



**B.C. LACROSSE OFFICIALS TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP
2016 SPECIAL SESSION
September 10, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE: Lee Brien – Chair, Chris Comeault, Rob Cook, Andrew Corbould, David Goulet, Terry Kirstiuk, Lorraine Kirstiuk, Paul Kuhn, Sean Lehman, Brian Lister, Dallas Lister, Wilson Louie, Ed Moffat, Ryan Nose, Matt Grzebinski, Gord Patrick, Andy Reynolds, Kyle Shanks, Joe Smith, Garrett Ungaro, Mike Van de Leur, Dave Van de Leur, Jody Weatherby, Aaron Wildgrove, Braden Wilkins, Joe Wong, Doug Wright, Craig Baldrige, Zack Jones, Cam Comeau

10:45am start

1. Introduction – Lee Brien

2. Minutes of the September 12/2015 BCLOG Special Session

- a) M/S Wong/Wilkins Carried

3. Approval of agenda with motion by Joe Wong to reorder 5 A and 5B

- a) M/S Comeau/Shanks Carried

4. Reports

- a. **Chair** (Lee Brien) – points as raised in report
- b. **Directorate at Large** (Doug Wright) – as written
- c. **Vice Chair - Senior Box** (Joe Wong)
 - i. Acknowledged Minto Cup referees Craig Baldrige and Nick Thomas, and RIC Andrew Corbould
 - ii. Acknowledged Terry Mosdell at Mann Cup
- d. **Mainland Allocator Report** (Lorraine Kirstiuk) – appreciated the referees who stepped up this year to help fill in
- e. **Vancouver Island** (Wilson Louie) – as written
- f. **Senior C Provincials** (Joe Wong/Gord Patrick)
 - i. some concerns about game fees being reduced for the tournament
- g. **Junior B Provincials** (Ed Moffat)
- h. **Intermediate Provincials** – Cam Comeau verbal report
 - i. Used some new officials in the senior ranks
 - ii. Pressure was handled in a high quality manner
 - 1. Anderson, Jones, Newlove, Parker recognized for efforts
 - iii. Constructive criticism in evaluations was well received
 - iv. All did well in the allocations
 - v. Teams had no complaints about officials – a few problems in the stands
 - vi. Great tournament at the LEC – traveling teams appreciated playing in that venue.
 - vii. Jody Weatherby did a great job videoing
- i. **Vice Chair – Minor Box** (Kyle Shanks)
 - i. Registration numbers
 - 1. 14% drop from 2015 to 2016 for levels 1-2-3
 - 2. Need to try to retain officials
 - 3. Hard to fill games in middle to end of season
 - ii. Tournaments (outside of lower mainland)

1. Need more officials (especially in zone 2)
- iii. Nationals
 1. Sending officials is difficult as they don't get per diem or game fee
 2. Is it possible to set a stipend to pay the officials
 - a. Alberta pays their officials
 - b. Proposals to do this in the past
 - c. Andrew Corbould (CLA RIC) stated that this is a problem at all minor nationals as to getting sufficient numbers and quality of official to attend
 - i. Also noted that referees who work won't give up job to ref when there is no compensation
 - ii. The home MA provides the flight and host provides accommodation and food
 3. What about officials getting sent to do midget who then get put in Pee Wee?
 4. We need to identify that the official is going to do a certain level
 5. Consistency in which levels the officials are being sent to and what they are being allocated
- j. **LMMLC (Jody Weatherby)**
 - i. Concern about the allocations
 - ii. Perhaps Zone coordinators do the allocations for the playoffs
 1. Island does this (Wilson Louie)
 2. Use neutral as much as possible
 3. Notice sent to Head refs to supply names for each level of playoffs
 - iii. Timelines for naming of officials for provincials/nationals
 1. Always short for provincials
 - iv. Note that game report process is not followed through to the end of the season
 1. Please ensure they are done online
 2. Don't use a photo copy of notes document from referee handbook
 3. Must be done online to ensure all data is tracked and appropriate
 - v. All provincial RIC's must have a laptop available to file game report
- k. **Zone 3 BCLOG Rep (Katrina McCurrach)**
 - i. Reconsider Tyke penalties as the process of calling them is being detrimental to amount of playing time in the game
- l. **Zone 4 BCLOG Rep (Braden Wilkins)** – as written
- m. **Zone 5 BCLOG Rep (Mike van de Leur)** – as written
- n. **Zone 6 BCLOG Rep (Wilson Louie)**
 - i. Abuse of official by coaches impacting on retention (Tyke tournament)
 - ii. Applaud Nanaimo Minor Lacrosse Bantam situation –
 - Assistant coach on floor for injured player and abused referee
 - Executive went to subsequent practice and pulled coach
 - banned from further games
 - head coach – took responsibility for his actions
 - parent was banned from attending games/practices on Vancouver Island
- o. **Zone 8 BCLOG Rep (Terry Foulds)** – as written
- p. **Female Provincial Report (Rob Cook)** – as written
- q. **PeeWee Provincial Report (Jody Weatherby)** – as written
- r. **Bantam Provincial Report (Sean Lehman/Ashley da Silva/Dave van de Leur)** –
 - i. 3 associations had coaches receive discipline
- s. **Midget Provincial Report (Kyle Shanks)** – as written
- t. **Summer Games – Doug Wright** – report not included but will be circulated in minutes

