

**B.C. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
SENIOR DIRECTORATE 2009 SPECIAL SESSION
Friday, October 16, 2009 – Whistler, B.C.**

Chair Christine Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and introduced Vice Chairs Bill Dawes and Terry Kirstiuk and Secretary Judy Regier. Bill and Judy's terms are up this year and elections will be held on Saturday.

Proposed amendments to the Senior Directorate Operating Policy were discussed and clarification was given as required.

At 8:00 PM. the meeting recessed, to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, October 17, 2009.

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IN ATTENDANCE

Gene Regier, Commissioner, BC Intermediate A
Vicki Clark, Nanaimo, BC Intermediate A
Doug Field, Cowichan Valley 2, VI Intermediate B
Iris Parkyn, Commissioner, WC Senior B
Chris Jackson, Saanich, VI Intermediate B
Tammy McDougall, Nanaimo, WC Senior B
Chris Geyer, Surrey, BC Intermediate B
Terry Rolfe, Richmond, WC Junior B
Gary Stride, Juan de Fuca, VI Intermediate B
Jim Ross, Port Coquitlam, BC Intermediate B
Brock Rose, Langley, BC Junior A
Jim Nishiyama, Valley, WC Senior B
Bruce Clark, Nanaimo, Senior A
Ron McQuarrie, Shamrocks, BC Intermediate A
Ken Wood, Coquitlam, WC Junior B
Bridget den Toom, Commissioner, VI Intermediate B
Chad Pieper, Armstrong, TO Junior B
B J Foulds, Stylers, PG Senior C
Linda Cretney, Peninsula, PNW Junior B
Shaun Joinson, Burnaby, WC Senior B
Rocky Zimmerman, Coquitlam, BC Junior A
Dan Richardson, Senior A
Dave Haller, Delta, BC Intermediate A
Heather Appels, Burnaby, BC Intermediate A
Frazer MacDonald, Commissioner, WC Junior B
Sam Hofer, Commissioner, PNW Junior B
Louise Howes, Campbell River, PNW Junior B
Terry Kirstiuk, Senior Directorate, Vice Chair
Mark Newlove, Ridge Meadows, BC Intermediate B

Dean Malcom, New Westminster, BC Intermediate B
Terry Willis, Semiahmoo, BC Intermediate B
Al Lang, Commissioner, Junior A
Debbie Achzner, Cowichan Valley 1, VI Intermediate B
Gord Stickler, Coquitlam, BC Intermediate B
Tony Cable, Commissioner, GWN Junior B
Sohen Gill, BCLA President
Liz Tait, Richmond, BC Intermediate B
Irene Morrison, Nanaimo, PNW Junior B
Chris Welsh, Victoria, Senior A
Terry Foulds, Prince George, Senior C
Joe Willmott, South Fraser, BC Intermediate A
Rod Wood, Victoria, BC Junior A
Greg Toll, BCLA VP Operations
Frank Geyer, Surrey, WC Junior B
Richard Appels, Burnaby, BC Junior A
Dustin Heitman, Armstrong, OX Senior C
Heather Foulds, Assault, PG Senior C
David Flint, Peninsula, VI Intermediate B
Cortnee Billon, Royal City, WC Senior B
Rich Zecchel, Vernon, TO Junior B
Missy Haller, Delta, BC Intermediate B
Chel Tessarolo, New Westminster, BC Intermediate B
Ed Kwasniewski, Commissioner, TO Junior B
Randy Clough, Tri-City, WC Senior B
Ken Alexander, Westshore, PNW Junior B
Terry Mosdell, BCLA, VP Development
Judy Regier, Senior Directorate, Secretary
Christine Pollock, Senior Directorate, Chair

Forbes Mitchell, Nanaimo, BC Junior A
Elinor Hinds, Vernon, OX Senior C
Dan Wray, Rutland, TO Junior B
Dan Simpson, Burnaby, BC Intermediate B
Terry Blair, New Westminster, WC Junior B
Denise Forlin, Langley, BC Intermediate B
Dennis Quigley, Vice Chair, BCLCA

