



**B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association  
2013 Special Session  
Saturday September 7, 2013  
Executive Inn - Burnaby, BC**

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**Joint Coaches and Officials Session**

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- Mike Marshall discussed Abuse of Officials for incidents for suspensions
- 15 door people suspended in 2013.
- Track coaching penalties 2 minutes and 5 minute majors
- Dennis Quigley reported that abuse is down in Senior Box
- Rey Comeault reported no problems in field.
- Mike Marshall will propose that all bench personnel must be certified.
- Tyson Leies suggests that we fine associations for not sending a representative to the BCLCA Special Session.
- More association head referees to be more hand-on, on the floor.
- Juan de Fuca developed a mentorship program for coaches within their own club to help mentor younger and less-experienced coaches.
- Sean Lehman suggested paying more experienced referees to work with younger officials.
- Naomi Walser suggested charging \$10.00 to cover for mentors for umpires for Women's Field.
- Doug Wright spent time going over game reports, and 2013 had fewer cases of officials abuse but there is still too many incidents.
- 1/3 of abusive coaches were attending to injured players.
- Many of the incidents were not reported due to tension between younger officials and coaches.
- Solution to improve officials is stop abusing officials from the bench and the fans.
- Not enough official evaluators
- Ranking officials by coaches after every game

**2013 Special Session Meeting**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Marshall, Rey Comeault, Dan Wray, Rob Arden, Tyson Leies, Dennis Quigley, Derek Milani, Bryan Baxter, Rich Catton, James Lego, Rusty Wills, Rick Higgins, Trevor Smith, Darren Grant, Angie Schwan, Jeff Vowles, Doug Clark, Naomi Walser, Darcy Rhodes (BCLA Staff).

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Mike Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.
2. **2012 BCLCA Special Session Minutes.** It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Rob Arden that the Minutes from the 2012 BCLCA Special Session held September 8, 2013 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.
3. **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)-Rob Arden-report as circulated
  - d) BCLCA Vice-Chair Men's Field-Tyson Leies-report as circulated
  - e) BCLCA Vice Chair Women's Field Naomi Walser-report as circulated
  - f) BCLA Technical Director Darcy Rhodes-report as circulated

#### 4. General Discussion

- Rich Catton to chair committee regarding certification
- BC Summer Games - Nanaimo
- *It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Doug Clark that minor box and youth field associations who fail to send a representative to the BCLCA Special Session are subject to a \$25.00 fine. CARRIED.*

#### 5. 2013 Proposed Changes to the BCLCA Operating Policy

**It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Tyson Leies that REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.09 be amended to read:**

- 5.09 Results of all investigations and subsequent actions will be reported to home clubs and associations, commissioners, and/or the governing Directorate, for appropriate action. *In cases where coaches are suspended for six(6) games or more, the coach's name and reason for suspension shall be published on an annual basis and made available to all members of the BCLCA in a report for the BCLCA Special Session.*

**CARRIED.**

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**It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Tyson Leies that REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.03 be amended to read:**

- 7.03 All bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in any BCLA sanctioned games:
- a) Coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCA. (May 1<sup>st</sup>).
  - b) All bench door people *in the Novice Division and below* must comply with a minimum BCLA standard of certification as a doorman or as a trained coach. *In competitive divisions (Midget, Bantam, PeeWee), all bench personnel should, at a minimum, have Community Development coach certification. Head and Assistant coaches of teams are still required to have the appropriate level as per the CLA standard certification requirements.*  
Minimum standard of certification will be achieved by completing and passing the online doorman course.
    - i) All successful door people will be issued a certification card and number for a period of one year.
    - ii) Minimum standard of certification must be met before participating on the bench.
    - iii) All persons operating as door people must be registered on the form 100B, including a payment of a registration fee of \$ 5.00.
    - iv) In the event that the registered doorman is unavailable, the team may substitute by adding another certified doorman. This change must be noted on the game sheet by adding the doorman's name and certification number in the Notes section of the form.
    - v) *A door person certification is only valid for a maximum of two (2) seasons. After the second season of being registered as a door person, the individual must take the appropriate coaching certification.*

- c) Trainers must be certified a minimum of first responders (firemen, ambulance, armed forces personnel, medical profession) or, have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent including the "Trainers Aide Training"), suitably registered on the form 100B, including certification number. A payment of \$5.00 to the BCLA must accompany the form 100B. *Trainer Certification numbers must be noted on all applicable game sheets unless a trainer is provided for an entire event by the BC Lacrosse Association (i.e., Minor Provincial Championships) or has been trained as a first-responder (i.e., doctor, firefighter, nurse, etc.).*

**It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Rob Arden that the motion be further amended by deleting the last portion of REGULATION 7.03 (b) that would read:**

- 7.03 b) All bench door people *in the Novice Division and below* must comply with a minimum BCLA standard of certification as a doorman or as a trained coach.

**Motion to Amend - CARRIED.**

**Original Motion with Amendment - CARRIED.**

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**6. Election of Officers - BC Lacrosse Coaches Association 2012 Executive:**

Chair - Mike Marshall

Vice Chair - Senior Box - Dennis Quigley

Vice Chair - Minor Box - Rob Arden

Vice Chair - Field - Tyson Leies

Vice Chair - Women's Field - Naomi Walser

Secretary - Dan Wray

Motion to destroy ballots.

Moved by Derek Milani, seconded by Dennis Quigley.

**7. New Business.** None.

**8. Adjournment.** Doug Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.