

**2014 BCLA Coaches Special Session Minutes**  
**Saturday, September 13, 2014**  
**Executive Inn, Burnaby, BC**

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**In Attendance:** Mike Marshall, Dennis Quigley, Greg Toll, Darren Grant, Trevor Smith, Mario Bianchen, Marcus Brejat, Pam Service, Ryan Paddon, Bryan Baxter, Marcello Gonzales, Rusty Wills, Roger Levens, Tommy McDougall, Angie Schwan, Darcy Rhodes, Rey Comeault,, Darren Flintoff, Doug Clark, Tyson Leies, Sean Walmsley, Naomi Walser Dan Wray, Jodi Fulton, Jeff Vowles, Stu Watson, Dave Showers (BCLA staff)

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- 1) **Call to Order.** Chair Mike Marshall Called the meeting to order at 10:49 AM.
- 2) **2013 BCLCA Special Session Minutes.** *It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Doug Clark that the minutes from the 2013 BCLCA Special Session held September 7, 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) BCLCA Team B.C. Box Technical Co-ordinator Darcy Rhodes – report as circulated
  - g) BCLCA Team B.C. Field Technical Co-ordinator Rey Comeault –report as circulated
  - h) MLF Coaching Facilitator Terry Mosdell –report as circulated
  - i) Technical Director Dave Showers –report as circulated
  - j) BCLA Regional Coach Vancouver Island/Aboriginal Development Co-ordinator: Bryan Baxter –report as circulated
  - k) BCLA Regional Coach Interior/Northern B.C. Co-ordinator –report as circulated
  - l) BCLA PacificSport Development Coach Interior Doug Clark –report as circulated

*It was moved by Tyson Leies, second by Tammy McDougall to accept the reports as circulated. CARRIED*

- 4) **General Discussion:**
  - Up grade Coaches knowledge of the game by local Associations
  - Lots of resources for Coaches with the CLA
  - Many unruly Coaches in Minor Box
  - Box and Field are totally different culture
  - A liaison is needed between Coaches and Officials
  - Coaches not reading or dodging CLA qualifications
  - BCLCA is having a look at 300 Coaches qualifications
  - Suspend Coaches if not properly certified. Need to be re-qualified
  - To long of a time to complete workbooks
  - Coach.ca to check certification of Coaches. Must have NCCP number of Coach
  - Kamloops Minor has a conflict resolution committee for Coaches. Works well
  - Codes of Conduct should be signed. Bad Coaches are registered with Dave Showers
  - Angie Schwan discussed the Minor Provincial Championships and that certification can be checked with Dave Shower
  - Greg Toll discussed BC Summer Games
  - No problems with Coaches
  - Teams were stretched for Coaches. Short on Coaching staff’s
  - Teams did not have a full compliment of Coaches
  - Worked on mentoring Apprentice Coaches using CLA mentoring program
  - Teams with females on Summer Games teams may have to have a female Coach on the team in the future
  - Weather is having an impact on Field Provincial Championships

## 5) 2014 Proposed Changes to the BCLCA Operating Policy

It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Doug Clark to add a new REGULATION 1: MEMBERSHIP, 1.05 that would read:

*1.05 All minor associations (box and field) will be represented by a Coaching Co-ordinator or delegate who shall attend each scheduled minor coaches meetings. Failure to attend such scheduled meeting will result in a fine. For zones outside of the Lower Mainland (exceeding 6 hours driving time), they may be represented at the scheduled coaches meetings by the BCLCA minor zone or field league representative.*

*Fine Guidelines as follows:*

<i>1st meeting missed</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>2nd meeting missed</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>
<i>3rd meeting missed</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Additional Meetings missed</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Special Session missed</i>	<i>\$100.00 fine</i>

*NOTE: This is per BCLA fiscal year. Any fines not paid could result in an association being declared "not in good standing."*

### **CARRIED**

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It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Tyson Leies to amend REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.01 and 7.02 that would read:

- 7.01 *In all divisions in at the Minor Box level, no one but players in uniform and suitably registered and trained/certified bench personnel shall be permitted to occupy the player's bench. A maximum of four (4) non-playing personnel are allowed on the bench. **Certified trainers or other qualified personnel shall only be allowed on the bench to attend to player injuries.***
- 7.02 The names of all *non-playing* bench personnel must appear clearly on the official game sheet (including trainers). The game sheet will be duly signed by the manager, or head coach, certifying that the noted bench personnel are qualified to occupy the bench. No persons shall occupy the bench unless their name appears on the score sheet.

