



**BC Lacrosse Association
Annual General Meeting
October 25, 2025
Anvil Center
New Westminster BC**

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order: President Gerry Van Beek called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm

Welcome & Introduction:

A land acknowledgement was provided to acknowledge the unceded land upon which this meeting was located.

Gerry Van Beek introduced Jason Robinson (Parliamentarian from Sport Law), who assumed the role of Chairperson.

The Chair introduced the Board members, the staff, and Greg Gilhooly (BCLA's Legal Counsel - Sport Law), who was attending via Zoom.

Chair – Jason Robinson

Liz Hyland - Recording Secretary

Deb Heard & Lucas Greene – Voting scrutineers

2. Confirmation of Quorum and Credentials Report

157 voting members were confirmed as being in attendance. The Chair confirmed quorum was achieved and the meeting duly constituted. See attached for a list of attendees.

3. Approval of Agenda

A point of order was raised by Joel Medland – Kelowna Minor that proper notice was not given within the 30 days before the AGM for the proposed by-law and policy changes. After staff clarification on using the COP, the Chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken and considered the notice given was valid. It was recommended by Legal Counsel that this concern be reviewed after the meeting.

**It was moved by Dylan Taylor, seconded by Tim Frost, to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes

The previous minutes of October 19, 2024, AGM were approved as circulated by unanimous consent.

5. Executive Reports

The members received a copy of the Executive and Staff Reports, and no questions were raised.

6. Financial Report & Appointment of the Auditor

Jill Krop, BCLA Executive Director, presented the current Audited Financials ending August 31, 2025 and addressed member questions. The members received the financial audited statements.

The Executive Director provided background information and recommended that the members approve the appointment of WL & Co. to conduct the 2026 Financial Audit.

It was moved by Joel Medland, seconded by Dennis Windsor, that the members appoint WL & Co. as the auditors for BCLA for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026.

CARRIED

7. Directorate & Technical Support Group Reports

- a) Terry Kirstiuk (Sr Directorate) – Elections took place. Terry was elected as Chair for the remaining 1-year term, Tamara McMinin was confirmed as Vice Chair, and Wonda Warren remained as Secretary.
- b) Gord McIntosh (Minor Directorate) – 2 positions up for elections - Dennis Windsor elected as Vice Chair & Provincial Play Off Director and John Hamilton remained as Female Box Chair.
- c) Beth McLucas (Field Directorate) – no report.
- d) Travis Gillespie (BCLCG) – no report.
- e) Doug Wright (BCLOG) – Special Session was held 3 weeks ago, Doug Wright was re-elected as Chair, Angie Reid was re-elected as Vice Chair of Women's Field, Dennis Hertslet as Secretary, and a new Director at Large – Jason Syrotuck.

The BCLOG Chair noted that abuse of officials is still ongoing and is a relentless problem, especially in a tournament setting. On a positive note, our numbers are increasing among the 1st and 2nd year officials. However, we are chronically short at level 2 and above. Retention of Officials is a concern. We have had several BC Officials who have achieved great success at the National & International levels.

The members received the reports of the Directorates and Technical Support Groups.

8. By-Law Amendments

A) Consent Agenda

It was moved by Angie Reid, seconded by Russell Sheppard, to adopt the following proposed revisions to the BCLA By-laws via consent agenda:

Revision #1 - To alter all references in the BC Lacrosse By-Laws and Operating Policy as follows:

To confirm and alter any references in the BC Lacrosse By-Laws & Operating Policy to the British Columbia Officials Group, British Columbia Officials Technical Group, British Columbia Officials Technical Support Group, British Columbia Lacrosse Officials Group, British Columbia Lacrosse Officials Technical Group, British Columbia Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group to be the British Columbia Lacrosse Officials Group ("BCLOG")

CARRIED

Revision #3 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER I: DEFINITIONS 10 and 11 – that would read:

- 10. Minors – Box Lacrosse players and teams of players in U17 and younger age groups, Field Lacrosse players and teams of players in U18 and younger divisions.**
- 11. Minor Divisions – Box Lacrosse U17 and younger age groups; Field Lacrosse U18 and younger divisions.**

CARRIED

Revision #5 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER V: MEETINGS 1 – that would read:

- 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held prior to November 30th yearly. The date set by the Executive, and in the event of their failure to act, by the President.**

CARRIED

Revision # 7 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER V: MEETING 5. VOTING (b) and (c) that would read:

- 5. Voting -- at all Annual and Special meetings of the Association, members in good standing will have the following voting rights:**
 - (b) Each accredited delegate of the BCLOTSG, BCLVLA, and the BCLCG Technical Support Groups, as defined in By-Law X, Section 4(g), By-Law XI, Section 6(c), and By-Law X, Section 5(b) shall have one vote.**
 - (c) Each elected or appointed member of a Directorate (Senior, Minor, Recreation and Field) as described in By-Law XI, Section 1(b), Section 2(b), Section 3(b), Section 4(a) and the eight (8) Zone Directors as appointed and/or elected by the Minor Directorate, shall have one (1) vote each.**

CARRIED

Revision #10 - Add NEW BY-LAW NUMBER VI: OFFICERS 7.

