
BC Lacrosse Association
2018 Minor Directorate Special Session Minutes
October 12-13, 2018
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, BC

Friday, October 12, 2018

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Welcome.** The meeting was called to order by Chair, Gordon McIntosh at 7:00 PM. Gordon then did a brief introduction of himself to members in attendance, followed by a review of the Agenda.
Motion to adopt the proposed agenda by Gord Miller, seconded by Melody Kurt. **CARRIED**

2. **Team BC Report** by Jeff Gombar and Tyson Leies
 - Thanks to volunteers
 - Review of teams and placements. Brief info on Coaches
 - Processes used by Coaches and trying to build a program to use from year to year
 - Info on next year's events being held in Coquitlam

3. **CLA Report** – from Ron McQuarrie (CLA Box Sector Chair), read by Gordon McIntosh. Info provided about Ron's background by Gordon.
 - Concussion protocol info presented (November proposal information provided for National's events)
 - OD (Offence Defence) – policies in place are currently not adequate – stronger definitions required in policy-approved in principle from 2017 events, but still seen at 2018 events.
 - Abuse of Officials – we all agree in principle that it cannot continue (severe incidents at Nationals in 2018); change **MUST** happen. Coquitlam hosting ALL Minor Nationals in 2019.
 - World Indoor Lacrosse Championships being hosted in Langley – 20 countries attending
 - BC will also host Mann and Minto Cups
 - 2021 Canada Summer Games – Box Lacrosse will participate in Niagara Falls at that time – Level 3 Coaching Cert's are required.

4. **Minor Directorate Reports Review.** Gordon then showed members in attendance where Reports can be found in AGM Book – questions can be asked of members tomorrow – will pass at that time.

5. **Rationale for Proposed Amendments.** Gordon then provided time for members in attendance to review proposed amendments.

Gordon advised members of the necessity of completing Membership Applications.

Angie will start taking sign in for the Saturday meeting at 8:30 AM. Members **MUST** be checked in prior to 9:00 AM.

Gordon then announced the Provincials hosts for 2019

Peewee	Delta	July 11-14
Bantam	Peninsula	July 18-21
Midget	Langley	July 25-28
Female	Nanaimo	July 11-14

Motion to recess by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Tim Frost

CARRIED

Saturday, October 13, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Greg Toll, BCLA VP-Operations
Terry Mosdell, BCLA VP-Development
Rob Arden, BCLCG Vice Chair - Minor
Kelly Fines, BCLCG Zone 6 Rep
Wilson Louie, BCLOG Vice Chair - Minor
Ted Baranyai, BCLOG Zone 3 Minor
Braden Wilkins, BCLOG Zone 4 Minor
Mike van de Leur, BCLOG Zone 5 Minor
Dallas Lister, BCLOG Zone 6 Minor
Gord McIntosh, Chair
Pam Mason, Vice Chair
Angie Schwan, Secretary
Corinne Perriman, Registrar
Wuilibert Jaramillo, Zone 2 Director
Michael O'Connor, Zone 4 Director
Mary Clare, Zone 5 Director
Shane Mellish, Zone 6 Director
Richard Paciejewski, Zone 8 Director
Diane Blair, Female Box Chair
John Stevens, Great White North
Beth McLucas, Lower Mainland
Brook Webster, Thompson/Okanagan
Brian Boas, Vancouver Island
Wes Abrams, Abbotsford
Tyler Boyer, Alberni Valley
Liz Lego, Burnaby
Mike Rippberger, Burnaby
Paul Kuhn, Burnaby
Simon Gee, Burnaby
Susan Kirkby, Burnaby
Chris Charlton, Chilliwack
Chris Veenstra, Chilliwack
Tyler Crompton, Chilliwack
Doug Kampen, Comox
Geoff Garbutt, Comox
Garrett Ungaro, Coquitlam
Jodi Kent, Coquitlam
Karen Afonso, Coquitlam
Mark Lacroix, Coquitlam
Monica Reis, Coquitlam
Natasha Cook, Coquitlam
Rita Isaacs, Coquitlam
Chad O'Brien, Cowichan Valley
Chris Claxton, Cowichan Valley
Kath Backshell-Jones, Cranbrook
Amanda Douglas, Delta
Curtis Smith, Delta
Greg Leong, Delta
Matt Taylor, Delta
Andrea Harvey, Juan de Fuca
Kathy London, Juan de Fuca
Ryan Hyland, Juan de Fuca
Tim Frost, Juan de Fuca
Karen von Hollen, Kamloops
Kevin Bankier, Kamloops
Andy King, Kelowna
Leann Vigar, Kelowna
Cou Lai, Langley
Jason Goller, Langley
Sandra Margetson, Langley
Troy Margetson, Langley
Jeff MacAulay, Mission
Shelley Bell, Mission
Tim Bell, Mission
Ron Dmytruk, Nanaimo
Jason Plante, New Westminster
Karen Poole, New Westminster
Kevin Stewardson, New Westminster
Nicole Christiansen, New Westminster
Rich Catton, New Westminster
Mark Birrell, North Shore
Tamara McMinn, North Shore
Daryl Cain, Oceanside
Anita Davidson, Peninsula
Ruth Saunders, Peninsula
Alison Gignac, Port Coquitlam
John Robbie, Port Coquitlam
Josh Wahl, Port Coquitlam
Margot Gallant, Port Coquitlam
Stacy Hemmerling, Port Coquitlam
Allen Wales, Port Moody
Brent Thompson, Port Moody
Dave Zillie, Port Moody
Scott Brown, Prince George
Andrina Kelly, Richmond
Glenn Jensen, Richmond
Andrea Rae Thauberger, Ridge Meadows
Laurie Young, Ridge Meadows
Robb Alexander, Ridge Meadows
Tamara Bollinger, Ridge Meadows
Andy Stuart, Saanich
Craign Gains, Saanich
Lesley Conway, Saanich
Randy Ellis, Semiahmoo
Shellie Black, Semiahmoo
Lianne Dwornik, Shuswap
Hope Keats, Sunshine Coast
Deanna Cox, Surrey
Rob Comack, Surrey
Ryan Paddon, Surrey
Simon Upson, Surrey
Mark Collett, Vancouver-Killarney
Michael Hagel, Vancouver-Killarney
Colin Scott-Moncrieff, Victoria-Esquamalt
Mike Bourne, Victoria-Esquamalt

