



MINUTES of the  
2022 BCLA Annual General Meeting  
10:30 AM Saturday October 15, 2022  
Zoom Meeting

**1. Acknowledgement/Welcome/Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 by BCLA President Gerry Van Beek presiding.

Gerry welcomed all members to the 2022 BCLA AGM General Session, being hosted via Zoom, and provided the Territorial Acknowledgement indicating the BC Lacrosse Association acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our Association and Member Associations are located. Gerry acknowledged the meeting was being hosted at his location at the BCLA office which is on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish, Stz'uminus (Chemanius), Tsleil-Waututh, Stó:lō, & Kwikwetlem First Nation peoples.

Gerry acknowledged the professionalism of the BCLA staff in their running of large-scale Zoom meetings and the Spirit Awards slide show that was run in advance of the AGM. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work over the past year.

Gerry explained voting and meeting procedures to all attendees. Participants were to use their "yes" and "no" buttons when voting and the "raise hand" button if they want to speak. The "chat" function was disabled as was not being formally monitored during the meeting.

Gerry stated that the AGM provides the opportunity for members to say their part and give direction to the BCLA leadership.

Gerry advised all members that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of accuracy of these minutes.

**2. Approval of the October 15, 2022 BCLA Annual General Meeting Agenda**

The agenda item " Officials Fees" was added under New Business

*It was moved by Gord MacIntosh seconded by Dave Wilkie, that the Agenda of the 2022 BC Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of "Officials Fees" under the New Business section. CARRIED*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2021 BCLA Annual General Meeting**

*It was moved by Dave Wilkie seconded by Sean Reid, that the Minutes of the 2021 BC Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.*

**4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes (2021 BCLA AGM)**

NONE

**5. Executive Reports**

All reports are contained in the 2022 BCLA Annual Report

a) President: Gerry Van Beek  
Nothing to add, no questions.

b) Vice President – Administration and Finance: Angie Schwan  
Gerry thanked Angie for her multiple years of service on the BCLA Board.

Angie noted an amendment to her report regarding the Lacrosse Canada fee increases:

- Correction of the calendar year that the increases would come into effect (2024/25, not 2023/24)
- The fee increase per player will be from \$4 to \$15
- There will be incremental increases for officials from \$15 to \$25, as well as coaches from \$5 to \$20
- The fee increase will be substantial. Currently the BCLA pays approximately \$75,000 to Lacrosse Canada. The fee increases will raise this amount to approximately \$250,000.

***It was moved by Angie Schwan seconded by Beth McLucas, that the BCLA's 2022 Financial Report, including the budget be approved as presented in the Annual Report. CARRIED***

c) Secretary: Nichola Manning  
Nothing to add, no questions.

d) Vice President – Operations: Russ Sheppard  
Russ was unable to fulfil his role over the past year due to work commitments. Gerry and Jeff covered off his responsibilities. No report submitted.

e) Vice President – Performance Programs: Gord Kask  
Gerry thanked Gord for his leadership with the BCLA performance programs and noted the many successes Team BC experienced this year.

Nothing to add, no questions.

f) Vice President – Development: Terry Mosdell  
Nothing to add, no questions.

g) Vice President - Technical Programs: Dennis Quigley  
Nothing to add, no questions.

h) Director at Large: David Jenkins  
Nothing to add, no questions

i) Executive Director: formerly Jeff Gombar  
Gerry informed the membership that Jeff recently resigned from the BCLA and thanked him for his service, acknowledging that Jeff stepped into the role at the onset of the covid-19 pandemic and tirelessly guided the organization through challenging times. On behalf of the membership, Gerry expressed his appreciation for all of Jeff's efforts.

Nothing to add, no questions.

