association. Forms should be filled out correctly, accurately and legibly.
- Head Officials should try to register officials at least one week prior to clinic, as clinics fill up fast.
- Head Officials need to know if his/her referees need a jerseys or not. Jerseys are shipped out with the materials to the clinicians. Any last minute registrants will not receive a jersey at the clinic and will need to get one from the BCLA office.

Recommendations

- Create a job description manual for new Association Head Officials.
- Find ways of recruiting more officials for all areas of BC. Start at the minor levels.
- Encouragement of the Senior Officials to mentor the growth of minor officials.