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting reconvened at 9:06 AM by Chair Gordon McIntosh, who then provided the outline of today’s meeting. Gordon completed introductions of members of the Minor Directorate for the 2018 season; thanks were extended to all member of the MD as well as the BCLA Executive in attendance.
2. **Attendance.** Gordon announced that at this year’s MD Special Session we have 106 out of 146 voting delegates in attendance.
3. **Approval of 2017 Special Session Minutes.** Gordon asked for members to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Andrina Kelly Richmond **CARRIED**
4. **Reports.** Gordon asked for member to approve the submitted reports for the 2018 season. Moved by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Gord Miller **CARRIED**
5. **Presentations.** Members then were introduced to representatives (Josh Wahl and John Robbie) from Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse who provided details on and benefits of the 3-on-3 Mini-Tyke AND Tyke program they are running. Offered to assist other clubs in starting their own programs.

Keith Gagne presented information on our culture towards officials. Keith provided details on his personal experiences this past season as well as statistics of officials (attrition and enrollment) throughout Canada. We need to change our culture (towards officials) by changing our behavior. This needs to be done to improve our game as a whole. Keith shared some suggestions on how to change our behavior towards officials.

Russ Sheppard then commented on this issue from the Coaching Tech Support Group. Local Associations need to have a policy in place to address issues with their Club Coaches. Perhaps fines for these instances are needed to correct this ongoing issue. Encouraged clubs to put in place into their club policies a ‘Coaches Code of Conduct’ and hold their coaches to task for their behavior. Gordon encouraged clubs to do the same.

6. Proposed Amendments

Motion by Gord Miller, Second by Beth McLucas

CARRIED

Motion amended by Beth McLucas, seconded by Al Mills

CARRIED

Add (h) to REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE, Commission Chairs currently that would read:

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.*

Motion by Rita Isaacs, Wilson Louie

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.06 that would read:

3.06 For those Associations who run house league systems and combine teams for provincial play, the Association must submit to the Registrar of the Minor Directorate ***and the Provincial Playoff Director***, the additional Provincial Team lists on the ***Provincial Verification Roster***. Combined Team lists must be e-mailed to the Registrar ***and the Provincial Playoff Director as well as*** the BCLA ***Office*** prior to May 31 of the playing year. Provincial lists must include the division and level of play (i.e., Provincial Team – Bantam A2). This will ensure the team is registered with the BCLA, but will avoid duplicate billing of players by the BCLA.