It shall be considered an offence to falsely certify a game sheet

It was moved by Dan Wray, seconded by Ryan Paddon that REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.01 be further amended to read:

- 7.01 *In all divisions in at the Minor Box level, no one but players in uniform and suitably registered and trained/certified bench personnel shall be permitted to occupy the player's bench. A maximum of four (4) non-playing personnel are allowed on the bench. **Certified trainers or other qualified personnel shall only be allowed on the bench to attend to player injuries. Where facilities do not permit access to the bench without entry to the playing surface, a certified trainer will be allowed on the bench.***

### **AMENDMENT CARRIED**

### **ORIGINAL MOTION WITH AMENDMENT CARRIED.**

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It was moved by Dan Wray, seconded by Tyson Leies to amend REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.03 that would read:

- 7.03 (a) All bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in any BCLA sanctioned games *in the Novice division and below*:
- 1) All Coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B *and/or Form 100M* in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCA (*May 1 - Box; October 1 - Field*).

- 2) All bench door people in the Novice division and below must comply with a minimum BCLA standard of **qualification** as a doorman or as a trained coach. In competitive divisions (Midget, Bantam, PeeWee), all bench personnel should, at 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.
  - i) Minimum standard of certification will be achieved by completing and passing the online doorman course.
  - ii) ***A current list of approved Door Personnel will be maintained at the BCLA Office.***
  - iii) Minimum standard of **qualification as a Head or Assistant Coach** must be met before participating on the bench, ***or the coach must begin the process for the qualification during the season they begin coaching in their current division. This qualification cannot be achieved by the CLA "challenge" process.***
  - iv) All persons operating as door **persons** must be registered on the form 100B, including a payment of a registration fee of \$ 5.00.
  - v) In the event that the registered door**person** is unavailable, the team may substitute by adding another certified door**person or coach**. This change must be noted on the game sheet by adding the door**person's or coach's** name in the Notes section of the **game sheet**.
  - vi) A door person **qualification can only be used** for a maximum of two (2) **consecutive** seasons. After the second season of being registered as a door person, the individual **must** take the appropriate coaching **requirements to continue on the bench**. **Note: This qualification cannot be achieved by the CLA "challenge" process.**
  - vii) ***A Door Person charged with an "abuse of official" penalty will be barred from all further bench/practice/dressing room activities until an appropriate Community Development "In Training" qualification has been achieved and workbook has been completed at the conclusion of the same season. NOTE: This qualification cannot be achieved by the CLA "challenge" process.***
- (b) ***All bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in any BCLA sanction games in PeeWee and above (Box) and U12 and above (Field):***
  - 1) ***All Coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B and/or Form 100M in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCA (May 1 - Box; October 1 - Field).***
  - 2) ***All bench door people in Box must now comply with a minimum BCLA standard of certification as a qualified coach and, at minimum, have Community Development coach qualification. Head Coaches of teams are still required to have the appropriate level as per the CLA standard certification requirements.***
    - i) ***Minimum standard of qualification must be met before participating on the bench, or the coach must begin the process for qualification during the season they begin coaching in their current division, in the Box Divisions PeeWee and higher, and in the Field Divisions U12 and higher. This cannot be achieved by through the CLA "challenge" process.***
- 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 games 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.).

**CARRIED.**

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**It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Greg Toll that REGULATION 8; PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS be amended to read:**

**Amend REGULATION 8: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS by removing (c) that would read:**

- 8.01 The BCLCA is responsible to forward the name of a BCLCA member to the Minor Directorate Provincial Championship Director. The person selected shall be responsible for the following:
- a) Shall attend the Provincial Coaches Meeting(s).
  - b) Recommend any suspension to the convener deemed necessary as a result of actions by a coach which is contrary to the acceptable Code of Conduct and Ethics.
  - c) Forward recommendations to the BCLCA in regard to any technical abilities lacking from the age group of players.
  - d) Assist the convener as required.

**CARRIED.**

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**It was moved by Dan Wray, seconded by Stu Watson to amend REGULATION 11: COACHES CERTIFICATION, 11.02 (b) iii that would read:**

- 11.02 (b) iii) Forms must be reviewed to ensure all coaches have met the minimum standards as outlined on the Form 100B five working days following the deadline of May 15. The BCLA Office and the *Commissioner/Chair of each League* will conduct this verification.

**It was moved by Dennis Quigley, seconded by Sean Walmsley to further amend this regulation to read:**

- 11.02 (b) iii) Forms must be reviewed to ensure all coaches have met the minimum standards as outlined on the Form 100B five working days following the deadline of May 15. The BCLA Office and the *Commissioner or Chair of each League* will conduct this verification.

**AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED.**

**ORIGINAL MOTION WITH AMENDMENTS WAS CARRIED.**

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**It was moved by Dan Wray, seconded by Stu Watson to amend REGULATION 11: COACHES CERTIFICATION, 11.02 (b) iii that would read:**

- 11.02 (b) iii) Forms must be reviewed to ensure all coaches have met the minimum standards as outlined on the Form 100B five working days following the deadline of May 15. The BCLA Office and the *Commissioner/Chair of each League* will conduct this verification.

