



**B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association  
2011 Special Session  
Saturday September 10, 2011  
Douglas College, New Westminster, BC**

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**In Attendance:** Tyson Leis, Bill Barwise, Bryan Baxter, Dennis Quigley, Derek Milani, Terry Kirstiuk, Greg Toll, Naomi Walser, Rey Comeault, Dan Wray, Mike Marshall, Kelly Scott, Jeff Vowles, Brande Terris, Shawn Gregerson.

**1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM with BCLCA Chair Mike Marshall presiding.

**2. 2010 BCLCA Special Session Minutes Approval.** *It was moved by Tyson Leis, seconded by Bill Barwise that the minutes from the 2010 BCLCA Special Session held September 11, 2010 be adopted as presented. CARRIED*

**3. Introduction.** Dan Wray talked about carrying on Bill McBain's legacy, vision and programs put forth by him and the BCLCA. He also thanked members for their support during Bills sickness. The McBain family is forever grateful.

**Coaching and Officials Joint Session**

- Officials to write up all reports pertaining to Coaches.
- Zone Coaching Co-ordinators issue pre-season warning Re: abuse of Officials
- fines for not attending Special Session
- recommend 2 minute penalty and a Game Misconduct for abuse of Official
- guest speakers for future Special Sessions
- Action:** Bill Barwise to form committee to deal with abuse of officials
- Guest Speaker:** Mark Woodall BCLA Insurance Rep.
- Legal issues tear Minor Sports apart.
- Hockey cleaned it's self up in the 1990's
- Coaching - Leadership/being positive/discipline
- Players may pay for lawyer if player starts fight and player is injured
- Coach is responsible for conduct and rules of the game
- Unacceptable conduct by a Coach is viewed unfavourably by the public
- 2 extremes of Coaching: one side – do nothing about a situation. The other side - dealing with the problem right away
- BCLCA must support each other in all discussions when dealing with problems. Show a united front
- Make our sport more safe with minimal risks

**4. Reports.**

- a) BCLCA Chair -Mike Marshall – report as circulated
- b) BCLCA Vice-Chair (Sr. Box) –Dennis Quigley-report as circulated
- c) BCLCA Vice-Chair (Minor Box) –Derek Milani- report as circulated
- d) BCLCA Vice-Chair Men's Field –Kelly Scott-report as circulated
- e) BCLCA Vice-Chair Women's Field –Naomi Walser-report as circulated
- f) BCLA Technical Director –Darcy Rhodes-report as circulated
- g) BCLCA Master Course Conductor –Terry Mosdell-report as circulated
- h) Team B.C. Midget Head Coach –Tyson Leis-report as circulated
- i) Team B.C. Bantam Head Coach –Doug Clark-report as circulated
- j) Team B.C. PeeWee Head Coach –Lance Hofseth-report as circulated

- k) Team B.C. Field Lacrosse Head Coach –Rey Comeault-report as circulated
- l) Zone 2 Coaching Co-Ordinator -Dan Wray-report as circulated
- m) Zone 8 Coaching Co-Ordinator –Bill Barwise-report as circulated

*It was moved by by Derek Milani, seconded by Dennis Quigley that the reports be adopted as circulated and presented. CARRIED.*

#### **5. 2011 Proposed Changes to the BCLCA Operating Policy.**

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*It was moved by Derek Milani, seconded by Dennis Quigley to:*

**Amend the first section in the BCLCA Operating Policy titled OBJECTIVES, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph that would read:**

**To improve the game of lacrosse by:**

- promoting good fellowship among association members.
- encouraging constructive communication and relationships among BCLCA members.
- providing opportunity for input concerning the rules and regulations involved in "the playing of the game".
- upholding the CLA **and BCLA** Lacrosse Coaches Code of **Conduct and NCCP Code of Ethics**.
- insisting that coaching be done in accordance with the CLA Rule Book and the ILF rulebook with the only exception being those rules changed or permitted by the Minor Directorate, Senior Directorate or Field Directorate.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Derek Milani, seconded by Dennis Quigley to:*

**Amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.01 that would read:**

- 5.01 It shall be considered an offence against the membership to violate the CLA and BCLA Code of Conduct and NCCP Code of Ethics.

*It was moved by Bill Barwise, seconded by Tyson Leies to further amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.01 that would read:*

- 5.01 It shall be considered an offence against the membership to violate the CLA **or BCLA** Code **of Conduct or NCCP Code of Ethics**.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Greg Toll, seconded by Bill Barwise to:*

**Amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.02 that would read:**

- 5.02 Actions contrary to the BCLA Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Policy **and Directorate Guidelines** -- especially profane or obscene language or gestures; threats and threatening gestures; and verbal abuse of any lacrosse participant, official, supporter or spectator in a public environment -- will be cause for investigation by the BCLCA.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Kelly Scott, seconded by Derek Milani to:*

**Amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.03 that would read**

- 5.03 All league Commissioners are to advise the BCLCA, in writing, of all infractions involving a coach **including bench penalties, game ejections or any other suspensions or any other actions** considered not acceptable to **the game of** lacrosse or the public.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Derek Milani, seconded by Kelly Scott to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.04 that would read:**

- 5.04 All requests for further action by league commissioners (Minor Directorate Operating Policy 15.03: Suspensions refers) shall be investigated by the BCLCA. Where *deemed* appropriate *by the BCLCA*, further suspensions, additional training, letters of apology or periods of probation may be awarded by the BCLCA Discipline Committee.

