



**BC LACROSSE FIELD DIRECTORATE
2020 SPECIAL SESSION – via Zoom**

**Thursday, June 18, 2020
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:07 with Chair Dirk Rachfall presiding. Dirk clarified the Zoom meeting rules and Clarification of Voting Procedure
2. **Attendance/Accreditation and Introductions** – Dirk welcomed the group. Introduced Field Directorate.
 - Secretary Tricia Rachfall confirmed there are a total of **49** out of a possible **74** voting delegates in attendance
3. **Approval of 2020 Field Directorate Special Session Agenda**
 - a. No additions

It was moved by Roger Terhune seconded by Beth McLucas that the Agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

4. **Approval of April 6, 2019 Field Directorate Special Session Minutes**

It was moved by Roger Terhune, seconded by Beth McLucas that the Minutes of the 2019 Field Directorate Special Session be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

5. **Business Arising from Minutes-**
 - a. 2022 World Lacrosse Men's World Championships – Coquitlam withdrew their application to host the Championship
 - b. Referees – update by Ryan Nose – BCLOA Vice Chair – Men's Field - a number of games were cancelled due to lack of referees. This was the worst year ever for game cancellations, most were at the higher age level. Associations need to recruit referees. Umpires – update by Sydney Hara – BCLOA Vice Chair – Women's Field – Women's also had a number of games cancelled. If there would have been a U19 Provincials there would not have been enough umpires for the lower age divisions. The majority of umpires are U19 aged players. There is a real need for past players or others who are not players to become umpires.
6. **Reports – Appendix A**
 - a) Chair (Dirk Rachfall)
 - b) Vice Chair – Youth Field (Beth McLucas)
 - 2020 U18/U15/U13/ Tiers 1/2 Youth Field Provincial Report
 - 2020 U15/U12 Women's Field Provincial Report
 - 2020 U11 Provincial Tournament Report
 - Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League Chair (Roger Terhune)
 - Vancouver Island Field Lacrosse League Chair (Tammy McDougall)
 - Interior Field Lacrosse Chair (Wuilbert Jaramillo)
 - c) Vice Chair – Men's Field (Mary Clare)
 - Canada West Field Lacrosse League
 - d) Vice Chair - Women's Field Lacrosse – Kellie Ohlmann
 - e) BCLA Field Registrar (Corinne Perriman)



- f) BCLCA Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Shawn Donahue)
- g) BCLCA Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Naomi Walser)
- h) BCLOA Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Ryan Nose)
 - High School RIC (Jody Weatherby)
 - PCFLL RIC Report (Jody Weatherby)
 - CLA Ross Cup RIC Report (Bill Mosdell)
 - U11, U15, U18 Provincial RIC Report (Ryan Nose)
 - U13 Provincial RIC Report (Wilson Louie)
- i) BCLOA Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Sydney Hara)
- j) Team BC – Field Lacrosse Program (Rey Comeault)
- k) High School Field (Daren Fridge)

It was moved by Tammy McDougall and seconded by Beth McLucas, that the reports be accepted as presented – CARRIED

- 7. **Election of Officers – Elections were conducted by Greg Toll, BCLA, VP - Operations**
 - a) **Vice-Chair – Women’s Field (2-Year Term) Kellie Ohlmann** was nominated by the Field Directorate Nomination Committee and won by acclamation - Secretary to cast one ballot.
 - b) **Secretary (2-Year Term) Trish Keizer** was nominated by the Field Directorate Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast one ballot.
 - c) **Chair (2-Year Term) Dirk Rachfall** was nominated by the Field Directorate Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast one ballot.