- 7. Each Director shall serve no more than 4 terms, consecutive or otherwise.**

CARRIED

Revision # 11 - Add NEW BY-LAW NUMBER VI: OFFICERS 8

- 8. In order to be qualified as a director, an individual must: a. be at the time of their election a resident of the Province of British Columbia, being a minimum period of six months immediately preceding the election; b. be at least 18 years of age; c. within 30 days of election or appointment, must have a Vulnerable Sector Check or Enhanced Police Information Check on file and completed in accordance with BC Lacrosse Association's Criminal Record Check Policy.**

CARRIED

Revision # 13 - REMOVE BY-LAW NUMBER VIII: THE BCLA REGISTRAR that currently reads:

~~The BCLA Registrars shall consist of a Senior Box, Minor Box, Recreation and Field Registrar responsible to oversee the administration and filing of all player registration forms for their respective sectors and divisions of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. Responsible to ensure that the members of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association adhere to the policies set in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association Operating Policies. The Registrars will each hold a position on the Operations Committee, and will be entitled to a vote at the British Columbia Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting General Session. All Registrars will be appointed positions, done so by their respective directorates. The BCLA Registrars will be appointed annually at the Directorate Special Session. The BCLA Registrars, with the approval of the respective Directorate, shall appoint assistants as needed.~~

CARRIED

Revision #14 - **REMOVE** the following Committees from BY-LAW NUMBER X:
COMMITTEES:

- **Jurisdiction Committee**
- **The Promotion Committee**
- **The Officiating-Coaching Liaison Committee**
- **The Development Committee**
- **The Operations Committee**
- **The Team BC Committee**

CARRIED

Revision # 16 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER XII: COMMISSIONS 1 that would read:

1. Local associations, which are members of this Association, shall work together to form a league, leagues or district; and a Commission shall be set up to govern play within such leagues or districts.

Commissions for Senior and Junior Leagues shall be one-person commissions.
District Commissions shall be established as set out in By-Law X, Section 2(c).

CARRIED

Revision # 17 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER XVII: OPERATING POLICY 3 AND 4 that would read:

3. A policy, to be applicable, must be approved by an **ordinary resolution** of the members, eligible to vote as set out in these By-Laws, at a General Meeting. Such policy once made is applicable to all teams and players under the jurisdiction of the ruling body, and shall remain in effect until such a policy has been amended or rescinded by the ruling body, or unless changed by the appeal procedure outlined in **BCLA Appeal Policy – Appendix A.**

4. A ruling by a one-man Commission, on matters which are within the authority and responsibility of said Commission, shall be as binding as if made by any other committee, Commission or Directorate having authority, and shall be subject only to the appeal procedure set out in **BCLA Appeal Policy – Appendix A.**

CARRIED

Revision #18 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER XVIII: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR that would read:

1. The prime employee of the Association shall be the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be a full-time employee of the Association who will be responsible to the Vice President - Administration and Finance for the routine, day-to-day business of the Association, in accordance with a contract drawn up by the Executive of the Association.

CARRIED

Revision # 19 - REMOVE BY-LAW NUMBER XIX: HONOURARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS that currently reads:

- ~~1. An Honourary Board of Directors shall act as a supportive body to special projects undertaken by the Association.~~
- ~~2. The Honourary Board shall be a non-voting body made up of individuals deemed by the Executive to have contributed significantly to the advancement of lacrosse or philosophy of the Association.~~
- ~~3. Up to two individuals can be added to the Honourary Board by special appointment of the Association Executive each year.~~

CARRIED

Revision # 20 - Amend BY-LAW NUMBER XXI: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS that would read:

1. Amendments or alterations to the Constitution or any of the By-Laws of this Association may be made at any Annual Meeting or Special meeting of the Association, but only by a Special resolution.
2. Notice of any proposed amendment or alteration shall be given in writing to the British Columbia Lacrosse Association Office at least forty-five days prior to the date of the meeting at which such amendment is to be submitted and the proposed amendments or alterations shall be circulated to all members thirty days prior to the meeting; provided that such notice may be waived or reduced by those members by unanimous consent in writing.