***It was moved by Chris Scott seconded by John Stevens, that the Executive Reports be accepted as circulated in the Annual Report. CARRIED***

## 6. Directorate/Technical Support Group Reports

- a) Senior Directorate (Dave Wilkie)  
Dave was elected back for another two year term. The Senior Directorate will be planning out new forms and meeting times. No questions to Dave's report.
- b) Minor Directorate (Gordon McIntosh)  
Gord reported that there were many female box lacrosse proposals that came forward during the Minor Directorate Special Session with some excellent changes being introduced. Provincials dates for 2023 have been set and host applications being sought. Dee Bowley-Cowan will continue as Secretary and Gord will continue as Chair for the next 2 years. No questions to Gord's report
- c) Field Directorate (Beth McLucas)  
The Field Directorate held their Special Session back in April. Dylan Taylor as Secretary, Beth as Chair, Kelly Ohlmann as Female Vice Chair and Mary Clare as Men's Vice Chair. They are looking for a host for female field lacrosse provincials. No questions to Beth's report.
- d) BC Lacrosse Coaches Group (Russ Sheppard)  
Reference Lacrosse Canada revisions of coaching manuals. Acknowledged that it has been a difficult experience with Lacrosse Canada on the coaches committee with limited BC representation. No questions to Russ' report.
- e) BC Lacrosse Officials Group (Andy Watson)  
The recruitment and retention of officials was a big theme coming out of the Special Session and are looking at a number of innovative solutions to recruit and retain officials. Gerry acknowledged that BC officials were amazing at Nationals. Dallas Lister replaced Wilson Louie as Vice Chair. The Officials Group is looking forward to in-person engagements in the upcoming year. No questions to Andy's report
- f) BC Lacrosse Volunteer Technical Support Group  
No report submitted. All positions in the BCLVTSG are currently all unfilled.

## 7. Credentials Report (Nichola Manning)

Nichola Manning, BCLA Secretary, provided the Credentials Report. Out of a possible 314 votes, there were 190 registered voting delegates and 142 actual voting delegates in attendance at the BCLA AGM General Session. The breakdown as follows:

Executive	7 out of a possible 9
Minor Box	86 out of a possible 105
Senior Box	42 out of a possible 91
Field	41 out of a possible 67
Vol Tech	0 out of a possible 6
Officials	11 out of a possible 22
Coaches	3 out of a possible 14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>190 registered Voting Delegates out of a possible 314 Voting Delegates</b>

## 8. Proposed Amendments

### a) BCLA Constitution and By-Laws

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*It was moved by Doug Wright seconded by Dylan Taylor to change all references of “Canadian Lacrosse Association” & “CLA” in all BCLA documents including but not limited to the BCLA Constitution & By-Laws and all BCLA Operating Policies to “Lacrosse Canada” & “LC”.*

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Tim Frost seconded by Ryan Hyland to change all Minor Lacrosse Age Category designations in Bylaw Number I: DEFINITIONS, Sections 10 & 11 to the Lacrosse Canada Age Category nomenclature.*

*All references to:*

- “Midget” and “16U” change to read: “U17”*
- “Bantam” and “14U” change to read “U15”*
- “PeeWee” and “12U” change to read “U13”*
- “Novice” and “10U” change to read “U11”*
- “Tyke” and “8U” change to read “U9”*
- “Mini-Tyke” and “6U” change to read “U7”*

**CARRIED**

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### b) BCLA General Operating Policy

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*It was moved by Angie Schwan seconded by Wes Tyres, to amend REGULATION 5: TRAVEL, 5.01 (iv) to read as follows:*

**5.01** Travel expenses will be paid by the Association as follows:

- (iv) Other travel --as authorized by the Executive, and *updated annually on January 1 of each calendar year, according to the Canada Revenue Agency guidelines as publish on the CRA website (Reasonable per-kilometre allowance – Canada.ca)\**

Every effort must be made to keep costs down when travelling to and from meetings, events, etc. It is expected that if air travel and/or renting a vehicle is less expensive than per km expenses, that people will make the more economical travel arrangements. If more than one person is travelling from the same area, every effort must be made to car pool. When practical, use of telephone conferencing should be considered as a substitute for in-person attendance at regular meetings.

