

BC Lacrosse Association 2025
Annual General Meeting
October 25th, 2025
BCLA President's Report: Gerry Van Beek

First off, I want to once again give shout-outs to the tremendous volunteers that both enjoy and provide lacrosse in British Columbia. It has been a pleasure meeting so many of you through the past year.

Another shout-out to the BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) Staff (Jill, Deb, Dave, & Lucas). The members of BC Lacrosse are very fortunate that we have such dedicated staff.

THANK YOU to the BCLA Board members for your dedication to lacrosse over the past year.

Final shout-out goes to the BCLA participants at the National Championships and Canada Games. BC earned 7 Gold Medals, 6 Silver Medals and one 5th place showing. We are so very proud of the accomplishments of all our teams. In every case, we competed with class and gained the respect of our competitors. Thanks for making BC proud.

No Lacrosse Canada members need to travel as much at BCLA teams for National Championships. We feel for those that were caught up in the Air Canada strike and ensuing chaos. And special thanks to Jill Krop for helping everybody get home as expediently as she did. We had 7 teams in Nova Scotia, 2 to Newfoundland & Labrador, 2 in Ontario, and one in Alberta. Two teams stayed in BC as we hosted those championships in BC.

- U13 Female Box Lacrosse, The Championship Cup – Gold Medal
- U13 Box Lacrosse, The EG Dopp Trophy - Silver Medal
- U15 Female Box Lacrosse, The Rose Engemann Trophy – Gold Medal
- U15 Box Lacrosse, Commissioners Trophy – Silver Medal
- U17 Female Canada Summer Games Box Lacrosse – Gold Medal
- U17 Male Canada Summer Games Box Lacrosse – Silver Medal
- U17 Men's Field Lacrosse, Alumni Cup – Gold Medal
- U19 Women's Field Lacrosse, Jenny Kyle Cup – Gold Medal, BC Hosted
- U19 Men's Field Lacrosse, First Nations Cup – Gold Medal
- U22 Female Box Lacrosse, Carol Patterson Trophy – Silver Medal
- U22 Jr B Box Lacrosse, Founders Cup – Silver Medal – Coquitlam Jr B Adanacs
- U22 Jr A Box Lacrosse, Minto Cup – Gold Medal – Coquitlam Jr A Adanacs
- Senior B Lacrosse, Presidents Cup, 5th place – Ladner Pioneers
- Senior A Lacrosse – Silver Medal – New Westminster Salmonbellies, BC Hosted

Thanks and congrats to the Players, Coaches, Managers and Volunteers that represented BCLA so well.

Jenny Kyle Cup Committee and the Mann Cup Committee both did EXCELLENT work. BCLA Lacrosse community is so proud of how you make BC Lacrosse shine when in the spotlight.

BCLA athletes let their respective Team Canada teams at two World Championships in 2025. Silver Medal for Women's U20 Field Lacrosse and Canada's 1st ever Gold Medal for Men's U20 Field Lacrosse. Congrats and thanks to those involved.

BCLA Officials represented BCLA glowingly in all World Lacrosse Championships, Canada Games, and every National Championship. BCLA Officials are considered among the best in the world at all disciplines of lacrosse. Thank you to all our officials.

Our engaged participation in all lacrosse events confirms the outstanding reputation BCLA has when its members are on a national or international stage.

Lacrosse Canada (LC) held an in person Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Toronto November 2024 & Semi-Annual Meetings (SAM) in Fredericton New Brunswick in May 2025. The series of meetings in November 2024 were attended by Jill Krop & I. The SAM was attended by Jill Krop & I with the support of BCLA leaders Paul Dal Monte & Russ Aunger. We attended all the meetings on behalf of our members. The LC AGM meetings set the stage for the last step in governance changes with Lacrosse Canada that were enabled at the SAM. The LC BOD and Bylaws are in-line with Sport Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee, and common sense for proper governance for a National Sport Organization. BCLA is working with experts to help us with similar changes to help us continue as a model Provincial Sport Organization.