CARRIED

B) Individual By-Law Amendments

Note that revisions not listed were withdrawn.

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Dallas Lister, to accept the revised proposal as presented to the members below:

Revision #6 – Amend BY-LAW NUMBER V: MEETING 5. VOTING that would read:

- 5. Voting – at all Annual and Special meetings of the Association, members in good standing will have the following voting rights:**
 - d) All ~~other~~ members in good standing, other than Associate Members and Affiliate Members, will have one vote each.**
 - e) Individuals holding a vote must attend the BC Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) and/or Special Sessions ~~in-person~~.**

CARRIED

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Angie Reid, to revise By-Law number VI, as amended by the members, as follows:

Revision #9 - BY-LAW NUMBER VI: OFFICERS 5 that would read:

- 5. Terms of office for the Executive members will start at the close of the meeting at which they are elected and shall continue until the close of the 2nd Annual General Meeting following their election, or unless otherwise replaced pursuant to the bylaws or the Act.**

CARRIED

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, and seconded, to approve the revision to BY-LAW NUMBER VI: Officers 9, as circulated below:

Revision # 12 – Add NEW BY-LAW NUMBER VI: OFFICERS 9

- 9. ~~Directors must be Independent from Member Associations, meaning no Director may simultaneously sit on the BCLA Board and be an Executive Member for a Member Association, coach a team for Minor, Junior or Senior Lacrosse or hold a position on another of the BCLA's governing bodies (Officials & Coaches Group, Minor, Field or Senior Directorate).~~**

It was moved by Gerry Van Beek to withdraw the main motion, seconded by Tyson Craiggs.

Motion to withdraw CARRIED

It was moved by Doug Wright, seconded by Dylan Taylor, to approve the amended version of BY-LAW NUMBER XI: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS 5 as circulated below:

Revision #15 - The British Columbia Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group (BCLOTSG) (h) that would read:

- (h) The voting delegates selected to attend the Association's Annual General Meeting shall be appointed by the BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group Executive (consisting of the Chair, Secretary, **Treasurer**, Vice Chairs, Immediate Past Chair and Director at Large). At the Association's Annual General Meeting, officials may seat an accredited delegate for every Minor District Commission, plus accredited delegates for Senior officials as follows: Up to 8 delegates for the BCLOTSG Executive Committee 1 delegate for each active minor zone (i.e., up to 8 delegates) 2 delegates for Lower Mainland Senior 1 delegate for Island Senior 1 delegate for Southern Interior Senior 1 delegate for Northern Interior Senior 1 delegate for Island Field 1 delegate for Lower Mainland Field All members must be in good standing.

CARRIED

9. Operating Policy Amendments.

- a) Regulation 3.04 – It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Angie Reid to propose the following policy change:

Amend REGULATION 3: FINANCING 3.04 that would read: 3.04 Registration fees shall be set by the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Finance Committee and the Executive Director and shall be set no later than 6 months prior to the start of the respective lacrosse seasons. (Box, Field, Sixes).

DEFEATED

- b) Regulation 3.05 – It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Mike O'Connor, to delete Regulation 3: Financing 3.05 as presented:

~~3.05 Any changes in registration fees must be made by a resolution in accordance with By-Law XX, Section 3.~~

CARRIED

- c) **Regulation 7.02 – It was moved by Gord McIntosh, seconded by Sean Reid, to approve the following amendment to REGULATION 7: PLAYER REGISTRATION 7.02**

Amend REGULATION 7: PLAYER REGISTRATION 7.02 that would read: 7.02 All Minor/Youth players (Box/Field) must register within the set boundaries (a primary residence within a city, town, municipality, school district, etc. of the appropriate Directorate as determined by the specific Commission/League. **Associations that register any players outside their set boundaries will be fined \$500 for each improperly registered player. Accepted documentation of proof of residence is outlined in Minor Directorate Policy 8.01.**

DEFEATED

- d) **Regulation 26- It was moved by Gerry Van Beek, seconded by Dylan Taylor to amend Regulation 26 as presented:**

- 26.01 The General Section of the Operating Policy shall be altered at the BCLA Annual Meeting or properly constituted Special Session. Changes shall be made by an Ordinary Resolution.
- 26.02 Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the Meeting, and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to the members at least thirty days prior to the Meeting.
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CARRIED

- e) **Proposed Fee Schedule (Appendix B) – Registration Fees**

The Board identified that, with recent communication from Lacrosse Canada, the proposed Fee schedule increases as circulated were out of date. The Chair noted that changing the proposed schedule to include an extra \$10 for each category was outside the scope of notice to the members. The members agreed to waive notice by unanimous consent.

