



B.C. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BCLA SENIOR DIRECTORATE SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
October 19, 2024
New Westminster, BC

In Attendance

Name	Representation	Name	Representation
Buchan, Delani	Langley Thunder	McLucas, Beth	Commission LM - Jr B1
Buchan, Ken	Langley Thunder Sr. A	McMinn, Tamara	Jr B-T2 - North Shore
Buchan, Linda	Langley Thunder	Quigley, Dennis	VP- Technical Programs
Chetner, Dan	BCLCTSG - Coaches	Parsons, Dave	Commissioner - WCSLL
Dagan, Darcy	Sr B - North Shore	Pollock, Glenn	Jr A – Poco Saints
Dal Monte, Paul	Commissioner - WLA	Rachfall, Dirk	Commissioner - BCJALL
Davis, Heidi	PCMLA	Reynolds, Andy	Oceanside – JR B2
Forlin, Denise	Sr C – Maple Ridge	Shortt, Chris	Commissioner – PNWJLL
Forlin, Jenn	Sr C - Langley	Sigfusson, Jed	Sr C
Goulet, Dave	Commissioner – JBT2	Thomas, Nick	BCLOG
Hara, Brad	Jr A - Burnaby	Warren, Wonda	Secretary – Senior Directorate
Jensen, Greg	Jr B-T1 - Richmond	Wilkie, Dave	Chair - Senior Directorate
Kirstiuk, Terry	Vice Chair - Senior Directorate	Wolfe, Angie	Jr B-T2 - Valley
Lomas, Yvan	Sr A - Coquitlam	Wood, Rod	Sr A - Victoria Shamrocks
OBSERVERS	Affiliation	OBSERVERS	Affiliation
Anderson, Cameron	BCLOG	Jones, Brad	Nanaimo
Bensmiller, Dave	BCLA Board	McDougall, Tammy	VIFLL
Borkowsky, Brian	Sr. A - Burrards	Mayall, Wayne	Kamloops
Burrows, Jason	Nanaimo	Massey, Noel	B2 - Burrards
Davis, Heather	Former TOJLL commissioner	Paterson, Stacy	FD
Donahue, Shawn	BCLCG	Reid, Angie	Official
Hunter, Stan	B1 - Burrards	Romano, Brad	PCFLL
Hyland, Ryan		Woollard, Ken	Jr A - Burnaby
Jensen, Glenn	RLA		

1. Welcome/ Call to Order

Dave Wilkie, Chair of the Senior Directorate welcomed in person attendees and called meeting to order at 14:07. Moment of Silence held for Spud Clark and Jamie Scott.

2. Credentials report

Wonda Warren, Senior Directorate Secretary provided the Credentials report. Out of a potential 92 votes, 28 were registered and 28 actual votes in attendance at the senior directorate meeting. Quorum met as per 24.01 .

3. Minutes of October 23, 2023 Senior Directorate Special Session

*Correction to the minutes PNJLL delegate name spelled AMELL - Moved by Rod Wood and seconded by Brad Hara to approve the minutes of the 2023 Senior Directorate Special Session as corrected. **CARRIED***

4. **League Reports**

All league reports were posted on the BCLA website with email notification to all Senior Directorate Special Session participants.

TOJLL – Heather Davis – added to her report

- Winner of JBT2 Tier 2 should be moved to JBT1. 2023 – Cranbrook Blackwolves did that won 4 games out of 16 in the TOJLL.
- Score differential of 7 or more in a game would impact 7 of the 10 teams in the lower mainland JBT1.
- Ideal would be to have 4/4 – T1/T2 with movement between the tiers top 1 or 2
- Could have Teir 1 team built into Lower mainland T1 with home games; home games every team travel to the interior.

I. BCLOG – report by Nick Thomas –replacing Andy Watson. Looking for ideas for ref retention; how to promote and advance track potential senior referees. Looking for ideas.

m. BCLTCSG – No report –

Takeaway Discussions from Reports:

- Officials to prioritize games with travel

5. **Senior Directorates Chair’s Report**

Report as submitted. Lots of hearings this year. Need more participation of the commissioners so it doesn’t always fall on the same people. Reminder to forward Judy any carry over suspensions.

6. **Provincial Championship Reports**

Terry Kirstiuk – Report Provided Jr B Tier 2. Held on Island. Was unable to attend but it went well.

Acceptance of all reports as written and verbally supported Moved by Ken Woollard, seconded by Paul Dal Monte to adopt reports as circulated. **CARRIED.**

7. **Proposed Amendments – Senior Directorate**

Proposed by Darcy Dagan, North Shore Senior B, General Manager

DELETE REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – GENERAL 5.05 that reads

~~5.05 — Any Senior C player who plays up to Senior B or Senior A for more than five (5) games in a playing season will be ineligible for play in Senior C Provincial Championships. Goaltenders will be allowed eight (8) games before becoming ineligible for the Senior C Championships. Any Junior B Tier 1, Junior B Tier 2, Junior B Tier 3 or U17 player who plays up to Junior A, Senior A or Senior B, will be ineligible for play in the Senior C Provincial Championships if they play up more than five (5) games as a player, or eight (8) games as a goaltender. Any Senior B released player may play Senior C Lacrosse.~~

Rationale: This is a restrictive rule that doesn’t really serve a purpose other than limit games played for players who want to play more lacrosse. Many players choose to play C for reasons that have little to do with their ability, but more to do with their personal situation (work, family, coaching etc). They still would like to be able to be called up without any worry of a games played rule or where they must “pick and choose” who they play up for, because of this rule. If allowing players who were deadline cuts from A or B to participate in C provincials, with no consideration for games played, the same should be allowed here.