Motion by John Stevens, Richard Paciejewski

CARRIED

Motion to remove (b) by Gord Miller, second by Scott Brown
Amend to add (c) by Sean Reid, second by Chris Charleton

DEFEATED
CARRIED

Add REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.11 that would read:

- 3.11 In recognition of BCLA Operating Policy Regulation 16: Concussion Awareness and Education:
- (a) Member Associations must develop and have an active policy that establishes a “Concussion Policy”. This policy should contain training for coaches and trainers (where applicable), a reporting process and return to play guideline.
 - (b) All players aged 10 and up (PeeWee and above) will have a concussion baseline test completed prior to the start of each season.
 - (c) Optional for the 2019 Season, and mandatory thereafter

Motion by Richard Paciejewski, second by Rita Isaacs

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.03 that would read:

- 4.03 (a) Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no criss-cross of players from one team to another and back after May 7 of the playing year (see Section 4.09). Where it is necessary to have players criss-cross laterally, this shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) players on a game-by-game basis only. Each player is only able to criss-cross over laterally a maximum of two (2) times. A limit of only five (5) player movements can be made prior to rosters being set. In special circumstances and with valid reason, a team may request a further movement only with the permission of the local Commission. Players are to be clearly marked as, for example, “Criss-crossed from Team 1” in game sheet notes. If said infraction occurs after May 7 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for his registered team only.
- (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.*

Motion by Angie Schwan, second by Michael O'Connor

CARRIED

Renumber and retitle.

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES,

To Regulation 4.07 PLAYING RULES, Part I – Playing Up

- 4.07 (a) A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which he/she is registered on a game by game basis only in the discipline they are registered in (ie, Female Box or Mixed-Minor Box) with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with. In the case of players playing up a division, if an “A” player is going to play up to a “B” or “C” team, only a maximum of two (2) players per game playing up to a higher division is allowed.
- (b) A player may play up one division higher than that in which he/she would be registered in accordance to 2.01 for the playing year only with the approval of the player’s association.
- (c) i) Any player who has played up a total of five or more league games, playoff games, sanctioned tournament games, or combination of, in any division or calibre higher than the one in which he/she is registered, must for the remainder of that year play for the higher division or calibre in which he/she played his/her fifth (5th) game.
- ii) For a goalie who has played a total of seven (7) or more league, playoff or sanctioned tournament game or combination of, in any division or calibre higher than the one in which he/she is registered, must for the remainder of that year play for a higher division or calibre in which he/she played his/her seventh (7th) game.
- In either situation above, the Home Association will determine which team in that division that the player will play on if there is more than one team in the higher division or if the player has played across multiple levels in a tiered division.
- (d) A team may participate in a higher calibre sanctioned tournament without impacting team or player eligibility unless 4.07 (c) applies.

To Regulation 4.07 PLAYING RULES, Part II – Playing Down

- (a) *A player may play down one division than their appropriate age group when a player size and/or ability dictate necessary as determined by a coach and approved by an Association President. If approved by the local association, the local Minor Association must approve in writing and forward to their local Commission for approval.*

Motion by Geoff Garbutt, second by Rita Isaacs

CARRIED

Amend by Angie Schwan, second by Gord Miller

CARRIED

- 4.07 **PART II (b)** *Upon approval, the request must be forwarded to the Minor Directorate for approval.*

Players granted an opportunity to play down, will have their players statistics reviewed during the season of play (for penalties, scoring, etc). The MD will communicate the names of players playing down to the League Commissioners, who will need to keep statistics and report to the MD 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 Minor to Minor can be reversed at any time during the season of play.

On application to the Minor Directorate, by May 31 of the playing year, an over-age player MAY be eligible for playdowns, playoffs, Zone/Commission Championships or for Provincial Championships play. The MD determination will include at least the following; penalties review, scoring, participation.

Motion by Michael O'Connor, second by Gord Miller

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 7: MOVEMENT – SENIOR BOX TO MINOR, 7.01 that would read:

- 7.01 Movement to play down in the Minor Directorate from the Senior Directorate *can be applied for if* the following conditions *exist*:
- i) In Zones where a Junior team is available within a two hour drive (as defined by Google Maps) from the player's home:
 - (a) The Local Minor Association must approve in writing and forward to their local commission for approval.
 - (b) Upon approval, the request must be forwarded to the Minor Directorate for approval before April 1st of the playing year.
 - (c) Upon approval of the request by the Minor Directorate, it will be forwarded to the Senior Directorate for final approval.

Movement to play down in the Minor Directorate from the Senior Directorate *will be approved under the following conditions*:

- 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:
 - (a) The Local Minor Association must approve in writing and forward to their local commission for approval.
 - (b) Upon approval, the request must be forwarded to the Minor Directorate for approval-
 - (c) Upon approval of the request by the Minor Directorate, it will be forwarded to the Senior Directorate for information purposes.

