

SAGM 2010

SASKATOON May 27, 28 2010

Men's Field Sector Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order - 9:00 AM - Thursday

2. Roll Call

Attendance:

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Ross Ste. Croix - CLA Program Coordinator	
James. W. Gow - CLA Coach Sector Chair	

3. Voting Grid

Province	Votes
British Columbia	10
Alberta	3
Saskatchewan	3
Manitoba	3
Ontario	9
Quebec	2
Nova Scotia	3
New Brunswick	1
TOTAL	34

50 % plus 1 = 18 Votes

2/3 voting Structure = 23 votes

4. Review of 2009 minutes from SAGM

Motion to be accepted as presented

Moved by Saskatchewan, Manitoba

CARRIED

5. Business arising out the 2009 minutes of the meeting.

Outstanding items:

- Equipment review committee has not proposed a definition on what should provide an adequate level of chest and shoulder protections in a shoulder pad. Steve O'Shaughnessy put together a power point presentation on the goalie chest and shoulder protection and forwarded it on to Chuck Miller head of the equipment review committee. Manitoba mentioned shoulder pads were enforced at all provincials as rule book states all players must wear shoulder pads.

ACTION: Chair concluded if old style of chest does not have shoulder caps than goalies must wear

Separate shoulder pads for safety. New Sector Chair to notify RIC of new recommendation.

6. Review of 2009 National Championships

Midget & Junior Championship

- Selection of all-star awards followed the recommended process of selecting input from teams re the best players by position in each game. This should be continued in 2010. However, there was a problem in that some awards were given to the wrong player for the position they played.

Action: Sector Chair will advise the Hosts to have selection committee for all-star awards take a further step to inform the coaches of their selection prior to the awards ceremony to avoid any confusion.

- The convener questioned why we used a RIC for Nationals who has his residence in the USA and this should be a Person living in Canada. The discussion on this issued centered on the fact that this individual was a former member of the host MA and still gives back to the MA by being active in their officials program. The recommendation of the sector is that the CLA should attempt to find an RIC for the tournament who resides in Canada.

- The Convener felt the evaluator should not be able to speak to the referees during the game. The evaluation process should take place after the game and only the RIC or assistant should address the referees during the game.

Action: The Sector Chair should communicate this to the RIC for the field game to pass onto the evaluators and tournament RIC's.

- Web Page & Communication – The CLA has purchased an IP Address and the various championships should use this site.

Motion: All National tournaments to use the www.fieldnationals.ca web site as an original site. In 2010, Quebec will use this address to link to a bi-lingual website.

Moved New Brunswick Second British Columbia

CARRIED

- The sector wanted to confirm that Manitoba did a great job running the nationals. Stan Cockerton thanked them for an excellent tournament. Ontario questioned if the coaches certification issues had been resolved? Ross Ste Croix explained the coaching 100 forms were interpreted to be okay and the problem has been resolved using the new form #100 in the future. Stan Cockerton asked if any fines had been assessed as the OLA paid \$2000.00 for non conformance of the certification requirements the year before and wanted to know why these coaches did not get fined.

Action: the Sector Chair will investigate and report.

Senior Championships

- The teams that came to the championship indicated that in their local leagues, the teams were allowed to use playing coaches. The cost to bring a non-playing coach is expensive and should not be required at this level.

Motion: To amend the policy to allow a fully certified head coach to act as a player at the senior Men's competition.

Moved by Alberta, British Columbia

CARRIED

- The Host did not have trainers available at the field locations during the tournament. This has been done in the past but is not in the policy. The Policy should be amended to add the requirement for trainers on site.

Motion: Host of Nationals must provide trainer to be on site effective 2010.

Moved by Alberta, Manitoba

Carried

7. Review of Progress for 2010 Championships

- **Saskatoon – Midget & Junior** – The organization for this tournament is well underway. Fields have been located and hotels have been contacted. The first release of information will come out shortly. Convener will be A J Jomha and the RIC should be announced shortly. The tournament will be bringing a number of school classes to the games as part of an elementary school curriculum and these schools will cheer for different teams. They will have 6 fields their disposal.