Ferry-- actual cost

Other fares -- actual cost

Meals -- up to \$40.00/day

Accommodation -- up to \$100.00/day

\* <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/payroll/benefits-allowances/automobile/automobile-motor-vehicle-allowances/reasonable-kilometre-allowance.html>

**CARRIED**

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Sean Reid withdrew the proposed amendment of Regulation 7 Title and add new **REGULATION 7: PLAYER AND OFFICIAL REGISTRATION** that read:

**7.5 Official Registration**

- 7.51** *Each association shall determine and approve registration for certified box lacrosse officials they wish to be involved for the coming season for their association.*
- 7.52** *All Entry Level 1 and Level 1 Minor/Youth officials (Box/Field) must register within the set boundaries (based on his/her primary residence within a city, town, municipality, school district, etc.) of the appropriate Directorate as determined by the specific Commission/League.*
- 7.53** *If an official has moved residences to another association, Grandfathering (2 full seasons of experience in box/field respectively) to previous association must be approved by the home association for Entry level 1 and Level 1 officials. Otherwise, it is expected these officials register within their new home association community.*
- 7.54** *The local Commissions/Leagues are responsible to administer these boundaries and for providing these boundaries to the BCLA Office, through their respective Directorates.*
- 7.55** *Any person legally residing, either temporarily or permanently, in British Columbia may register as an official of the BC Lacrosse Association.*
- 7.56** *Out of Country residents may become members on an annual basis by applying for placement through a league and ratification by the appropriate Directorate. Potential members must apply to Minor Box/Senior Box/Field Directorate for approval and must follow the applicable registration and transfer procedures.*
- 7.57** *All members must have medical insurance (equivalent to BC Medical Insurance coverage). Members without a BC Care Card must provide proof of basic health insurance.*

**If 7.5 passes, Add new regulation**

**7.6 Official Travel Fees**

- 7.61** *Officials travelling more than 30km roundtrip shall be reimbursed for their travel at the set BCLA travel rate per BCLA policy.*
- 7.62** *The origin departing point for each official shall be the set boundaries set out in “7.5 Official Registration.” For officials where this has not been determined, the Vice-Chair of Senior Officials will make the determination for officials based on the closest postal code for senior officials who also referee minor lacrosse.*

**WITHDRAWN**

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**It was moved by John Hamilton seconded by Tim Frost, to amend REGULATION 12: GENDER EQUITY, 12.02 to read:**

- 12.02** *The BCLA will encourage Gender Equity by:*
  - a)** *Ensuring that the achievement of equal opportunities is a key consideration when developing, updating or delivering BCLA programs;*
  - b)** *Ensuring that the needs and concerns of all genders are identified, promoted and supported;*
  - c)** *Ensuring that the governance structure encourages and promotes full and equal opportunities of all genders;*
  - d)** *Ensuring that all staff has equal opportunities to participate in decision-making, advance in management, and receive equal remuneration.*

- e) *Co-operating with other organizations such as Sport Canada, Sport BC, CAAWS, et al., to promote equal opportunities for all genders;*
- f) *Providing international leadership with the IF in the promotion of equal opportunities for all genders;*
- g) *Encouraging all international games and event organizers to provide for equal opportunities for all genders to participate.*

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Angie Schwan seconded by Wuilbur Jaramillo, to amend APPENDIX A: BCLA APPEALS POLICY AND PROCESS, Appeal Board members Point 15, to read:*

15. *Each hearing will have a Chair and three to seven panel members. The panel members will have the jurisdiction of, and may exercise and perform the powers and duties provided to them under this bylaw. In the case of a hearing necessary under Section 14.03.2 (Harassment) Policy, the panel should make every effort to be comprised of a minimum 51% of the same gender as the Appellant.*

**CARRIED**

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*Savanna Smith withdrew the proposed amendment to APPENDIX B: 2021-2022 FEE SCHEDULE, Female Box Lacrosse Recreation that would have read:*

*Female Box Lacrosse Recreational \$20*

**WITHDRAWN**

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*Savanna Smith withdrew the proposed amendment to APPENDIX B: 2021-2022 FEE SCHEDULE, Female Senior Payment/Game that would have read:*

**Minor Box Officials Payment/Game**

<i>Juvenile (Minor)/Fem Junior</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Fem Senior</i>	<i>\$60</i>

**WITHDRAWN**

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**9. Election of Officers**

Gerry Van Beek handed over the election procedure to Ron McQuarrie who explained the voting procedures and pointed out that the duties of each position were outlined in the document “Notice of BCLA Board Positions Up for Election” posted on the BCLA website. Ron took control of the meeting for purposes of holding the BCLA Executive elections.

