



**BC Lacrosse Association
2016 Minor Directorate Special Session Minutes
October 14th and October 15th, 2016
Whistler Conference Centre, Whistler, BC**

Friday, October 14th, 2016

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with Chair Angie Schwan presiding. Angie Schwan then welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and introduced the various members of the Executive of the Minor Directorate in attendance. Angie then thanked the many volunteers attending for their contributions over the past season.
2. **Motion to adopt the agenda** by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Richard Paciejewski. **CARRIED**
3. **Team BC Report** - Darcy Rhodes within Annual Report.
4. All received reports are contained within Annual Report.
5. **Rationale for Proposed Amendments** (two minutes/proposal)
6. **BCLA Membership:** Applications are due and can be received at Saturday's meeting.
7. **Review of Provincials:** Pam Mason Minor Directorate Vice Chair
8. **2017 Provincial Hosts:**

Peewee, July 6 th -July 9 th	FORT ST. JOHN
Bantam, July 13 th -July 17 th	OCEANSIDE
Midget July 20 th -July 23 rd	LANGLEY
Females, July 6 th -July 9 th	PORT COQUITLAM
9. It was moved by Dave Wilkie that the meeting be recessed until Saturday, Oct 15th, 2016 at 9:00am. Seconded by Richard Paciejewski. **CARRIED**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

1. **Call to order and welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM with Chair Angie Schwan presiding. Angie asked all attending delegates to sign in and show their voting cards. Angie then welcomed everyone to the Whistler AGM meeting and introduced the executive members of the Minor Directorate. Angie welcomed the members of the BCLA attending. No further votes were to be registered after Angie announced the last call.
2. **Attendance/Accreditations.** There were 120 out of a possible 130 delegates at the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the October Meeting 2015 Minor Directorate Special Sessions:** It was moved by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Sean Lehman that the minutes of the 2015 Minor Directorate Special Session be accepted as circulated. **CARRIED**

4. **Reports:** Reviewed and floor opened up for questions ~ There were none. It was moved by Jeff MacAulay, seconded by Gord McIntosh that the Minor Directorate Reports be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

5. **Proposed Amendments:**

Motion by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Sean Lehman CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE, 1.01 Roles and Responsibilities, League Commissioners, (a) that will read:

League Commissioners

- (a) Are ratified by the Minor Directorate, with names submitted prior to **March 1** of the playing season.

Motion by Brian Boas, seconded by Dave Wilkie CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 2.01 that will read:

- 2.01 The ages of players prior to January 1 of each playing year shall be as follows:

Minor Box

Midget	under 16 years
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years
Mini Tyke	under 6 years, but at least 4 years old

Female Box:

Junior	under 21 years
Midget	under 16 years
Bantam	under 14 years
PeeWee	under 12 years
Novice	under 10 years
Tyke	under 8 years but at least 4 years old

As per General Operating Policy, Regulation 9, the playing year shall be from January 1 to December 31 in any calendar year.

Motion by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Beth McLucas CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.06 that will read:

- 3.06 Each association will submit to the BCLA Office, prior to May 15 of each playing year, **a team list generated from the on-line database for each team in the Association. One hard copy of each manual registration and waiver form is required with the Team List (it is not necessary to print/submit copies of the on-line registrations). The manual player registration form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the Association Registrar.** Failure to comply with said dates will result in the offending association to be fined \$250.00, and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the registration forms are not received. For any subsequent paperwork corrections required by the Minor Directorate Box Lacrosse Registrar, this must be submitted by June 1 of the playing year or the Association's team(s) will be unable to declare for Provincials.

Motion by Gord Kask, seconded by Gord McIntosh CARRIED

Remove REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.10 in its entirety:

***3.10 Association registration fees invoiced must be paid on or before June 30 of the current year.
All teams of a defaulting association will not be permitted to compete in Provincial or National Championships.***

Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Jeff MacAulay CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.03 that will read:

4.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no criss-cross of players from one team to another and back after May 7 of the playing year (see Section 4.09). Where it is necessary to have players criss-cross laterally, this shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) players on a game-by-game basis only. Each player is only able to criss-cross over laterally a maximum of two (2) times. A limit of only five (5) player movements can be made prior to rosters being set. In special circumstances and with valid reason, a team may request a further movement only with the permission of the local Commission. Players are to be clearly marked as, for example, “Criss-crossed from Team 1” in game sheet notes. If said infraction occurs after May 7 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for his registered team only.

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- (b) ***In leagues where players register to participate on a “Female Only” Box lacrosse team, said players will not be permitted to also play on ‘Minor’ (mixed) teams, or vice versa; this includes as ‘call-up’ players on a game by game basis.***

Motion by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Beth McLucas CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.07 (a) that will read:

- 4.07 (a) A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which he/she is registered on a game by game basis only ***in the discipline they are registered in (ie, Female Box or Mixed-Minor Box)*** with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with. In the case of players playing up a division, if an “A” player is going to play up to a “B” or “C” team, only a maximum of two (2) players per game playing up to a higher division is allowed.