- **Quebec – Senior** – The tournament fields will be located downtown at McGill University and a downtown hotel will be selected. Jim Burke is the convener and the RIC should be identified shortly.

Action: Both of the host organizations were asked to add the 2010 conveners to their e-mail list to provide the convener with copies of minutes of organizing meetings, etc.

Teams attending the 2010 Nationals:

	Midget	Junior	Senior
British Columbia	1	1	2
Alberta	1	1	1 ?
Saskatchewan	2	2	?
Manitoba	1	1	0
Ontario	1	1	2
Quebec	0	1	2
Nova Scotia	0	1 ?	?
New Brunswick	0	0	?
TOTAL	6	7 or 8	6 or 7

7. Determination of the 2011 Championships

The rotation was adjusted to reflect the attendance requirements for hosting a national championship. The Host must attend in the two years prior to hosting and if possible, we should consider an East West rotation to try and balance out travel costs.

Year	Alumni& First Nations	Ross & Victory
2011	B.C	B.C
2012	Ont.	NB
2013	Que	Sask
2014	N.S.	ALTA
2015	ALTA	MAN
2016	N.B	Ont
2017	MAN	Que

- The sector had a discussion with regards to tiering at the midget championship. There is a large discrepancy in skill level at this competition and tiering would allow teams of equal skills to play more competitive games. A round robin could be played but after the round robin, consideration could be given to tier the teams and have a competition within each tier. This would depend on the number of teams attending each competition.

Motion: To tier at Midget championship after round robin depending on the number of teams present.

Moved by British Columbia, Alberta

Defeated

- We need to assist other provinces currently not attending the championships to find a way to attend. One way to encourage more participation from the Maritimes and allow them to host would be to allow a combined team while they develop their programs.

Motion: To have a combined team from the Atlantic Provinces called (TEAM ATLANTIC) for a 3 year trial period at all levels of Field Lacrosse.

Moved by Alberta, British Columbia

CARRIED

9. RULE CHANGES: Appendix B – re Changes for Mini-Tyke, Tyke and Novice re LTAD program

Each province can select an option L, A, or X and once a decision is made the province must adapt Province wide on the option that has been chosen.

Motion: to accept the rules as written for Options L, A, and X with the following friendly amendments

The Goals (a) - Nets 4'x4' is a great idea however costs should be considered and should be passed but not mandatory until a net is approved by the CLA, supply is available and the cost is effective.

Players Equipment (a) – “Jock”- reference changed to “protective cup”.

3-min shifts-amend to read “approximately 3 min shifts to change on stoppage of play”. This is to be optional given the fact that in the field game, clocks are not available with three minute buzzers as arenas have. Changes on the go approximately every three minutes will be attempted and changes can be done when the ball is dead. Ball is to be given to team who had possession on stoppage of play at the same relative position.

Balls- softballs must be used for Mini tyke- Tyke and above should stay consistent with Box rules at these levels which uses a regular certified lacrosse ball. The ball should be the same in both sectors of the game.

Moved by Alberta, British Columbia

Carried

10. Recently Approved Policy Changes

- The sector reviewed the three policy changes that had been completed through the ballot vote process.

12. Policy Changes

POLICY	YES	NO	Comments
24.1.1.7	Yes		Prefer round robin Format – Moved Alta, B. C.
24.4.3.1	Yes		Makes Sense – Moved Sask., Quebec
24.4.3.2	Yes		Makes Sense – Moved Alta., Quebec
24.4.3.4	Yes		Moved Sask., Alberta
24.9.3	Yes		Ok but want a fixed date of July 5 for Midget and Junior and August 9 for Senior Moved Sask., Man.
24.13.1		No	Not needed in field - Moved Sask., Man.
24.14.8		No	Too large an increase – Moved Alta., B. C.
24.15.8.1	Yes		Makes sense – Moved Alta, B. C.
24.18.1.6		No	Too large an increase - more than double – Moved Alta., Man.
24.33.5.2.3		No	Not needed in field – Nationals should attract the top referees. Moved Alta., B C
24.33.5.2.4		No	Not required – assessors should not be needed if we have top

			officials. RIC assesses. Moved Que., Man.
Duration of Game		No	No we want to stay at 20 minute quarters- Moved Man., Ont.