Bill Dawes, Senior Directorate, Vice Chair
Ernie Meyer, Burnaby, WC Junior B
Sandra Tackaberry, North Delta, BC Intermediate B
Les Wingrove, Coquitlam, Senior A
Sean Walmsley, Vic-Esq, PNW Junior B
Doug Zack, New Westminster, BC Junior A
Barb Laprise, Commissioner, BC Intermediate B

1. Chair, Christine Pollock called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.
2. There are 71 voting delegates in attendance.
3. It was moved by Gene Regier, seconded by Ernie Meyer that the minutes the 2008 Special Session be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a. There was no old business.
5. Coaches – Dennis Quigley
 - a. Discussion re new doorman certification requirement 7.03 in BCLCA Operating Policy
6. Registration – Gloria Siegner
 - a. A player signing two cards is still an issue.
 - b. Most of the problems with cards are from out of the Lower Mainland.
 - c. Cards must be fully completed before they are sent. Commissioners are asked to take a couple of minutes to review the cards.
 - d. The Commissioner must approve players moving up to a higher division.
7. League Reports
 - a. The League Reports are printed in the BCLA 2009 Annual Report book.
 - b. Iris Parkyn corrected the West Coast Senior B report as the Langley Warriors, not Knights.
 - c. Terry Kirstiuk reported that the BC Intermediate Provincials went extremely well. There was a lot of good lacrosse. He complemented the organizers on a job well done.
 - d. Dan Wray reported that the Senior C Provincials ran very well. One team dropped out at the last minute. One team also had to play three games in one day which was a bit much.

It was moved by Denise Forlin, seconded by Jim Ross to accept the reports as presented.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Amendments

It was proposed by Bill Dawes, Senior Directorate Vice Chair and seconded by Denise Forlin to Add new REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE to the Senior Directorate Operating Policy that would read:

REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE

1.01 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Directorate

- (a) Governs lacrosse for all Senior Directorate players.

- (b) First level of appeal on all matters within the Senior Directorate (jurisdiction, players discipline and player movement)
- (c) Sets Provincial Directive and a format for Provincial tournaments
- (d) Sanctions all Senior tournaments

The Senior Directorate Chair

- (a) Shall preside at all Senior Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall ensure the affairs of the Directorate are being CARRIED out
- (c) Shall ensure the procedures set out in the By-Laws and Constitution are being followed
- (d) Shall attend the VP Operations meetings
- (e) Is responsible to call meetings of the Directorate as required.
- (f) Work with all members of the Directorate to ensure the game is of a high calibre and standard
- (g) Is the deciding vote in case of a tie
- (h) Is responsible to all members of the Directorate, not a Commission or an individual
- (i) Shall be elected for a two year term in odd years

The Senior Directorate Vice Chairs (2 of)

- (a) Shall attend all Senior Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall assist the Chair as requested
- (c) Shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- (d) Has a close working relationship with all members of the Directorate
- (e) Assists in developing the game of lacrosse
- (f) Is responsible to all members of the Directorate, not a Commissioner, league or individual
- (g) The Vice Chairs shall be elected for a two year term, one in odd years and the second in even years
- (h) Shall be designated as the BCLA Senior Playoff Director for Provincial Championships

League Commissioners

- (a) Rule on disciplinary matters for their league following the League Agreement Disciplinary Rules
- (b) Assist in making schedules for their league.
- (c) Attend League and Senior Directorate meetings.
- (d) Any communication between League Commissioners and coaches should include Head Coaches.

