



# BC Lacrosse Officials Association

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## Minutes of the 2007 Special Session September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Douglas College, New Westminster

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### In Attendance:

Doug Wright ( BCLOA – VC Minor), Lee Brien (BCLOA – Secretary), Gil Lowe (BCLOA – Men’s Field), Toni Lowe (BCLA – VP Operations), Terry Foulds (BCLOA - Zone 8 Senior), Heather Foulds (BCLOA - Zone 8 Minor), Ted Baranyai (BCLOA), Terry Mosdell (BCLOA), Jamie Graham, (BCLOA – Clinician), Ryan Nose (North Delta), Jody Weatherby (Surrey Minor), Dan Linnen (Vancouver Island Field), Rory Helgsen (Kelowna Minor), Craig Baldrige (BCLOA), Joe Wong (BCLOA – Senior Alocator), Darcy Rhodes (BCLA – Technical Director), Nick Thomas (Port Moody), Wilson Louie (Juan De Fuca Minor), Jeff Connauton ( BCLOA – Zone 2), Cassandra McClarnon (Victoria Womens Field), Alan Sleightholme (BCLOA), Scott PW MacDonald (BCLOA), Craig Labranche ( PoCo Minor), Mike Neuman ( Vic/Esquimalt Minor) and Barry Kelly (Saanich Minor)

### Appologies:

Frank Pongracz (BCLOA – Chair),

Note: As per our Operating Policy clubs not attending will be fined.

### BCLOA/BCLCA - Joint Session

#### 1. Joint Session Introductions:

Called to order at 9:14 am

Doug Wright of the BCLOA and Mike Marshall of the BCLCA chaired this session.

a) Doug outlined the total number of game reports regarding abuse of officials in 2007.  
The total number of issues has not declined.

b) The group discussed the issue of abuse of officials and ways to correct the problem.

Possible solutions:

- I. Better communication by both coaches and officials
- II. Coaches and officials need to be held to a higher standard of accountability for their actions, but we do not have volunteers to ‘police this’.
  - ❖ Point of interest: BCLA is looking into a position to promote general volunteerism.

BCLCA and the BCLOA will be forming a committee to consider the issue of abuse of officials and that committee will present a report to the BCLOA/BCLCA meeting in the spring, with recommendations for implementation for the 2008 season. The BCLOA is looking for one or two volunteers to sit on this committee and they can forward their name to the Secretary.

#### 2. Joint Session Adjournment

Adjournment at 10:30 am

Groups now split into own sessions.

## BCLOA Special Session

### 1. Introductions :

Called to order 10:55 am

Doug Wright asked by the Chairman to preside over this session due to the Chairmen's absence.

Doug introduces the executive members in attendance and welcomes everyone!

### 2. Agenda

Minutes from September, 9, 2006, no errors.

Moved by Barry Kelly, seconded by Dan Linnen. **Motion carried.**

Motion to change order of the elections on the agenda by placing the election of Vice Chair Senior in item 6a).

Moved by Lee Brien, seconded by Barry Kelly. **Motion carried.**

### 3. Proposed Budget 2008

Budget not yet complete, tabled to next meeting.

### 4. Reports

a) Chair – **Report attached**

b) Vice Chair, Minor – **Report attached**

In addition Doug has recapped the main issues regarding abuse, provincials, the number of referees in 2007 and the number of game reports in 2007.

c) Vice Chair, Senior – **Report attached**

d) Vice Chair, Men's Field – **Report attached.**

e) BCLA Technical Director – **Report attached.**

f) Zone 4 - **Report attached.**

g) Minor Provincial Referee In Chief's:

i. Midget 'A' - **Report attached.**

ii. Midget 'B & C' - **Report attached.**

iii. Bantam - **Report attached.**

iv. Pee wee - **Report attached.**

v. Female - **Report attached.**

Motion to accept all reports as submitted.

Moved by Craig Baldrige, seconded by Ted Baranyai. **Motion carried.**

### 5. Operating Policy –

Proposal submitted by Wilhelmina Toews.