- a) Slate of Officers presented by Nominations Committee (prior to each position)
  - Vice President – Administration and Finance – Nichola Manning
  - Vice President – Operations – Grant Hamilton
  - Vice President – Development – Terry Mosdell
  - Vice President – Technical Programs – Dennis Quigley
  - Vice President – Performance Programs – Jason Goller
  - President– Gerry Van Beek

b) Election by Position:

- i. Vice President – Administration & Finance (2-Year Term) –  
Nichola Manning nominated by committee – 1 ballot cast for Nichola Manning
- ii. Vice President – Operations (1-Year Term) –  
Grant Hamilton nominated by committee – 1 ballot cast for Grant Hamilton
- iii. Vice President - Development (2-Year Term) –  
Terry Mosdell nominated by committee – 1 ballot cast for Terry Mosdell
- iv. Vice President – Technical Programs (2-Year Term) –  
Dennis Quigley nominated by committee – 1 ballot cast for Dennis Quigley
- v. Vice President – Performance Programs (1-Year Term) –  
Jason Goller nominated by committee – 1 ballot cast for Jason Goller
- vi. President (2-Year Term) –  
Gerry Van Beek nominated by committee – 1 ballot cast for Gerry Van Beek
- vii. Secretary –  
No names were brought forward during the election for the position of Secretary. The Board will appoint an individual after Nov. 1 to act in the role until the next BCLA AGM where they will need to stand for election.

The meeting was turned back over Gerry Van Beek. Gerry extended thanks to Ron McQuarrie for conducting the election procedures.

*It was moved by Nichola Manning, seconded by Dave Wilkie to destroy the ballots.*

**CARRIED.**

**9. New Business**

a) Officials fees

A motion regarding officials fees came forward from the floor.

*It was moved by Andy Watson, seconded by Cameron Anderson that due to the difficulty in recruiting and retaining officials and the massive labor shortage for workers in BC, the BCLTSG proposes an increase in game fees by \$5 in 2023:*

<b>OFFICIALS POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
<i>Shot Clock</i>	<i>\$15 minimum</i>	<i>\$20 minimum</i>
<i>Mini Tyke/Tyke</i>	<i>\$20 minimum</i>	<i>\$25 minimum</i>
<i>Novice</i>	<i>\$30</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>12U / Pee Wee</i>	<i>\$35</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>14U / Bantam</i>	<i>\$40</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>16U / Midget</i>	<i>\$45</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Junior Girls</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>\$55</i>
<i>Senior Women's</i>	<i>\$55</i>	<i>\$60</i>

**CARRIED**

b) Inclusion and Diversity

A motion regarding diversity and inclusiveness came forward from the floor.

*It was moved by Paul Horn, seconded by Dylan Taylor that the BCLA create an ad hoc working group to consider ways to improve the diversity and inclusiveness of its policies, procedures, and programs.*

**CARRIED**

c) Spirit Champions

The Spirit Champion video shown in advance of the AGM is located on the BCLA YouTube page. The BCLA social media platform, over the next few weeks, will be highlighting all of the winners.

d) Next AGM

October 2023; location method TBA but all efforts will be made to have an in-person meeting.

e) With Thanks

Gerry expressed his gratitude to all volunteers for everything they do for the game of lacrosse. Gerry also thanked the Office staff for hosting the third virtual AGM meeting

**10. Adjournment**

*It was moved by Paul Horn, seconded by Russ Sheppard that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.*