Motion to destroy the ballots by Tammy McDougall, seconded by Stacy Paterson.- CARRIED

- 8. **CLA has cancelled all 2020 National Championships**
 - All Minor and Senior championships have been cancelled for 2020 in all disciplines
- 9. **2020-21 Provincial Championships/Tournaments**
 - How the season will progress is not known at this time however we are still looking for hosts in case we do proceed.
 - **Deadline for applications to host is August 15**

10. **Field Nationals 2019**

- **2019 – U18/U15 Host Kelowna – Recap**
 - o Was held Labour Day
 - o The committee feel it was successful, BC earned silver at both age groups
 - o Hope that the participants felt it was successful
 - o Dirk reported all feedback at the CLA level was positive
- **2019 – U19 Women’s Host Ontario – Recap**
 - o Peterborough at same time as 2019 World Lacrosse U19 Women’s World Championship
 - o BC, Ontario, Alberta, Nova Scotia, First Nations and Quebec
 - o BC earned Silver
 - o Has grown and developed since 2014
 - o August 16-19, 2021 in Alberta
- **2019 – Senior Men’s Host BC – Recap**
 - o Ontario dropped out 10 days prior so a 3rd BC Team was recruited.
 - o Saskatchewan was the 4th team.



- BC finished 1,2,3
- Dirk reported that at the CLA Semi-Annual meetings it was suggested that the Ross Cup not continue however many member associations (MAs) who have not been participating have been recruiting and promoting the Ross Cup and want it to continue.

11. Field Nationals 2021

- **2021 – U18/U15 Host Terrebonne, QC**
- **2021 – U19 Women’s Host Sherwood Park, Alberta - August 16-19, 2021**
- **2021 – Senior Men’s Host Regina, Saskatchewan**

12. New Business

a) **Return to Lacrosse Document – Jeff Gombar, BCLA – ED and Gerry Van Beek, BCLA, President**

- a. Thank you to all for being patient – we are learning and growing as we gain more information
- b. The document will also grow as we move through the phases
- c. Thank you to the Government for giving liability protection to non-profit community sporting groups
- d. Registration fees – currently looking at different structures and this would likely include a reduced rate – considering viable options and the board needs to pass the recommendations. We want to minimize any extra costs to our members. While we don’t know what to expect, we do need to prepare for a possible season.
- e. Currently only allowed to do skills and drills – this is about the safety of the athletes and participants - it is our number one priority.
- f. Safety – Some municipalities may have different requirements that need to be met – each will be different and must be followed alongside the BCLA Return to Lacrosse Activity Plan.
- g. Why can’t we play games? – we need to listen to the health authorities, government and medical experts and hope that the restrictions are lifted so we can return to full activity in the near future. Some sports appear to be returning to games at a faster rate? We can’t compare what other sports are doing, we will move forward in the manner we have outlined. As a collective group we are looking to get back to action in a meaningful way.
- h. **Questions** – PCFLL Chair, Roger Terhune – In field, fees come through the leagues – this is different than box. With the possibility of not playing, will we run into the same challenges as box? Gerry – still not known at this time, we are waiting to hear the fund amounts from Gaming as well. We do not plan to have a full fee, something such as a participation fee but it is still not finalized. Roger – Suggest to consider the US system where everyone pays X amount of dollars. Gerry – we have and are looking at different models. We do not have a definitive answer, some changes would require special dispensation, we have looked at a recreational type costing and want to keep it as realistic for our members and we want to minimize costs. We appreciate that associations need this information to move forward.
- i. **Question – Brad Romano, Burnaby** – When might we know the pricing so we can open up registration and get our links up? We are working on it as quickly as possible and there is some technical background that will need to be completed. It will be first setting the cost, then getting it up on BCLA website so that associations can follow with their own websites.