Motion by Brook Webster, seconded by Dave Wilkie. Motion by Brook Webster to amend to 30 days, seconded by Dave Wilkie, Amendment CARRIED. Motion to carry with amendment. CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES, 4.08 (a) that will read:

- 4.08 (a) *With application to the Minor Directorate, no less than 30 days prior to a tournament start date*, multi-association “select” teams will be allowed to be formed to play at the “A” level provided that:
- (i) The tournaments that they attend are “A1” tournaments. In extenuating circumstances, with rationale, a zone may request and must receive authorization from the Minor Directorate to play at the “A2” level.
 - (ii) That each tournament co-ordinator and Commission Chairs be notified in writing and confirm by return e-mail that the team is a “select” zone team and, that being informed of this, and confirmed as acceptable by a return e-mail that the team is still welcome at the tournament. The Host Commission Chair will advise the Tournament Commissioner of any “select” teams.
 - (iii) That each association in the commission agrees in writing to let the athletes from their own association who are chosen for the “select” team play out for the tournaments.

Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Gord Kask, CARRIED. Motion by Beth McLucas to split motion into 2 points 6:01 and 6:0 (a and b), seconded by Dave Wilkie CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 6: MOVEMENT – MINOR TO SENIOR that will read:

6.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the Minor Directorate shall sign a Senior player registration form *or a Recreation player registration form.*

6.02 (a) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Minor Directorate player of Midget age may play up in a higher league with the permission of the Minor player's coach. There is no limit to the number of games a midget aged player may play under the Senior Directorate. The Minor coach or Minor Association designate must ensure the player's Minor obligations, including practices, league games, tournament games and Summer Games, are fulfilled before signing a one-game permit.

6.02 (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Minor Directorate player of Female Junior age may play up in the Senior Women's Box Lacrosse league, with the permission of the player's 'Minor' coach. There is no limit to the number of games a Female Junior player may play up and it is the 'Minor coach or designate must ensure the players own team obligations (including practices) are fulfilled before signing a one-game permit.

6.03 Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the player and the coach of the Minor Directorate team who signed the play-up card. The coach of the Senior Directorate team for whom he/she played will have any instance where this happens reviewed by the Commissioner of the said Senior Team and the information will also be provided to the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group respective Vice Chairs.

Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Gord Kask CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 8: MOVES, 8.02 that will read:

8.02 In cases where the player's parents/guardians have joint custody (*proof shall be provided in writing to an Association President and Registrar*) and the child lives with both parents, residency shall be based on the residence in which the child spends the majority of time. If the custody arrangement is 50/50 and the parents live in different association boundaries, the child can choose which association he/she will play with in the first year. In subsequent years, in order to change associations, both parents must provide a Statutory Declaration

which states which parent the child is living with, the address where the child currently resides, and which school the child is attending. *At any time, if* further confirmation is required to verify school attendance, the parent, upon request, will provide a letter of authorization to the school directing the school to provide the BCLA representative with information as to the address of the player.

Motion by Regina Villeneuve, Seconded by Jeff MacAulay CARRIED

Delete first sentence in REGULATION 9: PROOF OF AGE, 9.01 (b) that will read:

- 9.01 (b) *All on-line applications for registrations shall be signed by the Registrar of the association or designate to which the player belongs.* In the Minor divisions, a new player's age must be verified against one of the documents listed below. A copy of this document should not be kept on file, and therefore may be requested in subsequent years.

Motion by Curt Malawsky, seconded by Rita Isaacs. Motion by Pam Mason for secret ballot. Motion was DEFEATED. Motion by Rob Arden for secretary to destroy ballots. (86 Opposed, 29 in Favour)

REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.04 currently reads:

- 12.04 (a) ~~Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying "A1", "A2", and "B" teams in Midget, Bantam and PeeWee Divisions.~~
- (b) ~~At the discretion of the Minor Directorate, Provincials may be held for Female Box Lacrosse (Junior, Midget, Bantam and PeeWee Divisions) and "C" Provincials in Midget, Bantam and PeeWee.~~

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.04 that would read:

- 12.04 (a) ~~Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying "A1", "A2", and "B" teams in Midget, Bantam, PeeWee *and Novice* Divisions.~~
- (b) ~~At the discretion of the Minor Directorate, Provincials may be held for Female Box Lacrosse (Junior, Midget, Bantam and PeeWee Divisions) and "C" Provincials in Midget, Bantam, PeeWee, *and Novice.*~~

Motion by Pam Mason, seconded by Mike O'Conner CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.05 (g) that will read:

- 12.05 (g) Any team ratified by the Minor Directorate and allowed to carry more than 22 players for regular league play will only be permitted to bring 22 players to Provincials and *may* be permitted to use call-up players for the Provincial Tournament *with the permission of the Provincial Director.*

Motion by Glen Jensen, seconded by Beth McLucas. CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.12 that will read:

- 12.12 *(a) TIE-BREAKER RULE -ROUND ROBIN*

In the event of a tie in points in playdowns and Provincial Championships, the following shall be used to determine final standings:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game or games between the two teams advances. *If still tied, the team which scored the first goal in the tied game, is to be declared the winner of that game.*
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average (*calculated only with scores between the tied teams*) advances. If two teams are required to advance, the goal average formula is calculated only once and the two teams with the best goal averages move on.