**CARRIED**



**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Alexander, Robb	WF-Ridge Meadows
Alfawicki, Sue	OBSERVER-'MB-Semiahmoo
Anderson, Cam	BCLOG Zone 1
Arden, Rob	BCLCG-Vice Chair - Minor
Aunger, Russ	MB-Port Moody
Bains, Ric	Vancouver Island Senior C
<b>Baxter, Bryan</b>	<b>OBSERVER - BCLA Indigenous Program</b>
Belanger, Suzanne	JRB-West Kootenay
Bellamy, Kelly	PG SRC-Devils
Bhatara, Manish	MB-Burnaby
Bonner, Rich	MB-Ridge Meadows
Borkowsky, Brian	SrA Ridge
Boyer, Tyler	BCLOG-Zone 6 Minor
Brown, Scott	MB-Prince George
Burrelle, Vince	BCLOG-Zone 3 Minor
Callard, Lynda	MB-New Westminster
Cameron, Karen	YF-Valley
Campbell, Chris	YF-Langley
Campbell, Megan	MB-Coquitlam
Campbell, Tali	SRA-Burnaby Lakers
<b>Cartwright, Kevin</b>	<b>MB-Vancouver</b>
Catton, Rich	MB-New Westminster
<b>Cavallarin, Mitchel</b>	<b>OBSERVER</b>
Charlton, Chris	MB-Chilliwack
Church, Jon	YF-Pt Coquitlam
Clare, Mary	FD-Vice Chair - Senior
Close, Renee	MB-Delta
Cook, Rob	Pacific Northwest Junior B T2
Craiggs, Tyson	MB-Ridge Meadows
Cummings, Greer	MB-Oceanside
Dal Monte, Paul	Western Lacrosse Association
Davidson, Anita	MB-Peninsula
Davis, Heather	Thompson-Okanagan Junior B T1
Davis, Heidi	MB-Port Coquitlam
Davis, Scott	MB-Sunshine Coast
Denis, Jill	MB-Juan de Fuca

Donahue, Shawn	BCLCG-Vice Chair - Field
<i>Dos Santos, Susan</i>	<i>OBSERVER-Surrey Minor</i>
Engel, Logan	YF-Chilliwack
<i>Fahlke, Cathy</i>	<i>OBSERVER-Semiahmoo Minor</i>
Fines, Kelly	MB-Alberni Valley
Fisher, Jeff	JRB1-Maple Ridge
Forlin, Denise	SRB-Langley
Foster, Brad	WF-Adanacs
Freeman, Stuart	MB-Coquitlam
Frost, Tim	Vancouver Island Minor Box Commissioner
Gallagher, Jean	MB-Juan de Fuca
Glass, Jeff	YF-Surrey
Glover, David	MB-Delta
Goller, Gina	YF-Langley
<i>Goller, Jason</i>	<i>OBSERVER</i>
Hagel, Michael	MD-Zone 5 Director
Hamaoka, Kevin	MB-Coquitlam
Hampton, Ron	JRA-Victoria Shamrocks
Hansford, Tracy	MB-Kelowna
Hartley, Troy	YF-Adanacs
Harvey, Ron	JRB2-Pt. Coquitlam
Hassey, Jason	YF-Oceanside
Hemmerling, Stacy	MB-Port Coquitlam
Hensrud, Kristy	MB-Langley
Hertslet, Dennis	MB-Ridge Meadows
Horn, Paul	SRA-New West Salmonbellies
Huglett, Jason	MB-Mission
Hyland, Liz	YF-Juan De Fuca
Hyland, Ryan	MB-Juan de Fuca
Jaramillo, Wuilbert	Thompson/Okanagan Minor Box Commissioner
Jenkins, David	BCLA-Director at Large
Kask, Gord	BCLA-VP Performance Programs
Keizer, Trish	FD-Vice Chair - Youth
Kellett, Tom	MB-Burnaby
Kent, Jodi	YF-Adanacs
Kerr, Lauri	SRC-Richmond