- i. One coach disciplined for abuse – suspended
 - ii. Difficulty in getting officials – led to RIC assistant being put into games
 - iii. Need to get more officials out for this tournament
- u. **Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Ryan Nose)**
 - o Harder to get officials to do games
 - o Same number of officials and they are reffing more – makes end of season very difficult
 - o 2 players and 1 coach suspended for abuse of official
 - o Summer games field also struggled to get officials
 - Referees were involved in box playoffs and not as available
- v. **PCFLL RIC Report (Jody Weatherby)**
 - i. 50% of clubs have no active Head Referee/Allocators
 - ii. Only 4 clubs are self sufficient
 - iii. 8 games on a Saturday night – but just not enough referees to cover all the games
 - iv. Jody to develop a proposal to have Zone allocator for field (U-13 and above)
- w. **VIFLL RIC Report (Rob Cook) – verbal report**
 - i. Number of officials is not enough
 - ii. Lots of travel Victoria to Campbell River – long days
- x. **Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Vacant) election for 1 year term**
 - i. Ryan Nose goes to field directorate
 - ii. Would like position filled
 - iii. Pool of officials is young and inexperienced
 - 1. 20 years old
 - iv. Feeling overwhelmed
 - v. Email from Brad Hara/Cheryl McNeil – name suggested
 - 1. Need to check to see if a possible volunteer will work out
- y. **BCLA Technical Director (Dave Showers)**
 - i. Question about number of Level 3-5 officials
 - 1. 46 listed but we know a minimum of 100
 - a. Dave indicated that the number is based on number of exam cover sheets that are returned to the office
 - b. He will seek clarification of the number form Deb Heard
 - ii. Executive requested that Dave provide a historical chart that allows us to review numbers from year to year

M/S/C – to receive reports Comeau/Baldrige **Carried**

4. Operating Policy Proposed Changes

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Director at Large

Add New REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION, 3.07 that would read:

3.07 *BCLOG Referee in Chief or Umpire in Chief for local tournaments. The RIC/UIC must be appointed by the local host association at least 45 days prior to the dates of the tournament. RIC/UICs must have the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to effectively supervise, organize and assess officials for the age groups in the tournament. The RIC or UIC does not work as a game official in the tournament. Notwithstanding the above, should a situation arise which requires the RIC to participate as a game official, it can be approved by the BCLOG Vice Chair for that Sector.*

Responsibilities include the following:

- 1. Coordinate planning with the host;*
- 2. Ensure that enough officials are available to conduct the tournament safely and that BCLOG daily game limits will not be exceeded;*
- 3. Attend pre-competition meetings and respond to all questions and issues pertaining to officiating;*
- 4. Handle all communications between the participants and the officials;*
- 5. Ensure that a system is in place for officials to receive payment;*
- 6. Provide input to inquiries or discipline procedures as the representative of the officials under supervision;*
- 7. Supervise the officials in the tournament, and recruit assistant supervisors as necessary;*
- 8. Follow BCLOG Guidelines for Game Allocations (see section 5.11 and referenced side document);*
- 9. Complete an event report and submit it to the host association within 30 days of the end of competition.*

Rationale: In the past several seasons we have seen a number of local minor tournaments that have made no provision in their planning for referees or to have someone in place to manage officials for their tournament. In some cases these tournaments have almost no referees in place on the eve of their tournament and are left scrambling to find referees before it is too late. Additionally, the role of the RIC is undefined and in some cases the system in place for managing game allocations is highly problematic. This change, along with the suggestion for 5.11 and its accompanying side document should clear up any confusion.

Motion – Wright

Second - Baldrige

Carried

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Director at Large

Add New REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES, 5.11 that would read:

5.11 *Minor/Field Referee Allocation Guidelines. The BCLOG Vice Chair Minor/Field, with the assistance of the BCLOG Minor/Field Operating Committee, shall set down in writing a policy guide that will outline the rules, regulations and recommendations that are to govern referee allocation in all BCLA minor/youth field associations. This document will have detailed instructions for both league play and tournaments.*

These documents are to be updated annually and or as necessary by the BCLOG Vice Chair Minor/Field, with the assistance of the BCLOG Minor/Field Operating Committee (2 documents; one for minor box and one for youth field).

