

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 2, 2021
BCLA Minor Directorate Special Session

Minutes

Saturday, October 2, 2021 – 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting called to order at 3:05 PM, with Chair Gord McIntosh presiding. Introductions took place and Gord reviewed the format/ballots for the meeting today, and reminder clubs to fill out your club information sheet and send in to BCLA.

Motion for approval of the agenda: Richard P/John Stevens. CARRIED

2. Attendance - Accredited Minor Voting Delegates

There were 73 voting delegates present out of a possible 97 voting delegates.

3. Minutes of the October 3, 2020 Special Session, Online/Zoom

It was moved by Tim Frost, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo that the minutes of the October 3, 2020 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 Hollen
- d) Zone 3 Representative – Jeff MacAulay
- e) Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair – Beth McLucas
- f) Zone 4 Representative – Michael O'Connor
- g) Zone 5 Representative – Mary Clare
- h) Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair – Tim Frost
- i) Great White North Minor Lacrosse Commission Chair – John Stevens
- j) Zone 8 Representative –Richard Paciejewski
- k) Female Box Lacrosse Chair – Linda Cretney
- l) 2021 Minor Box Provincials – Pam Mason
- m) BCLCG Vice Chair – Minor – Rob Arden
- n) BCLOG Vice Chair – Minor – Wilson Louie
- o) BCLA Registrar – Corinne Perriman

It was moved by Wulbert Jaramillo, seconded by Beth McLucus that the Minor Directorate reports be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

5) Proposed Amendments

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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- (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.
- (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 approved by John Stevens and seconded by Beth McLucus. CARRIED.

Comments: No discussion.

Proposed by Sean Reid, Surrey Lacrosse Association President

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.02 (b) currently reads:

- (b) In leagues where players register to participate on a “Female Only” Box lacrosse team, said players will **not** be permitted to also play on *‘Minor’ (mixed) teams, or vice-versa*; this includes as ‘call-up’ *players on a game-by-game basis. A coach playing a player under these conditions will be deemed as playing an ineligible player and may be suspended.*

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.02 (b) that would read:

- (b) In leagues where *female* players register to participate on a “Female Only” Box lacrosse team *or registers to participate on a Co-ed lacrosse team*, said players will be permitted to also play on *the alternating team in the other division*; this includes as ‘call-up’ players based on the standard call up rule (4.07) or crossover rule (4.02(a)).

Rationale: This will allow female players the ability to explore the non-contact female game and the full contact co-ed game so talent and skill sets may be found by playing in the alternate divisions.

This may provide growth to females wanting to try the contact or non-contact game but unwilling to commit to an entire season.

Motion by Greer Cummings and seconded by Sean Reid.

Motion to table the motion on the floor to the committee of female chair of MD. Garrett Ungaro/Tom Kellett. CARRIED.

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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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 by Beth McLucus and seconded by Michael O'Connor. CARRIED.

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 by Beth McLucus and seconded by Garrett Ungaro. CARRIED.

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.
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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 by Michael O'Connor and seconded by Linda Cretney. CARRIED.

Proposed by Sean Reid, Surrey Lacrosse Association President

Add new REGULATION 10.01 (c): TEAM SIZE, 10.01 (c) that would read:

- (c) As an exception to Rule 10.01(a) a constant exception will be to allow all C level teams to carry a maximum of 25 players. These teams carrying more than 20 players will be permitted to bring 25 players to Provincials but will only be able to dress 20 (18 runners and 2 goalies) players per game and may be permitted use call ups. Players must have played in a minimum amount of games per policy.

Rationale: This attempts to recruit new players at all ages. Having larger C teams will allow kids to develop at appropriate skill levels and get the opportunity to be “called up” to the higher B division. It will also allow for flexibility of multi sport players to try lacrosse and reducing short bench or game cancellations due to lack of players.

Motion by Sean Reid and seconded by Linda Cretney.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:

Change the amended motion to **REGULATION 10.01 (c): TEAM SIZE, 10.01 (c) that would read:**

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Motion to the amendment the motion to listed above by Sean Reid and seconded by Linda Cretney. CARRIED.

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05 (h) currently reads:

- (h) Any team ratified by the Minor Directorate and allowed to carry more than 20 players for regular league play will only be permitted to bring 20 players to Provincials and may be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament with the permission of the Provincial Director.

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05 (h) that would read:

- (h) Any team ratified by the Minor Directorate and allowed to carry more than 22 players for regular league play will only be permitted to bring 22 players to Provincials and may be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament with the permission of the Provincial Director.

Rationale: To bring into line with proposed change on Team Size 10.01 from 20 to 22. Will withdraw if 10.01 is not passed.

Motion by Michael O'Connor and seconded by Linda Cretney. Agreed to the amendment.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

To amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05 (h) that would read:

- (h) Any team ratified by the Minor Directorate and allowed to carry more than 22 players for regular league play will only be permitted to bring 22 (*except 25 in C*) players to Provincials and may be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament with the permission of the Provincial Director.

Motion to approve the amendment by Tim Frost, seconded by Linda Cretney. Accepted as a friendly amendment. CARRIED.

Motion to amend the amended motion to:

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Motion by Tim Frost, seconded by Linda Cretney to approve the amendment to the amendment. Accepted as a friendly amendment. CARRIED.

5. Election of Officers – Greg Toll

- a) Vice Chair (Two-Year Term) –
Nominations Received:

Pam Mason (moved by Nicole Kokoska, Mission & Tim Frost.

Pam Mason was elected. The Minor Directorate, Secretary was asked to case one ballot.

- b) Female Box Lacrosse Chair (Two-Year Term)

Nominations Received:

Beth McLucus (moved by Tim Frost & Michael O'Connor).