It was motioned by Russ Aunger, seconded by Chris Shortt, to accept the amended Fee Schedule Appendix B as circulated and including an additional \$10 for each category.

CARRIED

- f) **Proposed Fee Schedule (Appendix B) – Box & Field Clinics**

It was moved by Angie Reid, seconded by Joe Wong to raise the fees for Box and Field Clinics as circulated, minus the registration fees that were covered in a previous approved proposal.

CARRIED

g) Proposed Fee Schedule (Appendix B) Minor Box Officials Payment

It was moved by Angie Reid, seconded by Dallas Lister to accept the amended Fee Schedule for Minor Box U22 fees (from \$55 to \$60) as circulated.

CARRIED

10. Elections of Officers:

- a) Matthew MacGrotty was elected to the position of Vice President of Operations.
- b) Shannon Winzer was elected to the position of Vice President of Performance Programs.
- c) Liz Hyland was elected to the position of Secretary.
- d) David Bensmiller was elected to the position of Director at Large.
- e) Brad Foster was elected to the position of Vice President of Administration and Finance (1 year Term).

11. Adjournment – 5:18 pm, next meeting TBD.

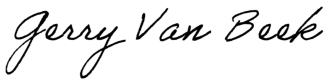


Liz Hyland

BCLA Secretary

____ November 20, 2025 ____

Date



Gerry Van Beek

President, BCLA

November 25th, 2026

Date

2025 BCLA AGM ATTENDEES			
President	Van Beek, Gerry	Female Box Chair	Hamilton, John
VP Operations	Bensmiller, David	Zone 2 Director	Davis, Heather
VP Development	Mosdell, Terry	Zone 3 Director	Reid, Sean
VP Technical Programs	Aunger, Russ	Zone 4 Director	O'Connor, Michael
Secretary	Hyland, Liz	Zone 5 Director	Hagel, Michael
Chair	Gillespie, Travis	Lower Mainland	Margetson, Sandra
Vice Chair - Minor	Arden, Rob	Thompson/Okanagan	Jaramillo, Wulbert
Vice Chair - Field	Donahue, Shawn	OBSVR - TOMBLC	Nakashimada, Jessica
Zone 3 Rep	MacAulay, Jeff	OBSVR - TOMBLC	Bankier, Kevin
Zone 6 Rep	Scott Barillaro	Vancouver Island	Frost, Tim
Chair	Wright, Doug	Abbotsford	de Jong, Calvin
Director at Large	Thomas, Nick	Burnaby	Kirkby, Susan
Vice Chair - Minor	Lister, Dallas	Burnaby	McKinnon, Michelle
Vice Chair - Senior	Wong, Joe	Burnaby	Larson, Katie
Vice Chair - Sixes	Nose, Ryan	Campbell River	Marks, Tayner
Vice Chair - Women's Field	Reid, Angie	Chilliwack	Porter, Zack
Secretary	Hertslet, Dennis	Chilliwack	Ortutay, Mike
Zone 6 Minor	Dmytruk, Sarah	Coquitlam	Boivin, Ryan
South Interior Senior	Graham, Jamie	Coquitlam	Freeman, Stuart
Vice Chair	Kirstiuk, Terry	Coquitlam	Berar, Lana
WLA	Dal Monte, Paul	Coquitlam	Stevens, Nicole
West Coast Senior B	Hyland, Ryan	Coquitlam	Davis, Aaron
West Central Senior C	Parsons, Dave	Coquitlam	Smith, Brian
Thompson-Okanagan Senior C	Wong, Joe	Cranbrook	Sheppard, Russell
West Coast Junior B T2	Goulet, David	Delta	Simmonds, Nick
Pacific Northwest Junior B T2	Shortt, Chris	Delta	Thorne, Jason
Langley Thunder	Buchan, Ken	Fort St. John	Milne, Paul
Langley	Forlin, Jenn	Juan de Fuca	Anderson, Blake
Port Moody	Jed Sigfusson	Juan de Fuca	Williams, Niki
West Kootenay	Youngblut, Natasha	Juan de Fuca	Pedlow, Kyla
Langley Thunder	Buchan, Linda	Juan de Fuca	Lejeune, Jessica
Pt. Coquitlam Saints	Kidd, Dave	OBSVR - JDF	Denis, Jill
Langley Thunder	Buchan, Delani	Kelowna	Medland, Joel
Langley	McGregor, Michelle	Kelowna	Phillips, Chris
North Shore	McMinn, Tamara	Langley	Wells, Geordie
Pt. Coquitlam	Davis, Heidi	Langley	Smith, Karen
Pt. Moody	Parker, Dustin	Langley	Jarman, Trevor
Valley	Wolfe, Angie	Langley	Eastgate, Kara
West Kootenay	Belanger, Suzanne	Mission	Johnson, Phil
Vice Chair - Women's Field	Paterson, Stacy	Mission	Smith, Ryan
Secretary	Taylor, Dylan	Mission	Cochrane, Katie
Coquitlam	Sean Droulis	Nanaimo	Norby, Bryan