The Senior Directorate Registrar

- (a) Shall be responsible for the administration of the Senior Player Database, filing of all player registration forms and team declarations for all Senior divisions.
- (b) Shall check that all forms are completely filled in and signed.
- (c) Shall verify that all players are in the proper Association per boundary rules unless a fully signed transfer is provided.
- (d) Shall maintain a Grandfathered and Transferred list of Players
- (e) Shall work with the League Commissioners/Registrars to deal with any discrepancies.
- (f) Shall provide year-end registration statistics to the BCLA Executive Director, and have them available for the Provincial Playoff Director on request for the Provincial Playoffs when required.
- (g) Shall be responsible to the Chair of the Senior Directorate
- (h) Shall attend Senior Directorate Meetings as required.
- (i) Shall be appointed by the Senior Directorate.

Amended by Bill Dawes, seconded by Tony Cable to add:

The Senior Directorate Secretary

- (a) Shall be responsible to attend and record minutes for all meetings and their distribution.
- (b) Maintain a database of league contacts.
- (c) Provide an annual carry-over suspension list to include CLA, Minor to Senior and League carry-overs.

CARRIED as amended

Re-Number Senior Directorate Regulations.

REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 2.02 proposed by Bill Dawes, Senior Directorate Vice Chair was withdrawn.

Add a new REGULATION 4: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, 4.01, 4.02, and 4.03 proposed by Pete Frey, Minor Directorate Vice Chair was not seconded.

It was moved by Ken Wood, Coquitlam Adanacs and seconded by Al Lang to delete Regulation 4.10 so Regulation 4: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY would read:

REGULATION 4: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 4.06 A player, resident of a city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera as of February 1 of the playing year, represented by a team(s) entered in a category for which they are eligible to play, must register with that team(s) except where such players' services are waived by the team(s), and subject to the Regulations here printed. If said player refuses to play for such team(s), after sitting out a year, the player becomes a free agent.
Within ratified boundaries that contain more than one team, the distribution of players graduating will be outlined in the appropriate league agreement which has been ratified by the BCLA.
- 4.07 A Junior or Intermediate 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.
- 4.08 Any player who has been turning out regularly to practice with a team but who is not given a chance to play in more than one of the first six league games for that team, shall have the right to apply to be heard by the Senior Directorate to be released from that team and become the property of the league.
- 4.09 (a) A player who signs a certificate for any team in the Association shall not play or sign with any other team or in any other league without first being properly released by his team of record.
- (b) Players who do sign or play in another league or association without being properly released may be suspended for the balance of that season and for the entire season following.
- (c) When a first year player is aged up to Junior A or Junior B due to ability, not availability of a team, they shall not be allowed to move down to a lower division in the following year.

- (d) When a first year Intermediate player signs with a Junior B team because there is no available Intermediate team, they are allowed to sign with an Intermediate team in the following year. In the current year, they may not play down in the Intermediate League.

CARRIED

It was moved by Christine Pollock, Senior Directorate Chair, seconded by Bill Dawes to add new REGULATION 13: CHAMPIONSHIPS, 13.03 that would read:

13.03 All teams entering playoffs should be prepared for the eventuality of being declared BC Champions, and subsequently representing the BCLA at CLA Championships/Competitions. Any team who withdraws from a CLA Championship/Competition, shall be subject to a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to the BCLA, and will forfeit any and all eligibility to participate in a CLA Championship/Competition during the following playing season.

Amended by Bill Dawes, seconded by Christine Pollock to delete the first sentence.

Amended by Bill Dawes, seconded by Christine Pollock to amend BCLA to their respective league.

13.03 as amended would read:

Any team who withdraws from a CLA Championship/Competition, shall be subject to a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to their respective league and will forfeit any and all eligibility to participate in a CLA Championship/competition during the following playing season.

CARRIED as amended

Re-Number Regulation 13.

Moved by Christine Pollock, Senior Directorate Chair, seconded by Bill Dawes to amend REGULATION 13: CHAMPIONSHIPS, 13.10 to read:

13.10 For each Provincial Championship in categories containing two or more leagues, the Vice Chair of the Senior Directorate shall be present to arbitrate and decide on all disputes concerning the playing of the game or disputes concerning the operation of the series.

In the event that the Vice Chair is unavailable, the Senior Directorate will appoint a designate to assume the Vice Chair's duties. A Provincial Championship may not proceed without a Senior Directorate representative or designate present.