Lacrosse Canada had its 2025 Annual General Meeting September 26th. This meeting finalized the constitution of the LC Board of Directors (BOD) with elections of five (5) Directors for six (6) elected positions. Returning Athletic Director (Zach Currier – 1 year term), Remaining Directors at Large members for two-year terms are Stephan Leblanc, Barbara Lockhart, and Matt Shearer (President). Elected for three-year terms (Alan Preyra, Stephanie Pagan, and Ted Goldthorpe), Directors at Large for one year (Brad Cann). Appointed Aboriginal Director is Hanna Lazore. There is one open spot for a one-year term for a Director at Large position. I remain as a non-officio, non-voting member of the LC BOD as the Chair of the LC Member Council.

Of note the LC Policy Manuals are completely revamped and any references to them in our documentation require updates. The updated regulations will be published at <https://lacrosse.ca/> in the Operations & Governance section. BCLA will update members when the public corrected version is available, if not available at time of this reports publication. Of immediate note is that LC increased Participation fees to \$30 per registered participant over eight years old (Player, Coach, Official) for the 2026 season. BCLA collects these fees on behalf of LC in the BCLA registration fees. Therefore, BCLA registration fees will reflect these increases.

Lacrosse Canada staff numbers have grown significantly in the past year. Positive programming results are promised for areas outside of Team Canada Events.

There are many issues in society that are impacting BCLA to a greater extent than ever before. These impacts are increased use and costs of resources. Society places many responsibilities on the sport system that needs more resources to properly handle. Many of our volunteer

responsibilities are outside of their expertise or availability. There is help coming from via Sport on handling non-sport misconduct. That program was promised for September but is not available at time of this report's writing.

We have some work to do with modernizing BCLA to best provide programming and support to make lacrosse the best it can be. The basis of these changes is changes to authority and guidance. We need to allow those who we elect to fulfill functions in lacrosse, fulfill those functions in a spirit of collaboration, not the animostic nature of some of our local representatives.

In the interest of full transparency, I advise members that a civil claim has been commenced against me, in my capacity as President of the BCLA, by Tyson Craiggs, Ted Craiggs, Clayton Gagnon, and Joseph (Bram) Gagnon. The allegations are denied in their entirety and will be vigorously defended. I am confident my actions complied with the Association's bylaws and policies and were undertaken in good faith and in the best interests of the BCLA, its members, and volunteers. As the matter is before the courts, I will not provide further comment at this time.

Being President of the BCLA is a very rewarding experience. As I look forward to the final year of my Presidency. I hope BCLA embraces the governance changes needed for it to remain a leader in provincial sports organizations.

Thank you all for your dedication to the sport we all love.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Gerry Van Beek

2025 Vice President, Operations Report

2025 was a year for me to work with some of the directorates on streamlining their reporting processes. There is still some work to do moving forward and I have the hope that we can build a system that will make some processes quicker and have league agreements ratified more efficiently. Leagues and directorates do seem to be managing their disciplines better and thus we had fewer hearings to adjudicate this past year. There are still some items on my to do list that will take some time to deal with but are ongoing projects.

David Bensmiller

BCLA Vice President, Operations

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BCLA Vice President-Development Terry Mosdell

This year started with some introductions and development in Box Lacrosse to a couple of new Associations looking to have teams play within BC in the upcoming 2024 Box Season. Was overly excited to hear that the Sunshine Coast Minor Association was training new coaches as well as looking to start up new teams. We set up a Level 2 Box Competitive Intro course for the Sunshine Coast, which was held in Sechelt. The course was set up for minor coaches so that they could support the new teams comprised mostly of brand-new players to the sport of Box Lacrosse. We are still in discussion with the association, talking about what would be required for equipment, what type facilities they had, when we could hold a general introduction to the sport, Coaching Clinics and possibly referee clinics. Hopefully, we can move this forward and get the Association running a team in every division of Minor Lacrosse however travel to and from the Sunshine Coast is always an issue especially when dealing with getting Officials to their facilities. I was also in contact with a possible new program/team starting up in Masters Box Lacrosse in the Victoria area as well. They are planning to set up a full Recreation drop-in program and expand to some Masters Teams. Victoria is also interested in attending some of the Lower Mainland Masters Tournaments in 2025 and travel to out of province tournaments. We also had interest from the Okanagan in setting up a Recreational Field Lacrosse team that would travel to Alberta and compete in a Masters Field Tournament.