#### **REGULATION 11: Dress and Equipment, 11.03 currently reads:**

*Field: The officials uniform of the Canadian Field Lacrosse Referee shall consist of:*

- *A black hat with white piping*
- *A black and white striped sweater (long or short sleeves)*
- *White Bermuda shorts or white knickers.*
- *A black belt.*
- *White socks with black tops.*
- *Black shoes*
- *A whistle (and a spare)*
- *An official scorecard.*
- *Pencil and eraser*
- *Coin*
- *30 second timer (or watch: digital or analogue with a second hand)*
- *string*
- *rulebook*
- *rainwear*
- *warm clothing*

***Amend REGULATION 11: Dress and Equipment, 11.03 that would read:***

*Field: The officials uniform of the Canadian Field Lacrosse Referee shall consist of:*

***Men's Field Referee Uniform:***

- *A black hat with white piping*
- *A black and white striped sweater (long or short sleeves)*
- *White Bermuda shorts or white knickers.*
- *A black belt.*
- *White socks with black tops.*
- *Black shoes*
- *A whistle (and a spare)*
- *An official scorecard.*
- *Pencil and eraser*
- *Coin*
- *30 second timer (or watch: digital or analogue with a second hand)*
- *string*
- *rulebook*
- *rainwear*
- *warm clothing*

***Women's Field Umpire Uniform:***

- *Shirt with alternating 1" black and white striping*
- *Solid black kilt or solid black shorts*
- *Solid black pants may be worn in cold weather*
- *Black socks*
- *Solid black shoes or cleats*
- *Whistle ( and a spare)*
- *Red, Yellow and Green cards*
- *Measuring tape*
- *String*
- *Rule book*

**Rationale:** This section in the Operating policy does not mention Women's umpire. So I would like to have the Women's Officials uniform added.

Motion to accept proposal as submitted

Moved by Jody Weatherby, seconded by Craig Labranche. **Motion carried.**

6. Elections of Officers

a) Vice Chair Senior (one year term) –

Nominations: Alan Sleightholme and Craig Baldrige.

Craig Baldrige did not let his name stand

Secretary casts 1 ballot

**Elected: Alan Sleightholme**

b) Chair (two year term) –

Nominations: Frank Pongracz and Joe Wong

Frank Pongracz lets his name stand with a letter of acceptance.

Joe Wong lets his name stand.

Chairmen asks members to cast their ballots,

**Vote 1: ballots deemed to be spoiled.**

Chairmen ask members to recast their ballots.

**Vote 2, Elected: Frank Pongracz**

c) Vice Chair Women's Field (two year term) –

Nominations: Wilhemina Toews, Cassandra McClarnon and Craig Baldrige.

McClarnon and Craig Baldrige did not let their names stand.

Wilhemina Toews lets her name stand with a letter of acceptance.

Secretary casts 1 ballot

**Elected: Wilhemina Toews**

d) Secretary (two year term) –

Nominations: Lee Brien, Nick Thomas, Ryan Nose, Ted Baranyai and Cassandra McClarnon

Nick Thomas, Ryan Nose, Ted Baranyai and Cassandra McClarnon did not let their names stand.

Lee Brien lets his name stand.

Chairmen cast 1 ballot

**Elected: Lee Brien**

Motioned to destroy ballots. Moved by Jamie Graham, seconded by Rory Helgsen. **Motioned carried.**

7. Old Business

a) Task Committee Update –

Another year needed. Joe has consulted with other MA's and will provide a report with his findings.

8. New Business

a) Attendance at the Special Sessions:

***Motion:** BCLOA would like to encourage the BCLA to have a mechanism in place to get all minor associations representatives at the yearly Special Sessions*

Moved by Barry Kelly, seconded by Gil Lowe. **Motion carried**

b) National floor mechanics standard:

From his Presidents Cup experience Terry Mosdell expresses the need for one standard floor mechanic guide for the whole of Canada.

c) RIC Honorariums:

A request for grater latitude on RIC expenses to be forwarded to the BCLA.

A suggestion from the floor to separate budget based on each provincial tournament held and forward those to the appropriate directorate.

d) Minor Referee Game Fees:

Doug Wright has proposed a motion to increase Minor referee game fees at upcoming BCLA AGM.

- e) Senior Referee Game Fees:  
With the Minor game fees increase the floor had some concerns with the relationship of senior game fees. Vice Chair Senior will look into this issue.
- f) Senior Allocator:  
Craig Baldrige raised some concerns with the equal disbursement of Senior game in the lower mainland. Chair deems this a regional issue and asks that this be brought up with the Vice Chair Senior.
- g) Rule Change Recommendation:  
Craig Labranche to forward a copy of his recommendation to the BCLOA operating committee.
- h) Communication:  
Suggestions from the floor for an exclusive website for the BCLOA.  
And that a biweekly memo is forwarded to its member to improve refereeing consistency during box and field seasons

#### 8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:40 pm

Moved by Jeff Connauton, seconded by Terry Foulds. **Motioned carried**