



**BC Lacrosse Association
2011 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 15, 2011
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, BC**

1. Welcome/Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM with President Sohen Gill presiding. Sohen introduced the BCLA Executive and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2010 Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Bill Dawes that the minutes of the B.C. Lacrosse Association 2010 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes. There was no old business.

4. Executive Reports - All reports contained in the 2011 BCLA Annual Report

- a) President and CLA Report: Sohen Gill
- b) Treasurer: David Soul, David Soul addressed the attendees, presented the financial statements and budget, and responded to questions.
- c) Secretary: Myrna Cable
- d) Vice President - Administration: Gerry Van Beek
- e) Vice President - Operations: Greg Toll
- f) Vice President - Promotions/Public Relations: Ron McQuarrie
- g) Vice President - Development: Terry Mosdell
- h) Director at Large: David Jenkins, David Jenkins addressed the attendees regarding the importance of registering Associations with the Society's Act and the potential ramifications of not registering. The key point is that having a league as its own entity protects the directors against personal liability.

It was moved by Sean Lehman and seconded by Gord McIntosh to accept all reports as circulated. CARRIED

5. Directorate/Technical Support Group Reports

- a) **Senior Directorate** (Christine Pollock) - Bill Dawes was re-elected as Vice Chair for a two year term.
- b) **Minor Directorate** (Angie Schwan) - Dave Wilkie was elected as Vice Chair for a two year term and Shawn House was re-elected to a one year term as Female Box Lacrosse Chair. BCLA has submitted an application to host the 2012 Female Bantam/Midget Box Lacrosse Nationals.
- c) **Field Directorate** (Deb Stocks) - as circulated in the 2010 Annual Report. Their Special Session was held April 16, 2011. Elections were held and the following positions were filled: Vice Chair Men's Field, Toni Lowe for a two year term, Vice Chair Youth Field, Wes Landels for a two year term.
- d) **BC Lacrosse Coaches Association** (Mike Marshall) - as circulated in the 2010 Annual Report. Their Special Session was held September 10, 2011. Elections were held and the following positions were filled: Chair: Mike Marshall, Vice Chair Senior Dennis Quigley, Vice Chair Minor: Derek Milani, Vice Chair Men's Field: Kelly Scott, Vice Chair Women's Field: Naomi Walser, Secretary: Dan Wray.
- e) **BC Lacrosse Officials Association** - (Doug Wright) - as circulated in the 2010 Annual Report. Their Special Session was held September 10, 2011. Elections were held and the following positions were filled: Chair, Doug Wright for a two year term, Vice Chair Women's, Andrea Jones for a 2 year

term, Secretary, Lee Brien for a two year term.

6. Credentials Report (Myrna Cable)

There were 360 possible votes and there are 231 voting delegates attending this AGM. The breakdown is as follows:

Executive	8	out of a possible	8
Coaches	6	out of a possible	14
Officials	7	out of a possible	21
Seniors	71	out of a possible	120
Minors	105	out of a possible	126
Volunteer Tech	1	out of a possible	6
Field	33	out of a possible	65
TOTAL	231	out of a possible	360

7. Proposed Amendments

BCLA General Operating Policy

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Toni Lowe to add 1.02 (vi) to REGULATION 1: CODE OF CONDUCT that would read:

1.02 An individual's conduct shall be in question when they:

- i) Breach any of the above Section 1.
- ii) Use their position within the BCLA for unauthorized personal and/or material gains.
- iii) Willfully circulate false, malicious statements, derogatory to any other member of the Association.
- iv) Willfully ignore or break the By-Laws, policies and/or rules and regulations of the BCLA.
- v) Counsel others to ignore or break the by-laws, policies, and/or rules and regulations of the BCLA.
- vi) *Code of Conduct hearings will only be heard for offences not already covered by properly constituted penalties approved by the BCLA in all Directorates, Technical Support Groups and League Agreements.*

CARRIED

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Christine Pollock to add 1.04 (x) to REGULATION 1: CODE OF CONDUCT that would read:

1.04 Discipline Procedures:

- i) Any report alleging a breach of Member obligation under this Code of Conduct shall be submitted in writing to the BCLA office within 15 days of the event/occurrence.
- ii) Upon receiving a report, the BCLA staff shall immediately notify the BCLA Executive who shall determine the merit of the complaint and determine if action is necessary.
- iii) If action is necessary, the President shall, with the Discipline Committee, appoint a date, time and place for which shall not be more than 30 days from the receipt of the report.
- iv) All interested parties will be notified of the proceedings and will have the opportunity to attend the hearing of the Discipline Committee at their own expense.

- v) The Discipline Committee may call witnesses and demand any pertinent information which it deems necessary to arrive at a decision.
- vi) The decision of the Discipline Committee will be announced by the Chair of the Discipline Committee within 7 days of the hearing and all interested parties will be provided with a copy of the written decision. Interested parties is defined as those parties who are directly involved in the proceedings.
- vii) Any individual whose rights are directly affected by a decision of the Discipline Committee may appeal that decision to the Appeals Committee.
- viii) The procedure and time lines for a presentation to the Appeals Committee shall be the same as those set out for the Disciplinary Committee.
- ix) Disciplinary action taken under this Code of Conduct section will be considered to be applicable to all disciplines of Lacrosse in B.C.
- x) *The Discipline Committee may fine, suspend or request other remedial action based on a Discipline Hearing.*

CARRIED

It was moved by Danielle Sanderson, seconded by Angie Schwan to add new REGULATION 15: CONCUSSION AWARENESS AND EDUCATION that would read:

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Tom Kellett to split the motion to consider section (a), (b), and (c) separately.

CARRIED

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Danielle Sanderson to add REGULATION 15.01 (a): CONCUSSION AWARENESS AND EDUCATION that would read:

15.01 *The BCLA acknowledges the severity of concussion and its life-long effects on players and their families. In recognition of this, the BCLA will:*

- (a) *Provide parent and athlete concussion education as part of our annual registration package, including a concussion specific informed consent that must be read and signed by both parent and athlete.***

CARRIED

It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Dave Wilkie to table REGULATION 15.01 (b) and (c) until further consideration can be given.

- (b) *Require that all coaches receive specific concussion education and guidelines to follow should these circumstances arise as part of annual First Aid Training.***
- (c) *Require that all athletes removed from play because of potential concussion or those who have experienced signs and symptoms of concussion after the fact must provide the coach/association with a letter from a certified medical doctor prior to return to any practice or play.***

CARRIED

8. Election of Officers

- 1. Treasurer** – David Soul (The Secretary cast one ballot)
- 2. Secretary** – Myrna Cable (The Vice President - Administration cast one ballot)
- 3. Vice President Promotions/Public Relations** – Ron McQuarrie (The Secretary cast one ballot)
- 4. Vice President Operations** – Greg Toll (The Secretary cast one ballot)
- 5. Director at Large** – David Jenkins (The Secretary cast one ballot)

It was moved by Bob Orr, seconded by Tracey Marriot to destroy the ballots. CARRIED

9. New Business:

- A J Jomha, Canadian Lacrosse Association Vice President of Domestic Competition responded to question regarding the changes to lacrosse nets. There were many questions, and the BCLA Executive (Sohen Gill, Greg Toll) were tasked with addressing this with the CLA Executive at the CLA Annual General Meeting in November 2011.
- Rochelle thanked everyone for attending the AGM and advised them that the year in review video would be available in the hotel lobby Sunday morning. There will also be coffee, juice and pastries available in the lobby on Sunday morning.

10. Adjournment. *It was moved by Don Scott to adjourn the meeting.*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.