The Masters Box Tournament is still looking to be revitalized but have had limited interest in someone taking the tournament over. I am still hoping to bring this very exciting Tournament back into the Masters Box program. Will be pushing to have the July Long Weekend Tournament up and going again in the 2026 season, as many Masters are very keen on participating in this tournament. We did have the N. Shore Tournament in late July and the annual Ice Breaker tournament which was held in April. Both were a tremendous success – I believe that there

were 8 teams competing in the North Shore at their new facility on the Reservation. Congratulations go out to Simon Baker for this successful tournament as well as the PoCo Masters team for winning the title in a great final game against the Vancouver Fire Department.

The Masters Field Program held in Port Coquitlam at Gates Park saw a full season this year under modified rules. Each game runs for 1 hour with each team playing their game over the 4-hour time slot. The season started in March this year and finished by the end of September. Congratulations go out to Team Orange who ended up winning the 2025 Season against a very competitive Team Grey. The final score was 10 -8 in favour of Team Orange. There are 8 teams participating in the season with roughly 18 players per team. These games are played every weekend on Sunday evening from the start of April right through to its completion in September. Congratulations to all players who participated and especially to the Masters Field Executive who were able to put together a full season.

The Masters Box Season had a remarkably successful season. The League started in October 2024 and ran through to February 2025. The League was again held at the Field House at the LEC as they were able to secure floor time for the full season. A couple of games had to be played on odd nights, but a great season was had by all participants. Each team had 18 players on their roster and were able to play a full season of 15 games. This year we saw Team Purple win the Championship. This upcoming season the League expects to have 6 teams again and as always, they welcome all interested players over the age of 35 to apply. No previous Box Lacrosse experience is required to play.

It was much better year for everyone involved in the Sport of Lacrosse in 2025 and with the great determination and perseverance of all the great people, volunteers, and Associations that we have in Lacrosse the sport rebounded to full league play in all disciplines. I am confident that we will be back on the floor and/or field with no restrictions again in the 2026 Season.

In closing I would like to thank our Executive Director, Jill Krop, for all her dedication and help through these extremely exciting times. Jill has done an outstanding job and has stepped up to all the challenges that this season has brought forward. I would also like to thank Dave Showers, Deb Heard and Lucas

Greene for their continuing support in whatever challenges I might have in the many aspects of getting the game of Lacrosse promoted and supported throughout the province of BC.



Dear members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the VP of Technical Programs the past year. This has been a year of learning and growth as I have gained a deeper understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the six committees within my mandate, as well as the opportunities and challenges that they each face.

I had the privilege to be part of the team that represented BC Lacrosse at the Lacrosse Canada Semi-Annual meeting earlier this year in May. It was insightful to learn the state of lacrosse in all three sectors; box, field, and sixes across the various provincial bodies in Canada.

It was also an opportunity to gain experience from Lacrosse Canada as they revealed their new strategic plan for 2025 to 2028, and the membership voted in favor to move to a Governance model. Providing a framework for BC Lacrosse to build from as we transition to our own Governance model.

Looking ahead, I am looking forward to collaborating more closely with our Coaches Technical Support Group led by Travis Gillespie, and our Officials Technical Support Group led by Doug Wright. I would like to thank both Travis and Doug for their hard work over the past year in leading these two pivotal Groups.

Recently, I have also agreed to take on the position of VP of Administration & Finance on an interim basis until a suitable replacement can be found for the position. I would also like to thank Jill Krop, Gerry Van Beek, and the rest of the BCLA Executive for their support over the past year. It has been a pleasure to serve with all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Aunger".