2025 BCLA AGM ATTENDEES			
Langley	McGregor, Don	Nanaimo	Kemp, Jesse
Adanacs	Chow, Adrienne	Nanaimo	Swanson, Shawn
Adanacs	Swan, Sydney	New Westminster	Russell, Maya
Burnaby	Wang, Eddie	North Shore	Stapleford, Scott
Chilliwack	Tyler Crompton	North Shore	Wiebe, Ryan
Delta	Kringhaug, Kristen	Oceanside	Minty, Ryan
Juan De Fuca	Patzer, Craig	Peninsula	Senior, Rod
Langley	Wartak, Gerald	Peninsula	Upshon, Simon
Mission	Chatterton, Chris	<i>OBSVR - Peninsula</i>	Upshon, Kelly
Nanaimo	Gray , Ashleigh	Penticton	Trahan, Kate
Ridge Meadows	Paterson, Shannon	Port Coquitlam	Wahl, Josh
Ridge Meadows	Cowieson, Chris	Port Coquitlam	Hemmerling, Stacy
Surrey	Piper, Karen	Port Coquitlam	Winzer, Shannon
<i>Interior Youth</i>	<i>King, Penni</i>	Port Coquitlam	Robbie, John
Pacific Coast	Windsor, Dennis	Port Coquitlam	Johnson, Brittany
<i>OBSVR - PCFLL</i>	Goulet, Karen	Port Coquitlam	Cornwall, Travis
Abbotsford/Valley	Robinson, Barbara	Port Moody	Lancaster, Jessica
Adanacs	O'Sullivan, Linda	Port Moody	Kemp, John
Adanacs	Hunt, Michelle	Port Moody	Lowen, Kristi
Burnaby	White, Jackie	Port Moody	Pasquarelli, Eugenio
Burnaby	Liu, Nicholas	Richmond	Mason, Pam
Delta	King, Mercedes	Richmond	Blanchette, Adam
Juan De Fuca	Gallagher, Jean	Ridge Meadows	Bonner, Rich
Juan De Fuca	Nishimura, Sarah	Ridge Meadows	Rennie, Brad
Kelowna	Faarup, Tia	Ridge Meadows	Lockwood, Will
Mission	Grewal, Imat	Ridge Meadows	Hernandez, Jordan
Mission	Flury, Matt	Ridge Meadows	Teasdale, Damian
Nanaimo	Kollar, Kelsey	Ridge Meadows	Craiggs, Tyson
New Westminster	Ranalleta, Michael	Ridge Meadows	Alexander, Robb
North Island	Merrill, Sarah	Saanich	Dyrland, Katherine
Pacific Rim	Amell-Shortt, Tara	Saanich	Tasko, Jamie
Pt Coquitlam	Ward, Ryan	Saanich	Anderson, Doug
Richmond	McGinley, Paul	Semiahmoo	Betts, Mark
Ridge Meadows	Cowieson, Katie	Semiahmoo	Carnduff, Dan
Ridge Meadows	Pare, Danielle	Surrey	Fong, Bert
Ridge Meadows	Baldassi, Natasha	Surrey	Hamm, Tim
Ridge Meadows	Flynn, Keifer	<i>OBSVR -Surrey</i>	Dos Santos, Susan
Surrey	Glass, Jeff	Vancouver	Gordon, Geoff
Surrey	Holbeche, Kevin	Vancouver	Taffs, Amanda
Chair	McIntosh, Gord	Victoria-Esquimalt	Blass, Kate
<i>OBSVR - VELA</i>	Moyen, Katie	<i>OBSVR - VELA</i>	Taylor, Bryce