



## B.C. LACROSSE OFFICIALS TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP

### 2022 SPECIAL SESSION

Saturday, September 10, 2021 – 10:00 AM

Attendees:

Anderson	Cam	BCLOG	Lister	Brian	BCLOG
Brien	Lee	BCLOG	Lister	Corey	BCLOG
Cook	Rob	JDF	Louie	Wilson	BCLOG VC-Minor
Corbould	Andrew	BCLOG Secretary	Nose	Ryan	BCLOG VC-Mens Fld
Dmytruk	Sarah	Nanaimo	Quigley	Dennis	BC VP - Technical Programs
Dos Santos	Susan	Surrey Field	Reid	Angie	BCLOG VC-W-Fld
Goulet	David	Valley Field	Taylor	Dylan	BCLOG
Jaramillo	Wuilbert	Kelowna Minor	Thomas	Nick	BCLOG
Kearnes	Thomas	New Westminster	Watson	Andy	BCLOG Chair
Lego	Jarod	Burnaby Minor	Watson	Brad	Zone 2 rep
Lehman	Sean	BCLOG VC-Sr	White	Ryan	Saanich
Lister	Dallas	BCLOG	Wilkins	Braden	Zone 3 rep
			Wright	Doug	BCLOG Director

## A G E N D A

### 1. Introduction

- a) Call to order 10:02am with Introductions.
- b) Thanks to all for attending our meeting.
- c) Acknowledgement of traditional territory

### 2. Minutes of the September 11, 2021 BCLOG Special Session

- a) M Sean Lehman /S Doug Wright /Carried

### 3. Reports

- a) **Chair** (Andy Watson) report submitted
  - i) Formal thanks to executive and previous chair Lee Brien and Vice-Chair (Minor) Wilson Louie; recognition of those who gave back in officiating community throughout the season
  - ii) Concern with recruitment and retention of officials. We will be bringing items forward at AGM from floor (working with Gerry van Beek). Also looking at the incentive structure for officials in all sectors and will have a proposal at AGM.
    - (1) Pay is one component. Competitive pay with other part-time jobs for EL, L1 and L2 refs also something we need to consider – looking across other sports to look for best practices
    - (2) Travel compensation is another component
    - (3) Feedback and development is another driver – moving forward, how do we make sure referees have feedback and structured support? In senior, we will look to having regional support for Vice-Chair Senior especially; in minor box and field, looking to identify more regional support as well.
    - (4) Assignors play a key role – thanks to new assignors in 2021-22.
    - (5) Thankfully, in B.C. we cancelled fewer games relative to what we have learned from other larger MAs in Canada, due in large part to creativity, proactive problem solving and working with schedulers.

#### iii) Areas of focus

- (1) Retention of officials



- (2) Recruitment of new officials
  - (3) Year-round education
  - (4) Professional Development opportunities
  - (5) Recognition and communication
- b) **Directorate at Large** (Doug Wright) report submitted
- i) Abuse of official
    - (1) As part of 42% decrease in Level 2 officials
  - ii) Concerns re: amount for officials and also lack of follow through/calling of it
  - iii) Recognition of Wilson Louie and Lee Brien for their service over the past several years – see comments in report
  - iv) Propose a 3-referee on floor system at all levels of lacrosse
    - (1) Concerns re the numbers of officials available to each club, and the monetary resources available to each club. Disparity between wealthy/larger associations vs smaller ones may put some clubs at a competitive disadvantage.
    - (2) Hard with current # of officials
- c) **Vice Chair - Senior Box** (Sean Lehman) report submitted
- i) **Things to work on:**
    - (1) Updated travel rates for both the OKN as well as the mainland.
    - (2) Updated league agreements with agreements in place with things such as Officials Ref rates for regular season and playoffs, consistency of rules.
- d) **Vice Chair – Minor Box** (Wilson Louie) report submitted
- (1) Looking for greater fine system for abuse of officials that is cumulative in a minor association
  - (2) Proposal to increase game fees for officials
  - (3) Move towards 3-person referee system
  - (4) Thanks to Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission for donation of \$1600 to the BC Summer Games to support officials (Richmond Minor also donated)
- ii) LMMLC (submitted by Doug Wright inclusive of zones 3, 4 &5)
- (1) Importance of the role of Head Referee – too many empty positions
  - (2) Concerns re online comments and videos
- iii) Zone 2 BCLOG Rep (Brad Watson)
- (1) Region struggles with logistics and retention
  - (2) Stepping down due to Jr. B commitments
- iv) Zone 3 BCLOG Rep (no report)
- v) Zone 4 BCLOG Rep (no report)
- vi) Zone 5 BCLOG Rep (Jarrett Smith) as submitted
- vii) Zone 6 BCLOG Rep (Tyler Boyer) as submitted
- (1) Sean Lehman covering this right now
- viii) Zone 8 BCLOG Rep (no report)
- ix) BC Summer Games – RIC (Cam Anderson) as submitted