Russ Aunger

VP Technical Programs

BC Lacrosse

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The Audited Financials

This was a promising year financially for the BCLA. As you will have seen on the audited financial statement prepared by Manning Elliott LLP, we had a surplus of just over \$47,000 in fiscal '25. It's quite a turn around from a deficit of \$143,000 in fiscal '24. A heartfelt thank you to all the people who helped contribute to that turnaround, reducing costs at both the Box and Field Provincials played a significant role, as did the sale of the BCLA's sport wheelchairs and trailer. It has been a major undertaking for Deb Heard, me and our accountant to understand the BCLA's finances, after many years of oversight by just one person, but we are now on track to offer more clarity on specific budgets. We must continue to be creative about funding to ensure we have the dollars we need to grow the game!

viaSport

The governing body for sport in BC, viaSport, asked all 79 of its designated sports to participate in an Operational Enhancement Initiative this year. This involved sharing our Constitution, Bylaws, Operating Policies, Organizational Chart and many other documents with Cheryl Humphrey and Greg Gilhooly, both from Sport Law. After a thorough review they provided the BCLA with a final report. The entire process was paid for by viaSport. The main goal, to ensure all PSOs are compliant with the BC Societies Act and are following leading practices. It has been a very informative process and resulted in 49 recommendations for the BCLA. It is clear there is much to be done to bring our organization in line with the Societies Act and to ensure we're on the leading edge of Safe Sport and Risk Management.

The process of applying the recommendations will take some time, but there are significant reasons why change is necessary:

- **Legal Compliance:** These changes are required by the BC Societies Act, without them BCLA risks non-compliance and decisions we make could be challenged in court.
- **Fairness & Transparency:** One vote per Member ensures all associations are treated equally, no matter their size. Individual participants will still have a voice through their associations.

- **Stronger Athlete Protection:** Updating policies and clarifying authority ensures safer environments for athletes, aligning with provincial and national safe sport standards.
- **Operational Efficiency:** A simplified governance structure reduces duplication, lack of accountability and conflict, allowing BCLA to focus more on supporting athletes, coaches, and officials.
- **Inclusivity & Growth:** A more transparent and modern governance system will make it easier to attract new volunteers, Directors, and partners.

There are other sport organizations in BC already applying these principles, here are links to their websites if you'd like to compare and contrast.

[About Us | BC Soccer Association](#)

[About Us | BC Hockey](#)

Community Gaming Grant

As many of you are aware, the Provincial Government moved the gaming grants out of the Finance Ministry and over to the Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport Ministry. The move has delayed the granting process and so we are still waiting to hear what our grant will be this year. We did request just over \$200k but are hearing that other PSO's have received the same amount they got last year, if that's the case we should be allocated at least \$172,000. Unfortunately, we have just heard the BCGEU strike is impacting the awarding of these grants and therefore we have no timeline for when we will receive notice of our grant.

The BCLA Board

We are saying goodbye to three Board members, VP Administration and Finance, Nichola Manning has resigned, while VP Performance Tyler Codron and Director at Large Rita Stroup have decided not to run again. It has been a pleasure working with these board members, they will be missed! Thank you also to the other board members, Gerry, Liz, Terry, and Russ, for their continued support and guidance throughout the past year, we look forward to another year with all of you and to welcoming any new board members elected at this AGM.

The BCLA Provincial Leadership Group

Thank you for the countless hours so many of you contribute to the Minor, Field and Senior Directorates, and the Coaches and Officials groups. Very little would be accomplished without all of you setting the course for this ship! Thank you to everyone leading the Commissions and Leagues, you're the people who ensure the ship stays on course!

BCLA Registrars

A huge thank you to Corinne Perriman for navigating the RAMP registration system! While it has modernized our process and created some much-needed efficiencies, both operational and financial, it's been a lot of work learning how to use a new system. Thank you as well to Judy Regier for keeping the Senior Box registration on track!