Kidd, Dave	JRA-Pt. Coquitlam Saints
Kirkby, Susan	MB-Burnaby
Kirstiuk, Terry	SD-Vice Chair
<b>Kokoska, Nicole</b>	<b>OBSERVER-'MB-Mission</b>
Kollar, Kelsey	YF-Nanaimo
Koran, Andrew	YF-Ridge Meadows
<b>Kurt, Melody</b>	<b>MB-Vancouver</b>
La Roue, Pat	MB-Semiahmoo
Labowka, Mark	MB-Campbell River
Lehman, Sean	BCLOG-Vice Chair - Senior
Lejeune, Jessica	MB-Juan de Fuca
Lister, Dallas	BCLOG-Vice Chair - Minor
Lockwood, AJ	MB-Kamloops
Lockwood, Will	YF-Ridge Meadows
Louie, Wilson	BCLOG-Island Senior
Manning, Nichola	BCLA-Secretary
Margetson, Sandra	Lower Mainland Minor Box Commissioner
Mason, Pam	MD-Vice Chair
McIlhargey, Mindy	WF-Adanacs
McInerney, Loren	JRB1-Victoria Shamrocks
McIntosh, Gord	MD-Chair
McKeddie, Erica	YF-Pt Coquitlam
McLucas, Beth	FD-Chair
<b>McQuarrie, Ron</b>	<b>OBSERVER-Elections</b>
Miele, Mike	YF-Delta
Miller, Alex	YF-Vancouver
Mosdell, Terry	BCLA-VP Development
Nakashimada, Jessica	YF-Kamloops
Nociar, Monika	MB-Surrey
Nose, Ryan	BCLOG-Vice Chair - Field
Ohlmann, Kellie	FD-Vice Chair - Women's Field
Ortutay, Mike	MB-Chilliwack
Paciejewski, Richard	MD-Zone 8 Director
Paddon, Ryan	MB-Surrey
Paterson, Greg	YF-Richmond

<b>Penner, Tanya</b>	<b>OBSERVER - Youth Field - Nanaimo</b>
Plante, Jason	YF-New Westminster
Poole, Karen	WF-New Westminster
Quigely, Dennis	BCLA-VP Technical Programs
Rachfall, Dirk	BC Junior A
Reid, Sean (for Angie)	BLOG-Vice Chair - Women's Field
<b>Rennie, Brad</b>	<b>OBSERVER-Ridge Meadows Minor</b>
<b>Rhodes, Darcy</b>	<b>OBSERVER-Team BC Box</b>
Romano, Brad	Pacific Coast Field Chair
Scabar, Chris	JRB1-Vernon Tigers
Schwan, Angie	BCLA-VP Administration and Finance
Scott, Chris	PG SRC-Crossfire
Sharpe, Darren	MB-Nanaimo
Sheidow, Kristen	MB-Port Coquitlam
Sheppard, Russ	BCLCG-Chair
Smith, Mark	MB-New Westminster
Smith, Savanna	SrWomFld - Vancouver
Stevens, John	Great White North Minor Box Commissioner
Stewardson, Kevin	MB-New Westminster
Stuart, Andy	MB-Saanich
Sullivan, Lonny	MB-Nanaimo
Taylor, Dylan	FD-Secretary
Teasdale, Damian	MB-Ridge Meadows
Terris, Brande	JRB2-Nanaimo
Thomson, Wendy	MB-Langley
Trahan, Kate	MB-Penticton
Tyerman, Ian	WF-Surrey
Tyre, Wes	BCLOG-Island Field
Ungaro, Garrett	MB-Coquitlam
Van Beek, Gerry	BCLA-President
Vanichuk, Alex	MB-Langley
Wahl, Josh	MB-Port Coquitlam
<b>Wales, Allen</b>	<b>OBSERVER-MB-Port Moody</b>
Waters, Jordan	YF-Juan De Fuca
Watson, Andy	BCLOG-Chair

Webber, Shannon	MB-North Shore
Welch, Amanda	MB-Victoria-Esquimalt
Wells, Geordie	MB-Langley
Westwood, George	SRB-Victoria
White, Candice	WR-Juan De Fuca
<b>White, Ryan</b>	<b>OBSERVER-Saanich Minor</b>
Wilkie, Dave	SD-Chair
Wittmeier, Don	Prince George Senior C
Wood, Rod	SRA-Victoria Shamrocks
Wright, Doug	BCLOG-Director at Large
Yerbury, Jaime	YF-Ridge Meadows
Zemp, Pam	MB-West Kootenay
Zille, Dave	MB-Port Moody
Zumbo, Allison	YF-Kelowna