Rationale: There has been in the past several years some degree of confusion and or inconsistency in some associations in regards to how each individual association handles the allocation of referees within their club. A document that spells out the rules and recommendations with regard to allocation should help to clear up inconsistencies and confusion. Additionally, this proposal is to keep the specific document outside of policy so that it can be more easily administered and amended as the inevitable unforeseen issues come up.

Motion – Wright
Second - Shanks

Carried

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Director at Large

REGULATION 9: CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE, 9.05 currently reads:

9.05 Exhibiting a pattern of tardiness to game assignments. (May be handled locally in minors.)

Amend REGULATION 9: CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE, 9.05 that would read:

9.05 Exhibiting a pattern of tardiness to game assignments. (May be handled locally in minors.) *Appropriate Vice Chairs may impose a fine as they deem necessary for instances where a referee/umpire is shown to have a pattern of being late. Being on time for an assignment shall be defined as being on site a minimum of 30 minutes prior to scheduled game start time for scheduled game assignments.*

Officials may appeal all fines to the officials operating committee on a case by case basis for extenuating circumstances such as injury, sickness or family emergency as examples.

Rationale: There has been an increase of incidences where referees (primarily in Senior Box) have been showing a pattern of being frequently late for game assignments with no reasonable excuse. It is a shame that such a policy is necessary, but it is hoped that this change will assist the Vice Chairs in controlling this type of unprofessional conduct.

Motion – Wright
Second – Wong

Carried

i) Election of Officers (two-year terms)

a. Vice Chair – Senior Box

i. Joe Wong

b. Vice Chair – Minor Box

i. Wilson Louie

c. Vice Chair – Men’s Field

i. Ryan Nose

d. Vice Chair – Women’s Field (one year left in a two-year term)

i. Will appoint after executive discussion

e. Director at Large (one-year term)

i. Doug Wright

12:12pm Break for lunch

1:05pm reconvened

New Business

- 1. Tournament Referee-In-Chief document** – created by Doug Wright

- a. To support RICs in their efforts to run tournaments
- b. Zone coordinators
 - i. Do they follow up to ensure an RIC is in place?
- c. Minor Directorate ratifies tournaments in BC
 - i. Can we ask/instigate that a convener and RIC be named in order for ratification to occur
- d. Executive to review and will be emailed to those below for additional review
 - i. Sean Lehman, Dave Goulet, Joe Smith, Mike van de Leur

2. **World Field** – Dave Goulet

- a. U-19 World Championships – recognition of efforts for those from BC
 - i. Jody Weatherby – video footage
 - ii. Al Sleightholme - assessor
 - iii. Lee Brien and Ed Moffat – referees
 - iv. Dave Goulet recognized as RIC for the event
- b. 2018 in Manchester England
 - i. May be looking for 20+ officials
 - ii. Lots of opportunity

3. **Senior official travel** –

- a. How do we get referees to/from Vancouver Island/Interior/North to build greater capacity in all our officials?
 - i. Possibly increase in fees to cover at the minimum ferry/some gas costs
 - ii. Opportunity to referee games when officials are traveling on personal business/pleasure trips??
 - iii. Contact the allocator in the destination area after seeking approval of your areas senior coordinator.
- b. Email officials at start of season to find out who might be interested
- c. Leads to a greater provincial association
- d. What about using minor tournaments as well? – Midget level
 - i. Using people that come with teams to referee other divisions in tournaments
 - ii. Tournament – hotel room for 2 or 4 referees
- e. At senior clinics – remind officials that if they are traveling one way or the other to contact allocator in advance to see if games are available.
- f. Discussion about a special levy of (?? \$10-20) be assessed to all Senior Officials to build capacity by providing money to offset travel costs.
 - i. Questions to answer before moving forward on this
 - 1. How many times can you travel?
 - 2. How much if you are driving (i.e. Kelowna to Vancouver) vs taking a ferry?
 - 3. What about coming from different areas of the province?
 - a. How much to get from one area to another?
 - 4. Is there access to gaming funds via the BCLA?
 - 5. Can we ask BCLA or leagues for matching funds?

4. Common Super Clinic??
 - a. Look at having one super clinic every 2-3 years
 - i. Ontario does it every year
 1. You don't attend you don't referee.
 - b. Aspects as to why this would be advantageous
 - i. To build consistency – hear one message
 - c. Bring in guest speakers
 - i. Officials from other sports
 - ii. Focus on high level officiating
 - iii. Conflict resolution – responding to abuse
 - d. Game management
5. Evaluation clinic to start season?
 - a. Help people to start
6. **Awards – the following members were recognized:**
 - a. Wayne Patrick Memorial Award – Outstanding Head Referee
 - i. Peninsula – Niget Syrotuck
 - b. Ken Hall Memorial Award – Contributions to Officiating
 - i. Dave Van De Leur

Adjournment 1:42pm