Strategic Plan

Here is a link to our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan : [BCLA StrategicPlan2024 FINAL.pdf](#)

In fiscal 2024 we tackled a couple of the more urgent issues, streamlining processes and user-friendly technology with changes to our banking system and registration platform. In fiscal 2025 we continued with our efforts by becoming much more financially sustainable. We also saw increases in player registration; thanks to all the hard work our Member Associations do.

There is still much to be done to accomplish all the goals set out in our Strategic Plan, however, I am convinced the remaining key outcomes are within our reach if we continue to perform as we have over the past year. Collaboration and communication are the keys, and I hope we'll be working more closely in fiscal '26 to achieve these collective goals.

TEAM BC

As per Gerry's report, Team BC had a remarkable summer at National Championships and the Canada Summer Games. Every athlete, coach, trainer and manager should be incredibly proud. We brought home a lot of hardware, and we grew our reputation as fierce competitors and good friends of the other teams. When you are told, "We love playing your teams", you know the program is doing so many things right!

Sadly, Mitch Cavallarin stepped down as the program coordinator for Team BC Field, as he continues working as a teacher and pursuing a master's degree. We miss him a lot but wish him great success in this chapter of his learning journey! Lucas Greene who did a wonderful job with the Box program during a very busy summer, graciously stepped in and is currently guiding the Field program, however, this is not permanent. We will be conducting a survey in November to gather input on the Team BC Program. As you know it is a large high-performance program that has grown somewhat naturally but is much more complex than it was just a few years ago. Once we have survey results and can analyze them we will determine the level of staffing required to run the program.

BC Summer Games

The summer games will be held in Kelowna this July and preparations have already begun. Fortunately for us Jane Boutilier has agreed to stay on as the lead for the Field teams, while Dave Showers is stepping into the role Greg Toll magnificently held over several years. We cannot thank Greg enough for his dedication, stewardship, guidance for the box teams. He will be greatly missed! We're looking forward to a wonderful event in Kelowna this summer.

The Vancouver Warriors

We are proud to continue our strong partnership with the Warriors and are grateful the Season is going ahead! The Warriors very generously provide the BCLA with considerable money through profits from their 50/50 draws. This money is now earmarked for a rebranded Lacrosse on the Move fund. After discussion with the Warriors the decision was made to offer these funds to high performance athletes in need. We have had terrific response this season and made Team BC costs less onerous for several families.

The Warriors are also instrumental in sharing the Creator's game at schools across BC and we are looking forward to growing the Stick to Schools program with the team again this year!

BCLA Member Associations and Junior/Senior Organizations

You are the boots on the ground – you keep lacrosse going and growing in your respective communities. We've seen growth in most existing associations, renewed interest in communities where lacrosse either never existed or disappeared. You come together as communities to host a multitude of tournaments and Provincial Championships. Some of you are beginning to host Sixes events and almost all of you have created programs to encourage young children to try lacrosse for the first time. As mentioned in Gerry's report we've also watched Junior and Senior teams make BC proud with their performances at National Championships. Thank you to each and everyone of you!

BC Wheelchair Lacrosse Program

We made the very difficult decision to sell our 12 sport wheelchairs. They spent more time in storage than in use, fortunately for us Lacrossing Barriers was anxious to purchase the chairs and put them to use! While they're based in Alberta, they do a lot of work in BC. Here's a link to check out the great work they do: [Adaptive Sports Programming | Lacrossing Barriers | NA](#)

BCLA Staff

Finally, Deb Heard, Dave Showers and Lucas Greene, you have poured so much energy, time and talent into ensuring the BC Lacrosse Association functions smoothly. We have asked so much of you over the past year; I don't think most people realize that there is no downtime, there is no slow season, and there is always a lengthy and urgent to-do list at the office. We'd be nowhere without you, and I've never been more impressed by such a small group of people, particularly when it comes to drive and dedication. You keep this ship upright and I can't thank you enough, but I will buy you chicken enchiladas as a small token of my appreciation!

As we head into 2026, we're counting on the lacrosse community in BC to support the goal to modernize BCLA's governance to meet today's legal, organizational, and sport standards, while preserving our history, values, and community roots.