*It was moved by Kelly Scott, seconded by Bryan Baxter to further amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.04 that would read:*

- 5.04 All requests for *investigation or review of Coaches or bench personal by the League Commissioners* (Minor Directorate Operating Policy 15.03: Suspensions refers) shall be investigated by the BCLCA. Where *deemed* appropriate *by the BCLCA*, further suspensions, additional training, letter's of apology or periods of probation may be awarded or reduced by the BCLCA Discipline Committee.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Kelly Scott to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.05 that would read:**

- 5.05 All requests by association presidents to investigate inappropriate actions by a coach/bench personnel shall be investigated by the BCLCA. Where *deemed* appropriate *by the BCLCA*, further suspensions, additional training, letters of apology or periods of probation may be awarded by the BCLCA Discipline Committee.

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Bill Barwise, seconded by Dennis Quigley to:*

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**Amend the first paragraph of REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.06 that would read:**

- 5.06 The Executive of the BCLCA *may* investigate written reports concerning the conduct of Coaches/Bench personnel which violates the Coaches Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, and BCLCA Constitution and By-Laws concerning Coaches or the Operating Policy of the BCLCA. The named Coach will attend a Conduct Committee Hearing, or be present through electronic media; results of this hearing *may be published in the BCLCA Report to the membership at the BCLA AGM and* could include one or up to all of the following:

*It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Kelly Scott to further amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.06 that would read:*

- 5.06 The Executive of the BCLCA *may* investigate written reports concerning the conduct of Coaches/Bench personnel which violates the Coaches Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, and BCLA Constitution/ByLaws and Operating Policy concerning Coaches or the Operating Policy of the BCLCA. The named Coach will attend a Conduct Committee Hearing, or be present through electronic media; results of this hearing *may be published in the BCLCA Report to the membership at the BCLA AGM and all Special Sessions, and* could include one or up to all of the following:

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Brande Terris, seconded by Rey Comeault to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 6: APPEALS, 6.02 that would read:**

- 6.02 (a) An appeal must be in writing to the BCLCA Chair *within 72 hours of receipt of the written or e-mailed decision of the BCLCA Discipline Committee.*

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Bryan Baxter, seconded by Bill Barwise to:*

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**Add REGULATION 6: APPEALS, 6.02 (b) that would read:**

- 6.02 (b) *If the appeal to the BCLCA Chair is unsuccessful, further appeal can be made to the BCLA Appeal Committee as per BCLA General Operating Policy, Appendix A: BCLA Appeals Process.*

*And remove:*

6.04 *Please refer to Appendix A: BCLA Appeals Process – BCLA General Operating Policy.*

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Kelly Scott, seconded by Derek Milani to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.01 that would read:**

- 7.01 No one but players in uniform and suitably registered and trained/certified bench personnel including trained/certified trainers shall be permitted to occupy the player's bench. A maximum of *five (5)* non-playing personnel including trainers, are allowed on the bench, as per CLA rule 17 (Operating Policy).

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Kelly Scott, seconded by Derek Milani to:*

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**Add sentence at the end of REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.04 (b) that would read:**

- 7.04 b) There must be an appropriate trained or certified coach on the bench at all times during BCLA sanctioned games. In the event of an ejection of a Head Coach, a trained coach may assume the position for the remainder of the game. *No game shall continue without a trained or certified coach on the bench.*

**CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Naomi Walser, seconded by Rey Comeault to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 11: COACHES CERTIFICATION, 11.04 (e) that would read:**

- 11.04 (e) Maximum number on the bench at any one time is *five (5)* including the trainer.

**CARRIED.**

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## **6. Election of BCLCA Officers.**

**BCLCA Chair** - Mike Marshall

**BCLCA Vice Chair – Senior Box** -Dennis Quigley

BCLCA Vice-Chair - Minor Box -Derek Milani

BCLCA Vice-Chair – Men's Field -Kelly Scott

BCLCA Vice-Chair – Women's Field -Naomi Walser

BCLCA Secretary –Dan Wray

**All were elected by acclamation.**

**7. New Business.**

-BCLCA Coaches meeting to be held at the BCLA AGM

**Action:** -Darcy to get officials coaching report

-Tele-conferencing seems to be working for hearings

-There seems to be problems with Officials report on Coaches. The line of communication as present goes from the Official to Commissioner to Zone Director and then to Zone Coaching Co-ordinator and stops. It has been recommended that also be forwarded to Darcy at the BCLA Office for record keeping.

**Action:** Bryan Baxter and Dan Wray to work on next years Coaches Special Session with guest speakers, workshops, seminars, ect....

**Action:** Bill Barwise and Dan Wray to contact Washington Stealth of the possibility of holding a joint Coaching forum/seminar/luncheon/ect. At the Dec. 10, 2011 Exhibition game vs Toronto Rock.

**8. Motion to adjourn:** It was moved by Bill Barwise that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.