The number of Jr players that would meet these rules criteria is minimal to non-existent, so not sure that needs to be in there either

Moved by Darcy Dagan, Seconded by Brad Hara

Darcy Dagan spoke to the motion. There was some discussion.

Vote occurred – motion was **PASSED**

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Minor Association, President

REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – GENERAL 5.09 currently reads:

- 5.09 A Junior player resident of a city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera with no team entered for which they are eligible, shall be given the choice of the team for which they will play.

Having made a choice, such player shall remain a member of the team for which they have signed until properly released, ~~or until~~ the city, town, municipality, et cetera in which they live ~~operates~~ a team for which they ~~are eligible, when the said player shall have the choice of signing with the new team in their own city, town, municipality, et cetera or of remaining with the team for which they originally signed.~~

Amend REGULATION PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – GENERAL 5.09 that would read:

- 5.09 A Junior player **who is** resident of a city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera with no team entered **in the league** for which they are eligible, **and who have not been drafted or traded**, shall be given the choice of the team for which they will play.

Having made a choice, such player shall remain a member of the team for which they have signed until properly released, **even if** the city, town, municipality, et cetera in which they live **begins operating** a team for which they would **otherwise be eligible. Residency is where you are primarily and normally live.**

Rationale: The way current policy sits, this will protect current Junior franchises from player movement or loss due to expansion or relocation in the Junior league.

Moved by Stan Hunter, seconded by Ken Woollard
Ken Woollard spoke to the motion.
Vote occurred and motion was **PASSED**.

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Minor Association, President

Add NEW REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – GENERAL 5.10 that would read:

- 5.10 ***A Junior player who is resident of a city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera with no team entered in the league for which they are eligible, and who have been drafted or traded shall remain a member of the team who drafted them, or the team they were traded to, until properly released, even if the city, town, municipality, et cetera in which they live begins operating a team for which they would otherwise be eligible.***

Rationale: The way current policy sits, this will protect current Junior franchises from player movement or loss due to expansion or relocation in the Junior league.

Renumber all Regulations following if motion passes (up to and including 5.42)

Moved by Ken Woollard, seconded by Dave Parsons
Ken Woollard spoke to the motion.
Vote occurred and motion was **PASSED**.

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Minor Association, President

Add **NEW REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – GENERAL 5.11** that would read:

5.11 *A Junior player who is resident of a city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera with no team entered in the league for which they are eligible, and who has been drafted, traded or signed as a free agent, shall remain a member of the team who drafted them, or the team they were traded to, or the team who they signed with as a free agent until properly released. Upon their release, the player must be signed by a team in accordance with the ratified league agreement of which they are a player.*

Rationale: The way current policy sits, this will protect current Junior franchises from player movement or loss due to expansion or relocation in the Junior league.

Renumber all Regulations following if motion passes (up to and including 5.42)

*Moved by Ken Woollard, seconded by Brad Hara
Ken Woollard spoke to the motion.
Vote occurred and motion was **PASSED**.*

8. Election of Officers

Terry Kirstiuk ran the election

Chair Person (2 Year Term) – Incumbent Dave Wilkie let his name stand to continue as Vice Chair Person. 1 Ballot Cast for Dave Wilkie (2023-2025)

*Moved by Rod Wood, seconded by Glenn Pollock to destroy ballots. **CARRIED***

9. New Business

Discussions -

- **Question** - Rod Wood – *how are we going to prevent cancelling games causing extra costs to teams?*

Response - Nick Thomas – *Will try and upgrade level 2 referees quicker in hopes to have more referees.*

Referees getting burnt out. Open to doing more certifications mid-season.

Issue of recruitment is coast to coast.

Abuse of officials is an issue. Hard to entice a young referee to stay.

Possibly pay mentors – to be on the floor instead of the stands. BCLA VP Development – should work on developing referees.

- **Question** – *JBT2 Commissioner – David Goulet – dominance of one association of 1 team. Coquitlam Gold. Policy 8.03 – sent a letter to chair and the commissioner of JBT1 looking for any help we can get that team playing in their proper division.*

Response – *JBT1 Commissioner – Beth McLucas – they applied last year, but we had nothing in our league agreement. This year we do. If they get accepted into B1 and if they have a new team, who is going to pay their league application fee?*

Motion to go in camera – Moved my Tamara McMann and seconded Brad Hara.

Back into order – Moved by Rod Wood and seconded Paul Dal Monte.

- *Scheduling to be done at league level.*

Please ensure Wonda Warren has your league contact information. If you're stepping down, please ensure she has your replacements information.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Brad Hara that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 15.16k