**CARRIED.**

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**It was moved by Mike Marshall, seconded by Stu Watson to amend REGULATION 11: COACHES CERTIFICATION, 11.04 that would read:**

- 11.04 (a) Head coaches of teams registered with the Minor Directorate are responsible for all bench personnel. This includes conduct and their respective minimum standard of training or certification if applicable.
- (b) All coach personnel must meet the requirements as indicated in 11.01 (a).

- (c) Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate, or a valid first responder or higher certificate, or have successfully completed the Trainer's Aide program.
- (d) All bench personnel must appear on the Form 100B.
- (e) Maximum number on the bench at any one time is four (4) *excluding the trainer, who shall only be allowed on the bench to attend to player injuries.*

**It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Doug Clark to further amend the regulation that would read:**

- 11.04 (a) Head coaches of teams registered with the Minor Directorate are responsible for all bench personnel. This includes conduct and their respective minimum standard of training or certification if applicable.
- (b) All coach personnel must meet the requirements as indicated in 11.01 (a).
  - (c) Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate, or a valid first responder or higher certificate, or have successfully completed the Trainer's Aide program.
  - (d) All bench personnel must appear on the Form 100B.
  - (e) Maximum number on the bench at any one time is four (4) *excluding the trainer, who shall only be allowed on the bench to attend to player injuries as per 7.01.*

**THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED.**

**THE ORIGINAL MOTION WITH AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED.**

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**6) Election of Officers – BC Lacrosse Coaches association 2014 Executive:**

Chair - Mike Marshall  
 Vice Chair – Senior – Dennis Quigley  
 Vice Chair – Minor – Rob Arden  
 Vice Chair – Field – Tyson Leies  
 Vice Chair – Women's Field – Dan Stroup  
 Secretary – Dan Wray

*It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Dennis Quigley that the Secretary destroy the ballots. CARRIED.*

**7) New Business:**

*It was moved by Doug Clark, seconded by Darren Flintoff that when an Association registers a coach for a certification clinic, and the said coach does not attend the coaching clinic, the BCLA has the right to recover the cost of the access code from the coach's Association. CARRIED.*

*It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Naomi Walser that the BCLCA will present coaching awards to a coach from each member League annually for Men's and Women's Field Lacrosse. CARRIED.*

**8) Adjournment: It was moved by Doug Clark to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Coaches/Officials Special Session Joint Session**  
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Call to order at 9:34 AM by Mike Marshall, Chair BCLCA, opening up coaches and officials dialogue.

1. Mike reported that in minor box last season, there were 76 reports of game ejections, 26 were door persons. In senior there were 19, 1 was a door person. It was reported that not one coach was ejected from a field lacrosse game. Much positive discussion arose regarding the differing cultures and physical make-up between the two disciplines.
2. As a consequence of game ejections of door persons, the BCLCA will table a motion at their Special Session that the position of door person, from Pee Wee to Midget, will be eliminated and only qualified coaches will be allowed on the bench. Novice and below, may still retain door persons, but after 2 years, door persons will be required to become trained as coaches.
3. A joint committee between coaches and officials was struck to look into correcting problems between coaches and officials. Members of the committee are: Joe Smith, Poco, officials, Dan Wray, secretary, BCLCA, Jeff Vowles, Coquitlam, coaches and Jody Weatherby, officials.
4. Coaches are asking for a call, or a call not being called, while attending to an injured player on the floor. The coaches appear to be more worried about the call, or lack thereof, than the actual injury to the player.
5. Senior leagues have a reasonably good relationship between coaches and officials as they have become more familiar with each other, over the years.
6. More than the usual number coaches complaints against officials this past season. There is an on-line coach's report form for coaches to report an official. Doug Wright explained how officials are graded at referee's clinics. Doug also advised that it takes 5 years, to develop an official.
7. It was suggested that regular coach meetings be held at the club level in order to bring coaches familiarity with rule changes, equipment etc. Very few clubs (it was noted) do this now.
8. It is very rare that qualified people are actually in the position as association head coaches and head officials. It was explained that it is difficult to find volunteers for these positions, as they were usually already coaching or officiating and did not have the time.
9. It was reported that Joe Wong and Dennis Quigley (senior coach/officials), are in constant communication with any problems in senior lacrosse. It was also reported that Rob Arden and Kyle Shanks (minor coach/officials) are also communicate at length, with each other.
10. All agreed that box lacrosse rules have too many grey areas and that minor associations especially, must take greater responsibility to further educate their coaches and officials by holding supplementary clinics, or encouraging further professional development.

Joint coaches/officials meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.