(b) TIE-BREAKER RULE – 2 POOLS, playing Cross Pool

In the event of a tie in points in Provincial Championships, the Following shall be used to determine final standings:

- 1. Winner of games between the tied teams***
- 2. Goal Average Formula (for entire division/tier)***
- 3. Most Goals For***
- 4. Least goals against***
- 5. Least penalty minutes***

GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA

GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average

Motion by Richard Paciejewski, seconded by Dave Wilkie CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.13 that will read:

- 12.13 In all playdowns *and Provincial Championships*, no teams shall play more than two games per calendar day. There will be a minimum of three hours (*start of game time*) allowed between games, *meaning at least a one game break between games.*

Motion by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Richard Paciejewski CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS, 14.02 that will read:

- 14.02 A Tournament Commissioner must be assigned for each sanctioned tournament from the pool of ratified League Commissioners. The Tournament Host Co-ordinator will contact them to deal with any situation where a potential suspension exists. The Tournament Commissioner will administer the discipline for tournaments, and will do so using the **Minor Directorate Disciplinary Rules** *and Rule Interpretation* for the current playing year; and will ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play.

Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Gord Miller CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS, 14.02 that will read:

- 14.02 A Tournament Commissioner must be assigned *by and confirmed with Commission Chairs* for each sanctioned tournament from the pool of ratified League Commissioners *by April 1.* The Tournament Host Co-ordinator will contact them to deal with any situation where a potential suspension exists. The Tournament Commissioner will administer the discipline for tournaments, and will do so using the **Minor Directorate Disciplinary Rules** for the current playing year; and will ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play.

Motion by Glen Jensen, seconded by Beth McLucas CARRIED Motion by Pam Mason to amend to change wording from “one time” to “one tournament” seconded by Dave Wilkie. Amendment CARRIED; Amended motion CARRIED

Add new REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS, 14.09 that will read:

14.09 Where there are two or more teams from one Association in mini tyke and tyke, crisscross of players from one team to another, where it is necessary for entry into a tournament and for tournament play only, will be allowed with permission from the association’s President and Commission Chair. To have players criss-cross laterally, this shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) players per tournament entered. Each player is only able to crisscross over laterally a maximum of one (1) tournament in the season.

Motion by Gord McIntosh, seconded by Gord Kask CARRIED

Add new REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS, 14.10 that would read:

14.10 For the purposes of developing Female Box lacrosse, female players playing on a Minor (mixed) team, may on application to the MD Female Box Lacrosse chair, apply to participate with a Female box Lacrosse team attending a Female Box Lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincials eligibility.

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Wilson Louie on behalf of the BCLOG

~~**Add new REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS, 14.11 that would read:**~~

~~*14.11 (a) Associations or commissions wishing to host invitational tournaments must appoint a tournament Referee In Chief, which can be a club Head Referee, at least 45 days prior to the date of their tournament.*~~

~~*(b) Referees in Chief for invitational tournaments must conform to BCLOG policy 3.07* which defines the role and duties of a RIC. They must also follow BCLOG game assignment guidelines as outlined in BCLOG policy section 5 and the “BCLOG Tournament Referee in Chief Guide and Game Allocations” document.*~~

Motion by Beth McLucas, seconded by Stacy Hemmerling CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 18: SUSPENSIONS, 18.03 (a) that will read:

18.03 (a) In the event a Commissioner asks for a levy of more than five games during regular season/league play or playoffs, there shall be a hearing within seven (7) days of the initial suspension, whereas at the conclusion of the player’s *or coach’s/bench personnel’s season*, the hearing shall be held in a timely fashion but within forty-five (45) days of the initial suspension. With the exception of Coaches/ Bench Personnel, the hearing will be at the call of the Governing Commission Chairperson.

Motion by Dave Wilkie, seconded by Jeff MacAulay CARRIED

Amend REGULATION 18: SUSPENSIONS, 18.04 that will read:

- 18.04 The suspended person *and/or parent/player advocate* and his/*her* association President are to be notified in advance of any hearing, and may be present and be allowed to speak on his behalf. At a provincial championship, the team head coach will be notified if the President is not present.
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6. Elections: Carried out by Myrna Cable, BCLA Secretary

- **Secretary (2-year term)** Angie Schwan was nominated from the floor. Secretary cast one vote for only nomination on floor for Angie Schwan.
- **Chair Minor (2-year term);** Gord McIntosh was nominated. Secretary cast one vote for only nomination on floor for Gord McIntosh.
- **Secretary to destroy both ballots cast.**

7. New Business: None

- 8. Motion to Adjourn:** Tracy Marriott moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 AM.