The sector feels that we need to insure that rule changes should originate from the field sector and given to the officials to assist in the proper wording and interpretation. Any other rule changes should have consultation with the sector before they are presented for approval.

12. Policy and Rule Change Summary Flowcharts

The sector reviewed the policy and rule change flowcharts to ensure that the members of the sector understood the process.

13. 2011 – 2012 Projects

Lists of projects that are in progress were discussed. Some information concerning the Field Challenge Cup project was relayed and this project is 50 % complete at this time. The University Field Lacrosse project is partially complete and the sponsor is not available to update us. The Excellence in Refereeing was missed for Manitoba but could happen in the fall for Quebec. The DVD project has not started.

The new sector chair will need to look at existing projects to see what needs to be done to complete the existing projects and develop some new projects. There is a need for the sector to be involved in the development of a formal national team policy and strategic plan along with other sectors in the CLA.

14. New Business

- Entry Fee Deadline – With the change in fixing dates for confirmation of attendance at national championships, it was felt we should fix the dates for entry fees deadline to match the confirmation date.

Motion: To amend 24.10.2.3 to read that the deadline to pay entry fees is set at July 5 annually for Midget and Junior and August 9th for Senior. CLA to forward fees to the host 30 days before the tournament.

Moved: Saskatchewan, Manitoba

Carried

There was a discussion with regards to the amount of the entry fees and at this time the sector felt the fees were sufficient for the number of teams attending.

Action: The Chair requested that the host bring or send their financial statements from last year's championship to the CLA sector meeting to provide some back up for these types of discussions.

- Seed money for Nationals field championships. We had a discussion re the seed funds to be provided to the Hosts. These funds need to be paid early in the process and should not be held up by the CLA office. The Host should simply request the funds and they should be sent.

Motion: That National Championships subsidy from the CLA be split 34% to the senior championships and 66% to the Junior and Midget Championships and are to be seed/grant money to be used to fund such items as web-site, facilities programs referees and other fixed costs. Should the tournament generate a profit after receipt of these grants, the proceeds of the profit are to be reinvested into developing the field lacrosse program at that level.

Moved by Manitoba, Alberta

CARRIED

ACTION: Sector Chair will confirm the \$10,000.00 seed money will be ongoing in the annual budget process and can be counted on the tournament hosts.

- We had a discussion about the history and the status of the Brogdan Cup. It has developed into a Junior competition between Ontario and Maryland. The US organizers who run this program may be acceptable to expanding the competition to include more teams.

Action: Ontario will approach the Brogdan Cup organization (Haswell Franklin of Maryland) to see if they would open this tournament and we could possibly include other provinces.

Discussions with Stew Begg VP International Competitions.

- Stan suggested an ad-hoc committee for National Team Policy and strategic plan to discuss insurance, team selection, consultation, etc. The working group would consist of CLA and MA members to discuss further. Stew confirmed that this is on the priority list and should commence this summer / fall.

- We understand there is another rule coming pertaining to multi color mesh. The rule is not available and we could not deal with it in detail. However, the sector communicated to the VP International Competitions that the sector unanimously endorses multi-color mesh.

- In the future meetings when discussing rule changes the VP International Competition of the CLA who will be representing the CLA at the international meetings should be present at the MF meetings during discussions.

- The sector went through the major and minor rule changes with the VP International Competitions and provided their opinions on the rule changes. There was not time available to go through the minor rule changes or those that were only being clarified. The sector members were encouraged to look at the package and if they have any concerns, forward them to the VP International Competitions.

15. Elections

During the Sector Chair Election, the Chair of the meeting called for Nominations. There were no nominations forthcoming and no potential names were provided. The Board will be advised of this situation and be asked to look for candidates in their MA's and provide the names to the Executive to appoint a Sector Chair to oversee the sector. Without a working chair, the sector will stall.

16. Motion to Adjourn - 11:35 AM Friday

Moved – Manitoba, Saskatchewan to adjourn

Carried