



**B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association  
2012 Special Session  
Saturday September 8, 2012  
Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam, BC**

---

**Joint Coaches and Officials Session**

---

- Doug Wright reported that there were 128 abuse of Officials. Of which 62 were from Doorman in the 2012 lacrosse season in Minor.
- Need more communication for on floor Officials.
- Losing Officials because of abuse.
- Does Field Lacrosse have ideas on how to deal with abuse from the Box sector?
- Mike Marshall wants Doorman to be certified as Coaches.
- Dennis Quigley wants to deal with Coaches immediately.
- Evaluate Officials on the Island and in the Interior.
- Evaluate Coaches as do the Officials being evaluated.
- Bogus calls on players?
- Safety type calls should be called. Like shooting at goalies from behind the net. No padding on the back of goalies head.
- Injuries from non calls.
- C.L.A. task force on fighting report to be issued at C.L.A. AGM at Nov. meeting
- Get rid of fight altogether in Minor Lacrosse.
- Minor Coaches are coaching to competitive in the lower Minor levels.
- Watch for teams penalty minutes during the season.
- Officials down playing fighting with lesser type penalty calls.
- Take info to other Directorates.
- Officials to warn Coaches before each game.

Abuse of Officials Coach and Officials Committee

Chair Tyson Leies, Barry Kelly, Gord Patrick, Mike Kuppen

**2012 Special Session Meeting**

---

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Marshall, Dan Wray, Dennis Quigley, Derek Milani, Doug Robison, Brad Olson, Jeff Vowles, Jeff Burns, Dirk Rachfall, Tyson Leies, Rick Higgs, Tammy McDougall, Mike Kuppen, Maria Chirdaris, Kelly Scott, Rob Arden and Naomi Walser.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Mike Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:57 AM.
2. **2011 BCLCA Special Session Minutes.** It was moved by Rob Arden, seconded by Dirk Rachfall that the minutes from the 2011 BCLCA Special Session held September 10, 2011 be adopted as presented. Carried
3. **Reports.**
  - a) BCLCA Chair – Mike Marshall –report as circulated
  - b) BCLCA Vice-Chair (Sr. Box) Dennis Quigley –report as circulated
  - c) BCLCA Vice-Chair (Minor Box)-Derek Milani-report as circulated
  - d) BCLCA Vice-Chair Men’s Field-Kelly Scott-report as circulated
  - e) BCLCA Vice Chair Women’s Field Naomi Walser-report as circulated
  - f) BCLA Technical Director Darcy Rhodes-report as circulated

#### 4. General Discussion

- Problem with hitting in Girls Box Lacrosse. Contact BBY Head Coach regarding hitting.
- Officials report are very important in dealing with Coaching situations.
- Coaches need more instruction and education after Certification.
- Too many coaches wearing too many hats.
- Ask Darcy not to allow Grandfathering of Coaches in certain cases.
- Help with Coaching in outlying areas.
- BCLCA refresher Coaching clinics.
- Coaching videos.
- Naomi Walser is the BCLA Development person.
- Tyson Leies wants to be a Box Lacrosse Clinician. Follow up to Darcy.
- Field Lacrosse needs Commissioners to forward information. Only 2 reports on Coaches came in.
- More notices to Coaches for Certification for those who are not certified. This would be regarding the form 100's. Need them faster.
- Recommendation: Associations submit list of certified Coaches before season starts to V.P of their Directorates.
- Why don't they have certified Coaches on the BCLA website? Players are?
- Dennis Quigley reported that there were not too many discipline hearings in Senior this year.
- 4 discipline hearings in Minor.
- Tighten up on the Doorman situation.
- Associations need to get Criminal record checks for Coaches.

#### 5. 2012 Proposed Changes to the BCLCA Operating Policy

It was moved by Maria Chidaris, second by Tyson Leies to amend REGULATION 1: REGISTRATION, 1.03 (b) that would read:

1.03 (b) During play-offs or Provincials, in the event that the declared certified coach is not able to coach the team because of illness, death or suspension, the team's governing body or, failing that, the BCLCA, on an interim basis, *can effect a replacement with another qualified coach.* **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Rob Arden, second by Dennis Quigley to amend REGULATION 3: THE EXECUTIVE, 3.01 that would read:

3.01 The Executive of the BCLCA, as defined in the By-Laws, will meet as a group two (2) times per year.

- (a) Mid January
- (b) Special Session

The BCLCA will appoint task forces to conduct investigations, project recommendations, project reviews or any other tasks delegated by the membership. These task forces may conduct meetings as required throughout the year. Any motions resulting from these task forces will have the voting done by correspondence, *or electronic means*, to the appropriate membership.

**CARRIED.**

---

Motion to remove last line of new motion.

Moved by Tyson Leies, second by Naomi Walser

It was moved by Kelly Scott, second by Maria Chirdaris to Amend REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.06 that would read:

5.06 The Executive of the BCLCA *or their appointed Conduct Committee* can investigate all written reports concerning the conduct of Coaches/Bench personnel which violates the Coaches

Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, and BCLA Constitution and By-Laws concerning Coaches or the Operating Policy of the BCLCA. The named Coach will attend a Conduct Committee Hearing, or be present through electronic media; results of this hearing could include one or up to all of the following sentences:

- (a) Game suspension of one (1) up to an indefinite period.
- (b) Mandatory attendance of specified certification or courses.
- 3. Drafting letters of apology.
- (d) Serving a period of probation.

Suspensions can be extended to other sectors of lacrosse, *or teams*, if deemed appropriate by the *BCLCA Conduct Committee*. Game suspensions can only be counted against games of league play, playdowns or *BCLA or CLA* sanctioned tournaments *of the team for which they received the suspension*. The coach in question must be the coach who appears on the Form 100. Coaches who are currently on suspension cannot be added to any additional Form 100's.

**Withdrawn.**

Add a new REGULATION 5: CONDUCT, 5.06 that would read

*5.06 The suspension is to be served with the team he/she is currently registered with on the Form 100 where the suspension happened. CARRIED.*

---

It was moved by Tyson Leies, second by Rob Arden to Amend REGULATION 11: COACHES CERTIFICATION, 11.06 that would read:

11.06 The BCLCA with the assistance of the BCLA Technical Director will be responsible for the Coaching Development program which includes, Training, Certification, Evaluation of Coaches, Recruitment, training and evaluation of Facilitators and all Coaching development programs and projects”

The BCLCA with the assistance of the Technical Director shall be responsible for ensuring all deadlines are adhered to and that delinquent Coaches, *assistant coaches or door personnel* are placed on a “Suspension” list and passed to the correct administrative body for immediate action. **CARRIED**

**6. Election of Officers - BC Lacrosse Coaches Association 2012 Executive:**

Chair - Mike Marshall

Vice Chair - Senior Box - Dennis Quigley

Vice Chair - Minor Box - Rob Arden

Vice Chair - Field - Tyson Leies

Vice Chair - Women's Field - Naomi Walser

Secretary - Dan Wray

Motion to destroy ballots.

Moved by Rob Arden, second by Maria Chirdaris

**7. New Business.**

It was moved by Derek Milani, second by Dennis Quigley that the 2013 B.C.L.C.A. Special Session to be held at the BCLA AGM weekend at Whistler B.C. **CARRIED.**

**8. Adjournment.** Rob Arden made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.