- e) **Vice Chair – Men’s Field** (Ryan Nose) as submitted
  - i) Clinics just starting – concerned about number of officials
  
- f) **Vice Chair – Women’s Field** (Angie Reid) as submitted
  - i) Concerns re: number of officials
    - (1) Some games were cancelled
  - ii) RIC report for 2022 Female Provincial Box Championships submitted as well
  
- g) **BCLA Vice President Technical Programs** (Dennis Quigley) as submitted
  - i) **Two key issue s are apparent**
    - (1) Referee abuse
      - (a) Need to encourage minor associations to rein in the coaches/parents
      - (b) Discussion of referee association and minor clubs stepping up with action to stop abuse – it is in every set of minutes for the last 15 years
        - (i) Time to call the police or walk off the floor in situations where adults are abusing referees.
    - (2) Retention of officials
  - ii) Question on implementation of 3-referee system
    - (a) DW – Minor Directorate issue notification as it references Rule 22 in terms of # of officials on the floor
      - (i) Concern that due to numbers not all clubs can do it.
    - (b) AW – Issues with staffing with many leagues wanting three-ref system on same day and concerns expressed by BC Junior A during four pilot games. Need to work with leagues on this. Inconsistency of rules in general a challenge at senior – mechanics is part of the challenge.
  
- h) **BCLA Technical Director** (Dave Showers)
  - i) Report as submitted
  - ii) Graph of numbers – down from 1164 in 18/19 to 830 this year
  - iii) Video shared in the chat from Ontario [Ontario Field Lacrosse Minor Officials Training - YouTube](#)

**Motion to accept reports** Braden Wilkins, Seconded Susan Dos Santos /Carried

#### 4. **Operating Policy proposed changes – none**

#### 5. **Elections**

- a) Vice Chair – Minor (two-year term)
  - i) Dallas Lister – Secretary cast one vote, acclaimed.
- b) Vice Chair – Senior (two-year term)
  - i) Sean Lehman – Secretary cast one vote, acclaimed.
- c) Vice Chair – Field (two-year term)
  - i) Lee Brien – declined nomination
  - ii) Ryan Nose – Secretary cast one vote, acclaimed.
- d) Director at Large (one-year term)
  - i) Doug Wright - Secretary cast one vote, acclaimed.
  
- e) **Motion to end elections - Angie Reid** Seconded – Dylan Taylor  
Carried



## 6. **New Business**

- a) Accountability for Abuse of Officials Incidents
  - i) Comments earlier in meeting
    - (1) Motion for BCLA general session about fining of coaches for abuse
- b) Training/Development
  - i) Looking for ideas from other sports/training of things that have been done well to improve our clinic process – share with Andy
    - (1) Share between sectors to make it better
- c) Sixes Sector Update
  - i) NOCP working group working on certification materials – Ryan Nose
  - ii) It is a work in progress with little support from Lacrosse Canada and World Lacrosse
    - (1) Less contact than field, many different rules
  - iii) 3 officials on the field but has been done with 2
  - iv) If interested, please reach out

Special thanks to Wilson Louie for his years of service to support officials in BC!!

**Adjournment Motion -** 11:32 am