- j. Gerry – Thank you for your patience. There have been comments about private - for-profit groups playing. These players need to be registered to be covered. Private groups are not covered by the Provincial Governments liability protection
- i. **Question – Roger Terhune**– if a private group is running a field camp, how can we control this as I don't believe we have any autonomy to do anything. Gerry – know we do not have any authority and it is our understanding that municipalities are not allowing these groups to use their fields - though some maybe using without permission – because these groups are not covered by the government liability protection.
 - ii. **David Glover, Delta** – is a box lacrosse player who registered for box, still covered until end of July? Gerry – a properly registered box lacrosse player is still registered– Yes –
Jeff – make sure they sign the new BCLA Waiver and Informed Consent forms.
- k. **Questions – Savannah Smith**– It is my understanding that a player is registered from September 1 to August 31?– Gerry says no, it is over after Field Provincials with exception of youth participating in field nationals.
- l. **Question – Roger Terhune** – Is there any written documentation on the policy that is for public consumption? Gerry – does not know but will find the answer and post in the COP.
- m. **Question – Sean Pendergast – Nanaimo** – under box registration, players are covered to the end of July? Gerry – if it is a box club and the player was registered then they are okay, if a field club then the player is not registered. If we gave money back to a player are they still registered? – Gerry says yes, if the association gave money back but the player was originally registered they are still registered.
- b) BCLA Awards – reminder that forms are available on BCLA website, recommend to complete nominations now while Field Lacrosse is still fresh in everyone's minds.
- c) Thank you to Tricia for her time as Secretary on the Field Directorate.

13. Operating Policy Amendments – reminder of voting procedures.

It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Tammy McDougall to:

Change all references to FIL to **World Lacrosse** in the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy.

CARRIED

It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Tammy McDougall to:

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS VICE CHAIR – WOMEN'S FIELD to read:

VICE CHAIR - WOMEN'S FIELD

- Will be the contact for all senior women's and women's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate.
- Will assist in the development of senior women's and women's programs in BC.
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association.
- ***Will be the liaison between the BCLA Field Directorate and the Leagues.***



- *Will oversee the Senior Women's, U19, U15, U12 and U8 age divisions.*
- Will be elected for a two-year term in even numbered years.

CARRIED

It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Stacy Paterson to:

Amend REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE, 2.01 to read:

- 2.01 The Field Directorate shall establish leagues to govern youth *and women's* lacrosse *leagues* and playoff competition.

CARRIED

It was moved by Roger Terhune, seconded by Tammy McDougall to:

Amend REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 3.01 to read:

- 3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Senior Men's	19 years and over
U18 Field	Under 18 years
U15 Field	Under 15 years
U13 Field	Under 13 years
U11 Field	Under 11 years
U9 Field	Under 9 years
U7 Field	Under 7 years
	<i>Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year</i>
U5 Field	Under 5 years - Strictly introductory and developmental; this will be a co-ed division. Players from this age division are not permitted to play up to U7 <i>Field or to U8 Women's Field</i>)
Senior Women's Field	20 years and over
U19 Women's Field	Under 19
U15 Women's Field	Under 15
U12 Women's Field	Under 12
U8 Women's Field	Under 8
	<i>Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year.</i>

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

CARRIED

It was moved by Stacy Paterson, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 6: FACILITIES, 6.06 to read:

6.06 (a) The playing field for youth levels and up will be consistent with **World Lacrosse** dimensions or as the field space allows.

(b) The playing field for all women divisions will be consistent with World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.

CARRIED

It was moved by Tammy McDougall, seconded by Roger Terhune to:

Amend REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS, 7.12 (i) to read:

7.12 (i) Teams traveling outside of Canada must follow all CLA and BCLA policies as these teams are now **representing** the Canadian Lacrosse Association and the BC Lacrosse Association.

CARRIED

It was moved by Stacy Paterson, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.06 to read:

12.06 If a Coach/Bench staff is involved, a written report, including **official's** report and sheet must be provided to the BCLCG Chair by the Commission making the request. The Commissioner may be requested to attend the BCLCG Conduct Committee hearing.

CARRIED

It was moved by Tammy McDougall, seconded by Beth McLucas to:

Amend REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.07 to read:

12.07 A member may receive an initial verbal notification of a fine, suspension or decision directly face to face or by telephone. This must be followed by a formal written notification presented, e-mailed or mailed and post-marked within seventy-two (72) hours to the member after initial verbal notification.

CARRIED

It was moved by Tricia Rachfall, seconded by Beth McLucas to:

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 21.04 to read:

21.04 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games per day. Exceptions for goalies may apply.