Motion by Angie Schwan, second by Tim Frost

CARRIED

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

- 7.02 Criteria for Approval:
- (a) Players must be within *two (2) years* of Midget eligibility.

Motion by Pam Mason, second by Wilson Louie

CARRIED

Amend by Gord Miller, second by Leslie Conway

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 7: MOVEMENT – SENIOR BOX TO MINOR, 7.02 (b)

7.02 Criteria for Approval:

- (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**’ experience or less will be permitted to play down.

Motion by Rita Isaacs, second by Jeff MacAulay

CARRIED

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

7.02 (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. 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.

Motion by Ruth Saunders, John Stevens

CARRIED

Add new REGULATION 7: MOVEMENT – SENIOR BOX TO MINOR, 7.02 (d) that would read:

7.02 (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.***

Motion by Curtis Smith, Wuilbert Jaramillo

CARRIED

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

7.02 (e) ***On application to the Minor Directorate, By May 31 of the playing year, 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.***

Motion by Matt Taylor, second by Beth McLucas

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 8: MOVES, 8.04 that would read:

8.04 ***Where there is a team within the player’s association, Minor (mixed) and/or Female, but the player has played the two previous consecutive seasons with the same association, other than the one where he/she current resides, and during that time, either met the release requirements described in Minor Directorate Regulation 8.09 or lived within that association’s boundaries, the***

player is considered grandfathered with that association and has the option of signing with that association as a grandfathered player or registering with his/her new home association, where they currently reside.

Motion by Pam Mason, second by Jeff MacAulay

CARRIED

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 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.*

Motion by Rita Isaacs, second by Jeff MacAulay

CARRIED

Add new REGULATION 10: TEAM SIZE, 10.01 (b) that would read:

- 10.01 (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.*

Motion by Ruth Saunders, second by Jeff MacAulay

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 that would read:

12.03 All Zones will play down to the following allotted number of teams:

Zone 1	1 team
Zone 2	1 team
Zone 3, 4, 5	3 teams
Zone 6	1 team
Zone 7	1 team
Zone 8	1 team
Host Association	1 team

* Any vacancies may be filled by the Provincial Minor Directorate.

Motion by John Stevens, second by Leanne Warnick

CARRIED

Amended by Angie Schwan, seconded by Pam Mason

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS, 14.01 that would read:

- 14.01 Invitational tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations or commissions wishing to host invitational tournaments must apply to the Minor Directorate by the date on the annual application form which will sanction the tournament, and pass the information to all associations, Commissions and league Commissioners. The Minor Directorate will review all applications and maintain a

master schedule to determine which tournaments will be sanctioned. The sanctioned list will then be published to all members so the registration process can begin.

In years where it is likely, based on numbers of teams registered in league play, that a division/tier may not have provincials (i.e Midget C) a Tournament Application may be put in place by the Minor Directorate to permit a club to host a tournament (ie, Year End Rally, Commission Cup, etc). This will be communicated on an annual basis through Commissions.

Motion by Curtis Smith, second by Jeff MacAulay

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 16: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS/JAMBOREES, 16.01 that would read:

16.01 A skills development session or jamboree is an event intended to introduce players to the game or to enhance player skill and development. It *should* be free of charge for all participants. *A minimal charge to cover floor time is acceptable.* It may include development drills and other activities for the enjoyment of the participants.

Motion by Michael O'Connor, second by Jeff MacAulay

CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 18: SUSPENSIONS, 18.03 (d) that would read:

18.03 (d) A member may receive an initial verbal notification of a fine, suspension or decision directly face to face, or by telephone/*e-mail/text*. This must be followed by a formal written notification presented *or* e-mailed within seventy-two (72) hours to the member after initial verbal notification.

7. **Election of Officers.** Myrna Cable, BCLA Secretary held the Minor Directorate elections.

- a) Chair (two year position) Gordon McIntosh nominated and accepted, one ballot cast
- b) Secretary (two year position) Dee Bowley nominated and accepted, one ballot cast

Motion to destroy ballots by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Gord Miller **CARRIED**

8. New Business

- Reminder to hand in membership applications.
- Reminder of Female Box meeting, being held at 12pm in the same room.
- Reminder of General Session.
- Hosts for Provincials announced again and thanks to all applicants.
- Congratulations to Coquitlam Minor for being awarded ALL the 2019 Minor Nationals.
- No new business from floor

9. **Motion to Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am, Rita Isaacs and Jeff MacAulay. **CARRIED**