



**B.C. LACROSSE FIELD DIRECTORATE
2013 SPECIAL SESSIONS
Saturday, April 20, 2013
Executive Plaza Hotel, 405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC**

In Attendance: Dirk Rachfall, Barb Calve, Greg Toll, Ron McQuarrie, Tyson Leies, Naomi Walser, Wes Landels, Toni Lowe, Lee Brien, Andrea Jones, Reynold Comeault, Ceayon Johnston, Karen Peterson, Doug Simons, Kim Liddle, Tammy Knowles, Charlene Jordan-Jones, Missie Edwards, Dan Chetner, Rick Higgs, Beth McLucas, Randy Radonich, Scott Taylor, Brent Kaminski, Trevor Webber, Angie Schwan, Darcy Phillips, Jason Kump, Trish Keizer, Tammy McDougall, Natalie Cashmore, Darren Flintoff, Chris Sheridan, Jason Boshard, Tim Hawke, Michael O'Connor, Rob Pearsall, Jane Dixon, Shane Mellish, Marnie Evans, Rochelle Winterton (BCLA Executive Director)

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM, with Chair Dirk Rachfall presiding.
2. **Attendance\Accreditation and Introduction.** Dirk welcomed the group. There was a total of 35 out of a possible 66 voting delegates in attendance.
3. **Approval of April 21, 2012 Field Directorate Special Session Minutes.** *It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Beth McLucas that the minutes from the 2012 Field Directorate Special Session be accepted as presented. CARRIED.*
4. **Business Arising from Minutes.** There was no business arising.
5. **Reports**
 - a) Chair- (Dirk Rachfall)
 - b) Vice Chair- Youth Field- (Wes Landels)
 - c) Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League Chair (Beth McLucas)
 - d) Vancouver Island Youth Field Lacrosse League Chair (Rick Higgs)
 - e) Okanagan Youth Field Lacrosse Chair (Clint Alexander)
 - f) Prince George Field Lacrosse (Bill Barwise)
 - g) Vice Chair- Men's Field- (Toni Lowe)
 - h) Vice Chair- Women's Field- (Ceayon Johnston)
 - i) BCLA Field Registrar- (Karen Peterson)
 - j) BCLCA Vice Chair- Men's Field- (Tyson Leies)
 - k) BCLCA Vice Chair- Women's Field- (Naomi Walser)
 - l) Team BC- Field Lacrosse Program- (Rey Comeault)
 - m) BCLOA Vice Chair – Men's Field- (Lee Brien)
 - n) BCLOA Vice Chair- Women's Field- (Andrea Jones)

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Angie Schwan that the reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

6. **Operating Policy Proposed Amendments.**

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Trevor Webber that REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.01 be amended to read:

12.01 The championships *of* the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Junior U19, Midget, Bantam, and PeeWee series, *in Tier 1 and Tier 2, if* deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Beth McLucas that the 1st paragraph in REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09, Eligibility be amended to read:

12.09 **Eligibility**

To be eligible to play in a provincial championship tournament, a team must have played a minimum of eight league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. *Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate. PLEASE NOTE: In the case of development areas in BC (i.e., Zones 1,7,8), the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in underdeveloped field lacrosse areas in the province.* **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Brian Kaminsky that a new paragraph be added between the 3rd and 4th paragraphs to REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09, Eligibility that would read:

No player that plays on the provincial team is eligible to play in Tier 2 Provincials.

DEFEATED.

It was moved by Randy Radonich, seconded by Brad Hara to amend REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 13.04 to read:

13.04 No more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games (2 x **25 minute** halves) per day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play.

CARRIED

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Rick Higgs to add a paragraph to the end of REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 13.05 that would read:

If teams are still tied and cannot be separated by goals scored, the following will be used, in order, until one method results in a winner being identified:

- 1. Least penalty minutes between tied teams.*
- 2. Man up goals.*
- 3. Names drawn.*

CARRIED.

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN:

Amend REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 13.04 that would read:

13.04 No more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games (2 x **25 minute** halves) per day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play.

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN:

Remove REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 13.08 to read:

13.08 In the age groups of **U12** and below, no player shall play more than one-half of the game at the positions of Attack or Big Stick.

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Beth McLucas to amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES, 15.01 that would read:

15.01 All players must sign and play with the associations which administers lacrosse *within the boundaries* in which that player permanently resides.

Upon request, a parent or legal guardian may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below, if requested by the association registrar or the league. All bills must be current. Accepted documentation is:

- 1. Property tax bill where the primary residency grant has been claimed*
- 2. Hydro Bill*
- 3. Gas Bill*
- 4. Cable or Satellite Bill*

If none of the above documents can be provided because the parent/guardian rents and does not pay own utilities, then the following shall apply.

- 1. A letter from the Landlord verifying rental agreement AND*
- 2. Driver's License or other Government issued ID with current address*

CARRIED.

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Rick Higgs to amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES, 15.06 by adding a 2nd paragraph that would read:

15.06 A player who is signed with an association and moves to another area during the playing season must receive permission from the Division Commissioner of his/her new area before he/she is eligible to play with a team in the new area.

If, after the declaration date, the team in which said player will be playing for will be allowed to resubmit their team declaration.

CARRIED.

It was moved by Brad Hara, seconded by Beth McLucas to amend REGULATION 18: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 18.04 that would read:

18.04 Each Association is responsible to enter and maintain the Association's players on the BCLA on-line player database. *Effective for the 2014-2015 Field Lacrosse season, Associations with less than 40 players are encouraged to use the BCLA on-line registration system, and those with 41 or more players are required to use the BCLA on-line registration system (whereby parents register on-line with their local Field Lacrosse Association).*

CARRIED.

THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN:

Amend APPENDIX A: BCLA Field Directorate Position and Zone Defence Rules that would read:

APPENDIX A: BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES

RE: Field Directorate Operating Policy Playing Rules Section 13.08

1. All Field Association **Presidents and/or** Coach Coordinators will be advised that they are responsible for the actions of their coaches. They are also to advise **all coaches** in their association that the violation of section 13.08 is **prohibited** in BC Youth Field Lacrosse, as per current operating policy and such action can result in suspension.
 2. If any Zone/Association Coaching Coordinator, League Commissioner, BCLCA Executive Member, or Field Directorate Executive **or referee**, clearly determines a coach is in violation of section 13.08 they are to advise by phone or electronic means **or by game report**, the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCA. The VP Youth Field Lacrosse will formally advise the Association **Presidents and/or** Coaching Coordinator/Head Coach of the incident and it will be their responsibility to ensure that the Coach has been warned and the first infraction has been recorded.
 3. If the Coach is again found to be in violation of 13.08 or 13.09 by the above named persons in Paragraph 2, they will advise the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCA. If this is the second **documented** infraction the VP Youth Field Lacrosse will advise the League Commissioner to assess an immediate TWO-GAME Suspension, which is not appealable.
 4. If found a third time, the Coach will receive an automatic FIVE-GAME Suspension from the commissioner and must attend a hearing called by the Coaches Association. This hearing may determine the future status of that Coach within the BCLCA.
 5. If, in any Provincial Championship or **BCLA sanctioned game**, a coach is found to be in violation of section 13.08, they will be warned either verbally or in writing by the tournament chairman, or representative, that if they continue employing these tactics the game will be stopped and the coach shall be ejected and suspended for the balance of the tournament, and the remainder of the year, this is not **appealable**. A hearing will then be conducted by the Coaches Association prior to the year following, to determine the future status of said Coach as per BCLCA guidelines.
 6. It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate Vice Chair - Youth Field to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept both by the BCLCA and the BCLA Technical Director.
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8. **Election of Officers.** Elections were conducted by Greg Toll, BCLA Vice President.
 - a) Chair (for one year-to finish 2nd Year of the 2-Year Term)
Dirk Rachfall nominated by Brad Hara- Motion to accept nomination by Randy Radonich and seconded by Trevor Webber. There were no further nominations.
Dirk Rachfall –Chair by Acclamation- Secretary cast one ballot.
 - b) Vice Chair- Youth Field (2-Year Term) Wes Landels nominated by Beth McLucas-Motion to accept nomination by Randy Radonich and seconded by Trevor Webber. There were no further nominations. **Wes Landels- Vice Chair – Youth Field** by Acclamation- Secretary cast one ballot.
 - c) Vice Chair- Men’s Field (2-Year Term) Toni Lowe nominated by Dirk Rachfall
Motion to accept nomination by Randy Radonich and seconded by Trevor Webber- no further nominations. **Toni Lowe- Vice Chair – Men’s Field** by Acclamation- Secretary cast one ballot.

It was moved by Randy Radonich, seconded by Beth McLucas that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED.

9. **Review of Provincial Championships.** It was noted at this year’s Provincial that the ambulance was required at the one venue three times, and this is not a normal circumstance. Concerns are also for what training is required or tickets etc for the Trainer that is with a team. Teams have been using the Trainer card during Provincials for a coach that has yet to be certified and would not be qualified to be on the sideline with the team, and this is not satisfactory if a player is injured. Canadian Lacrosse Association does have something in force as far as what is required for certification and the Field Directorate will be looking into this further. Discussion was had with games during Provincials having

lopsided scores. This can be very disheartening for the newer of less experience such as Northern teams that haven't had the playing time as the PCFLL and Island teams, thus the opportunity to come and participate in the Provincials is exciting and costly for the Northern teams, and hoped to be good. We are for the development of all players and is why they are being included as teams to be eligible for the Provincials. We do not want to dishearten these teams/or players and possibly lose what could be future talented lacrosse players. At the Provincial coaches meeting and or at coaches certification, is where it should be reminded and informed to coaches and team staff where the racking up of goals plays into the goals for formula and when this may come into effect for such teams to make playoffs, so that they don't crush teams when it is not necessary and could be a detriment to having future teams and or players.

9. **Nationals.** Rey Comeault – Report attached. U16's received GOLD, second year in a row, and we were very pleased. We have the same coaching staff in place for this upcoming year. Team Canada U19's received BRONZE, and the coaching staff for this upcoming National Team will be a new group of talented coaches. The 2013 U19/U16 Nationals are in Montreal at the McGill University Campus. They have not hosted a Field National tournament in a few years.

10. **New Business.**

Ron McQuarrie, BCLA Vice President. There is ongoing talk by CLA and the International level with starting a U14 division for the Nationals. BC is looking into development of this level in the very near future so that we will have a level of players ready to go when it is brought forth. Clubs are growing and teams are travelling. We have been looking into and discussing putting together a field development team program for areas in BC that may need assistance such as the Northern teams. We are looking at the how, where and measure of assistance that may be required. Our players are being convinced to participate in NON- CLA-BCLA sanctioned events. These are money profit lacrosse programs that have been recognized even by U.S. Lacrosse as a money grab. 2014 Summer Games are being hosted by the City of Nanaimo July 17-20 (not the dates that are listed in the directory). Deb Stocks will be the Provincial Advisor for this event.

Randy Radonich. Coquitlam is doing a Women's (Girls) Field Lacrosse development camp the weekend of August 15th, and it will be nominal fee as possible. It will be hosted at Town Centre Cuning Field for the age divisions of U15/19's. There is a Women's Field expert coming from the Northwest who was fabulous when she did this last year so watch and listen for further information to come

11. **Motion to Adjourn. It was moved by Randy Radonich that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.**