CARRIED

Proposal by Judy Regier, Senior Directorate Secretary to amend REGULATION 13: CHAMPIONSHIPS 13.12 was withdrawn

Proposal by Christine Pollock, Senior Directorate Chair to add a new REGULATION 13: CHAMPIONSHIPS 13.12 was withdrawn.

It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Barb Laprise to amend REGULATION 13: CHAMPIONSHIPS, 13.13 to read:

13.13 Intermediate A and Intermediate B teams entering Provincials must submit to their League Commissioner, prior to their first playoff game, a roster of their carded players, plus a maximum of four (4) qualified call-ups. For an Intermediate B team, only two (2) of these call ups can be from a Midget "A" team.

CARRIED

It was moved by Frazer MacDonald, Commissioner West Coast Junior B, seconded by Sam Hofer to accept the following for a trial period to assess a 5 year 3 tier Junior system.

Basic argument to change the existing mixture of the categories of Intermediate and Junior Lacrosse (A situation that exists in BC only in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island)

In the 2 areas where Intermediate teams exist, Int. players are on a 2 year term and in Jr. they are on a 3 year term. With the number of teams in Int. and the number of teams in Jr. there is a differential of 1 year and in that year many of the graduating Int. players have no place to go. Thus we lose a significant number every year and history tells us that few return to our game.

I am going to illustrate this in numbers using the max. numbers of players permitted to register in each category.

Presently there are 8 Jr. "A" teams and 17 Jr. "B" teams combined in the areas aforementioned:

25 teams X 25 players = 625 (possible)

In the same areas there are 27 Intermediate teams

27 teams X 25 players = 675 (possible)

Now, for the sake of argument 1/3 graduate from Jr. = 208 spots are made available

Then we have 1/2 graduate from Int. = 338 players are graduating.

After doing the math one can see that potentially we would not be able to place 130 players and we all know that when this happens we lose them to something else. That number could represent another 5 teams. It is well known across the country that in the BC Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island some people thought it was a better idea to create this {Intermediate} system.

It has been well documented that this situation has led to the periodic downfall of Jr. "B".

Now the system being proposed here is alive and well elsewhere and it is a three (3) tier Junior system of a five year duration. In Ontario (The Evil Menace!) it has worked so well that we have not yet been able to capture a National Trophy. The system they use is Jr. "A", Jr. "B" and Jr. "C". The Prairie Provinces are using a similar system of 3 categories Jr. "A", Jr. "B" (tier 1) and Jr. "B" (tier 2). Call it what you will! One can only ask, "Why only in the south west corner of our Province, do some think it {Intermediate} is the way to go?"

DEFEATED

9. New Business

- a. Ed Kwasniewski asked to present a Junior B Provincial Championship Directive to the Senior Directorate for approval. It was determined that the Junior B leagues and all their teams should have an opportunity to be involved in the finalization of the document and that it would then become part of the Junior B league agreements.
- b. Paul Robotham advised that he will be questioning the medical coverage that is provided, in particular dental coverage, at the General Session.

It was moved by Judy Regier, seconded by Denise Forlin that all League Agreements will include a clause to describe the requirements to qualify players for their Provincial playoffs.

CARRIED

- c. Christine recommended that leagues with more than one league should confirm that all leagues have the same requirements.
- d. Judy Regier passed on a request from Greg Toll, BCLA Vice Chair Operations that all League Agreements should be submitted in WORD format to allow for comments to be added and the approval date.

10. Election of Officers

It was moved by Elinor Hinds, seconded by Sam Hofer to suspend the meeting for elections.

- a. Christine Pollock conducted the election.
- b. Bill Dawes was elected Vice Chair – the secretary cast one ballot
- c. Judy Regier was elected Secretary – the secretary cast one ballot.

It was moved by Al Lang, seconded by Denise Forlin to destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

It was moved by Brock Rose to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 A.M.

CARRIED