



BC Lacrosse Officials Association

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Minutes of the BC Lacrosse Officials Association 2008 Special Session September 6, 2008 - Douglas College, New Westminster

In Attendance:

Frank Pongracz (BCLOA – Chair), Doug Wright (BCLOA – VC Minor), Lee Brien (BCLOA – Secretary), Alan Sleightholme (BCLOA – VC Senior), Gil Lowe (BCLOA – Men’s Field), Tom Bevan (BCLOA), Terry Foulds (BCLOA - Zone 8), Dan Linnen (Vancouver Island Field), Mike Everett (BCLOA), Lorne Cardiff (BCLOA), Rory Helgsen (Kelowna Minor), Kyle Shanks (BCLOA), Cody Riddoch (BCLOA), Randy Sernagiotto (BCLOA), Sean Lehman (BCLOA – Zone 6), Craig Labranche (PoCo Minor), Kent Taylor (BCLOA), Heather Foulds (BCLOA), Wilson Louie (Juan De Fuca Minor), Bill Mosdell (Langley Minor), Jody Weatherby (Surrey Minor), Dan Ovenden (BCLOA), Dave Bell (Semiahmoo Minor), Ryan Nose (Delta Minor), Keith Williams (BCLOA), Mike Neuman (Vic/Esquimalt Minor), Terry Mosdell (BCLOA), and Andrew Corbould (BCLOA).

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

BCLOA/BCLCA - Joint Session

Joint Session - Called to order at 9:20 am

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

General thought is that discussions from past special sessions are not put into action.

Doug Wright presented the 2008 count of game reports regarding abuse.

During a round table discussion coach/referee rule knowledge could improve through more training. A suggestion of a referee training video was put forward.

Alan Sleightholme emphasized referee fight procedures with BCLOA/BCLCA groups: Referees to break up fight when safe.

A greater emphasis need on Face-Offs at all levels of minor and senior. BC too liberal on face-offs, causing teams to be disadvantaged at nationals.

Joint Session Adjournment - Adjournment at 10:20 am - Groups now split into own sessions.

2008 BC Lacrosse Officials Association Special Session

1. Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 AM. Doug Wright asked by the Chairman to preside over this session. Doug introduced the Executive Members in attendance and welcomed everyone!

2. **Minutes – Special Session Sept 8/07**

It was moved by Terry Foulds, seconded by Gil Lowe that the Minutes of the BCLOA 2007 Special Session meeting be adopted as circulated. **Motion carried.**

3. **Budget 2008-09**

Budget not yet complete; tabled to next meeting.

4. **Reports**

a) Chair – **Report attached**

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

- Resignation from Vice-Chair position,
- Thanks those who have helped,
- Commented on the never ending abuse problem,
- Recapped the 2008 number of minor referees, and
- Calls for volunteers to fill various positions.

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

- Issues regarding paying by cheque
- Leagues late to pay
- Asking chair to write Jr B league for monies owed: \$1900.
- Calling for people operate various committees

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

- Not enough Field Referees for the amount of games,
- Money a struggle to send Referees to Nationals,
- Looking to build a minor clinic program.

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

f) Zone 2 - **Report attached.**

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

h) Zone 6 - **Report attached.**

i) Zone 7 - **Report attached.**

j) Zone 8 - **Report attached.**

k) Minor Provincial Referee In Chief's:

- i) Summer Games - **Report attached**
- ii. Bantam - **Report attached.**
- iii. Peewee - **Report attached.**
- iv. Female - **Report attached.**

It was moved by Al Sleightholme, seconded by Andrew Corbould that all reports be accepted as submitted. **Motion carried.**

5. **Proposed Changes to the BCLOA Operating Policy**

A) Proposal submitted by Doug Wright.

REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION, 3.01 (a) currently reads:

3.01 a) The Executive Committee of this organization will be elected annually at the BCLOA Special Session, and shall be comprised of:

i) Chair

ii) Vice Chair - Senior

iii) Vice Chair - Minor

- iv) Vice Chair – Men’s Field
- v) Vice Chair – Women’s Field
- vi) Secretary

Amend REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION, 3.01 (a) to read:

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- ii) Vice Chair - Senior
- iii) Vice Chair - Minor
- iv) Vice Chair – Men’s Field
- v) Vice Chair – Women’s Field
- vi) Secretary
- vii) **Immediate Past Chair**

Rationale: Over the past several years the BCLOA has had several different Chairmen come and go from our executive committee. Each time there is a change in leadership there is a break in the continuity and a potential loss of knowledge. It is hoped that by creating a position for past chairs that there will be an opportunity for them to support the new executive with their knowledge and experience

Moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Dan Linnen. **Motion carried.**

B) Proposal submitted by Doug Wright.

Add New REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION, 3.01 (e) would read:

e) The Immediate past Chair, upon election of a new Chair, shall be appointed to serve a term of 2 years, to act as an advisor to the new executive committee of the BCLOA.

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Moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Gil Lowe. **Motion carried.**

6. Elections of Officers

a) Vice Chair Minor (one year term) –
Nominations: Sean Lehman
Sean Lehman let his name stand
Secretary casts 1 ballot
Elected: Sean Lehman

b) Chair (one year term) –
Nominations: Doug Wright
Doug Wright let his name stand
Secretary casts 1 ballot
Elected: Doug Wright

c) Vice Chair Men’s Field (two year term) –
Nominations: Gil Lowe, Dan Ovenden, Terry Mosdell, Lee Brien, Bill Mosdell and Dan Linnen.
Dan Ovenden, Terry Mosdell, Lee Brien, and Bill Mosdell did not let their names stand.
Gil Lowe and Dan Linnen let their names stand.

Chairmen asks member to cast their ballots

Elected: Gil Lowe

d) Vice Chair Women's Field (one year term) –

Nominations: Bill Mosdell, Dan Linnen and Jody Weatherby

Bill Mosdell, Dan Linnen and Jody Weatherby did not let their names stand.

Executive to appoint

Motioned to destroy ballots. Moved by Gil Lowe, seconded by Keith Williams. **Motion carried.**

7. New Business

1. Possible Jr A Preamble:

- Alan Sleightholme feels that this would stop BCLOA development.
- Executive is asking BCLOA member to not support this proposal at BCLA AGM

2. Lacrosse Officials Account

Motion: *To change the signing officers on the Lacrosse Officials account #8224628 from Andrew Corbould, Bob Taylor and Bob MacAloney to: Alan Sleightholme, Andrew Corbould and Lorraine Kirstiuk, effective this date.*

Moved by Frank Pongracz, seconded by Dan Linnen. **Motion carried.**

3. Lower Mainland Senior Allocator:

- Members present express concerns with allocations in 2008
- Vice-Chair, Senior to develop an appointment criteria.

4. 3M Program

- Lorne Cardiff expressed concerns with the 3m program.
- Doug spoke on the usefulness of the program

8. Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 11:55 am

Moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Randy Sernagiotto. **Motioned carried**