John Hamilton (moved by Linda Cretney & Ryan Hyland).

John Hamilton was elected. Chair, Female Box Lacrosse Chair.

Motion to destroy the ballots by the Minor Directorate Secretary by Linda Cretney, seconded by John Stevens. CARRIED.

6. New Business

- a) **2022 Provincial Update – Pam**

Normally we would update the hosts for 2022, the deadline has been extended to November 1, 2022. Will be announced after the November MD meeting.

Pee Wee/16U July 7-10

Bantam/Female July 14-17

- b) **Other Lacrosse Events in 2022:**

BC Summer Games July 21-24

Canada Summer Games Aug 6-21 – Niagara Ontario

- c) **LTAD Update**

17U will not be implemented in 2022 as per the CLA

- d) **Lacrosse 2028 Olympics**

Lacrosse will be involved in the 2028 Olympics, a hybrid version of the game.

7. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM. It was moved by Linda Cretney, seconded by John Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

Saturday, October 2, 2021
IN ATTENDANCE:

Observer - Gerry Van Beek, BCLA President
Greg Toll, BCLA VP Operations
Observer - Gord Kask, BCLA VP Perform. Programs
Terry Mosdell, BCLA VP Development
Angie Schwan, BCLA Admin&Finance
Observer - Dennis Quigley, BCLA VP Tech. Programs
Nichola Manning, BCLA Secretary
David Jenkins, BCLA Dir. at Large
Observer, Bryan Baxter, BCLA
Rob Arden, BCLCG
Observer – Tyler Boyer, BCLOG
Observer – Andy Watson, BCLOG Chair
Observer – BCLOG, Vice Chair, Minor
Observer – Russ Sheppard, BCLCG, Chair
Observer – Tyler Boyer – BCLOG – Zone 6
Observer - Meaghan Snow, BCLOG
Brad Watson, BCLOG
Observer - Peter Frey, Sr W Box
Gordon McIntosh, MD Chair
Pam Mason, MD Vice Chair
Dee Bowley, MD Secretary
Observer – Corinne Periman – MD Registrar
Karen von Hollen, MD Zone 2
Jeff Macauley, MD Zone 3
Michael O'Connor, MD Zone 4
Mary Clare, MD Zone 5
Doug Kampen, 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, Becky Topnic
Burnaby - Susan Kirkby
Burnaby - Tom Kellett
Burnaby - Brad Romano
Observer – Burnaby – Annie Hobson
Kountouris
Chilliwack - Mike Ortutay
Chilliwack - Chris Charlton
Coquitlam - Garrett Ungaro
Coquitlam - Rita Isaacs
Coquitlam - Mike Quinn
Observer - Coquitlam - Jason Friesen
Comox Valley - Chris Claxton
Comox Valley – Naomi Walser
Observer – Comox Valley – Francis Laplante
Cranbrook – Erin Beyler
Delta - David Glover
Delta - Greg Leong
Delta – Renee Close
Fort St. John - Paul Milne
Juan de Fuca - Ryan Hyland
Juan de Fuca – Gord Anderson
Juan de Fuca - Liz Hyland
Kamloops – AJ Lockwood
Kamloops – Jessica Nakashimada
Kelowna - Tracy Hansford
Kelowna – Leeann Vigar
Observer – Kelowna – Brad Gelsvik
Observer – Kelowna – Dauna Hill
Observer – Kelowna – Andy King
Observer – Kelowna – Jamie MacGregor
Observer – Kelowna – Allison Zumbo
Observer Langley - Sandra Margetson
Langley - Alex Vanichuk
Langley – Adam Smith
Logan Lake – Mike Carlsen
Mackenzie – Kyle Pacheco
Mission – Carrie Dunnett
Mission - Nicole Kokoska
Mission – Daniele Leiffson
Nanaimo – Debbie Harolstad
Nanaimo - Lonny Sullivan
Nanaimo - Darren Sharpe
Nanaimo - Cathy Coulson
New Westminster - Rich Catton
New Westminster – Karen Poole
New Westminster - Lynda Callard
New Westminster - Kevin Stewardson
North Shore - Shannon Webber
Oceanside - Jason O'Connell
Peninsula – Anita Davidson
Peninsula – Phillip DiBattista
Port Coquitlam - Josh Wahl
Port Coquitlam - Mike Newton
Port Coquitlam – Stacy Hemmerling
Port Coquitlam - Katrina McCurrach
Port Coquitlam - Heidi Davis
Port Moody - Allen Wales
Port Moody - Dave Zille
Port Moody – Errin Morrison
Prince George - Scott Brown
Quesnel- Lisa Scott
Princeton – Jamie Graham
Richmond - Jenner Jensen
Observer - Richmond – Lauri Kerr
Ridge Meadows - Tyson Craigg
Ridge Meadows – Brad Rennie
Ridge Meadows - Will Lockwood
Ridge Meadows - Rich Bonner
Ridge Meadows - Jaime Yerbury
Observer - Ridge Meadows - Curt Malawsky
Saanich - Andy Stuart
Saanich - James Scott
Observer - Saanich - Sharon Allan
Semiahmoo - Colin Snyder
Semiahmoo – Pat LaRoue
Observer - Shuswap - Heather Davis
Shuswap - Lianne Dwornik
Sunshine Coast – Scott Davis
Surrey - Sean Reid
Surrey - Rob Comack
Surrey - Ian Tyerman
Observer – Surrey – Susan Dos Santos
Observer – Victoria Esquimalt – Colin Scott-Moncreif
West Kootney – Merrick Zemp
Williams Lake – Jamie Beaulne
Oceanside – Greer Cummings
Observer – Oceanside – Jason O'Connell