U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum
U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum
U11/U13/U15/U18 – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum

CARRIED

It was moved by Tammy McDougall, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.09 3rd paragraph to read:

22.09 Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship. **Youth Players** must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender. All exceptions must be approved by the Field Directorate

CARRIED

It was moved by Simon Gee, seconded by Sean Pendergast to:

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.10 2nd paragraph to read:

22.10

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a \$1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championship Tournament, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid. **All withdrawals must be made in writing by the Parent Club.**

Amendment by Sydney Hara – to add the by the Parent Club President – seconded by Naomi – Withdrawn

CARRIED

It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Sydney Hara to:

Delete REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYING DIVISIONS, 35.01 that currently reads:

35.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions (as per Regulation 3.01)

Senior Women's	20 years and over
U19 Women's Field	Under 19
U15 Women's Field	Under 15
U12 Women's Field	Under 12
U8 Women's Field	Under 8 and 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year



All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

CARRIED

It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Tammy McDougall to:

Amend REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S MOVES, 37.09 to read:

37.09 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulations 13.08, 36.08 or 37 are satisfied.

CARRIED

It was moved by Stacy Paterson, seconded by Roger Terhune to:

Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE, 38.03 to read:

38.03 Associations may not cap or waitlist any player until they have reached a roster size of twenty (20).

CARRIED

It was moved by Sydney Hara, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S OFFICIALS, 43.02 to read:

43.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of two (2) women's field lacrosse umpires, certified for the current playing season, available for officiating hosted games. *All umpires must be certified by November 11th of the current playing season.*

NOTE: If passed add to Field Directorate Women's Field Timeline.

CARRIED

It was moved by Sydney Hara, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 44.01 that would read:

44.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules *and World Lacrosse approved crosse and pocket list* set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

CARRIED

It was moved by Sydney Hara, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann to:

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 44.10 to read:



44.10 Players within the Women's league may use a crosse which is **World Lacrosse** approved **by September 1 of the playing year**, provided the crosse is deemed permissible by the Umpire during the stick-check prior to any league or Provincial game.

CARRIED

It was moved by Stacy Paterson seconded by Roger Terhune to:

Amend REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.01 to read:

45.01 The Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the **U19, U15 and U12** series **in Tier 1 and 2, if** deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

CARRIED

It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Stacy Paterson to

Amend REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.03 to read:

- 45.03 (a) At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter Provincial Championships.
- (b) ***Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in.***

CARRIED

It was moved by Roger Terhune, seconded by Tammy McDougall to:

Amend REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.09 to read:

45.09 Eligibility.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship or Tournament, a team must have played a minimum of **eight** league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the playing year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Women's Field Lacrosse areas of the province.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship/Tournament, a player playing up a division must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the convener, upon checking in at the Provincial Championship/Tournament. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

Women's players can only participate in one Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament and must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group. Exceptions can



be made for the position of goalkeeper, provided that the team uses a set goalkeeper throughout the regular season and does not rotate that position. **Goalie** exceptions must be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

CARRIED

It was moved by Stacy Paterson seconded by Roger Terhune to:

Amend REGULATION 47: WOMEN'S TIMELINE to read:

NOTE: Dates that are associated with a specific By-Law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-Law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-Law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-Law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

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| January 1 | Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10, FD 3.01 & 35.01) |
| February | Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament |
| March 31 | Deadline for Senior Women's coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03). |
| April | Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01) |
| April 30 | Senior Women's registration deadline
Senior Women's registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 36.04)
Senior Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 44.03) |
| August | Women's National |
| August 15 | Applications to host Women's Field Lacrosse tournaments for upcoming year. |
| September 1 | Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 44.01) |
| October 1 | Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03). |
| October 31 | Registration deadline
Registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 36.04)
Last date for cross-over players (FD 44.03) |

CARRIED

14. Motion to Adjourn. *It was moved by Roger Terhune, seconded by Kellie Ohlmann that the meeting be adjourned.* Meeting was adjourned at 7:33