

# **West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse Association**

Proposed changes to bylaws  
2021 Annual General Meeting

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**Reference:** 2020-01

**Proposed by:** WKMLA Board of Directors

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## **New**

### **Part 1 – Definitions and Interpretation**

Addition of a Definitions section.

Addition of standard Interpretation language from the BC Society Act.

Re-numbering of Articles VI-1 and VI-2 from current bylaws to 1.4 and 1.5, and deletion of “previously unalterable” language from the 2018 Society Act conversion.

Removal of “South East Lacrosse Commission” as specific option for asset distribution in the event that the Association winds up, and clarification regarding who is responsible for the decision.

Re-numbering of Articles III-1, III-2 and III-3 from current bylaws to 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8 and deletion of Articles III-4 and III-5 that will be moved to Policy.

## **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society and to clarify terminology.

Previously unalterable provisions are alterable since the 2028 Society Act conversion.

Sections VI and III of the current bylaws best fit in Interpretation section.

The South East Lacrosse Commission is now only West Kootenay and Cranbrook and other associations may have a greater need than Cranbrook if West Kootenay was to wind up. The existing language allows for alternate options as is, so ultimately no change.

Specifying who would make the decision on asset dispersal is good practice.

Fee reimbursement commitments and constraints for fees paid by WKMLA to its volunteers should be Policy, not Bylaws.

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## **Part 2 – Membership, sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3**

Re-numbering of Article I-1 from current bylaws to 2.1.

Amending of Article I-2 from current bylaws to remove youth from membership, to remove automatic membership for members, and adding the option for membership from individuals involved with WKMLA in a capacity other than parent/guardian/director/coach/referee, to remove the requirement to pay player fees to become a member (consistent with the open membership clause).

Amend from:

I-2 Members of the Association shall consist of the following:

- (a) Executive as elected under By-Law No. IV
- (b) Registered Minor Lacrosse players and their parents or guardians who are registered with the West Kootenay Lacrosse Association and who have paid full fees.
- (c) Registered Coaches, Registered Officials and appointed members of the Executive; who are associated with the West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse Association and who have had their membership approved by the Board.

To:

**2.2** Membership is open to:

- (a) Parents or legal guardians of players registered with WKMLA.
- (b) Coaches, officials, elected and appointed members of the WKMLA executive Board who are associated with WKMLA.
- (c) Individuals 19 years and older residing in the boundaries of WKMLA who have demonstrated a sincere interest and taken an active part in promoting the purposes of WKMLA.

Addition of 2.3 that describes the process for member approval.

### **Rationale**

Voluntary and broadly based membership is a requirement of BC Gaming grant recipient.

Requiring players to have fully paid their registration fees may not incorporate all our families' financial situations.

Need to describe the new approval process for members.

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**Reference:** 2020-03

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### **NEW**

#### **Part 2 – Membership, sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9**

Addition of model bylaw language for 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9(a).

Addition of a process to acknowledge that members may be in bad standing for reasons other than financial (2.7) and process to manage (2.9(b)).

Addition of a process for members in bad standing to reapply (2.7).

#### **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society.

New additions to acknowledge that a member may be in bad standing for reasons other than not paying membership fees.

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**Reference:** 2020-04

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### **NEW**

#### **Part 3 –General Meetings of Members**

Addition of model bylaw language throughout.

Replacement of current bylaw II-1 and II-2 with model bylaw

Change from:

*The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than February 1st of each year.*

To:

*A general meeting must be held at the time and place the Board determines.*

#### **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society.

The requirement to hold an AGM within 6 months of fiscal year-end is specified in the Act.

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## **NEW**

### **Part 4 – Directors**

Addition of model bylaw language throughout with slight modifications:

- To acknowledge the maximum number of directors in the current bylaws;  
and
- To allow the appointment of directors to fill vacancies up to the maximum number of directors rather than just to fill vacancies that are created by elected directors leaving.

### **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society.

The AGM is held before player registration. Parents/guardians are likely volunteers and may not be aware of the need for volunteers until players register.

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**Reference:** 2020-06

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### **NEW**

#### **PART 5 – Directors’ Meetings**

Addition of model bylaw language throughout with slight modifications:

- Reduced the minimum notice of meeting to 24 hours
- Addition of allowance for electronic meeting and voting and related process.

Incorporation of current bylaw II-3 with slight wording change for consistency and clarity:

*From: Five (5) members present shall constitute a quorum at any Executive meeting of the Association.*

*To: Five directors present shall constitute a quorum at any Board meeting of the Association.*

Incorporation of current bylaw II-4 with slight wording change for consistency and clarity:

*From: Each Executive member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. If a member holds more than one position on the Executive, that member shall be entitled to one (1) vote only.*

*To: Each Board member shall be entitled to one vote. If a member holds more than one position on the Board, that member shall be entitled to one vote only.*

#### **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society.

Clarification that the current bylaws II-3 and II-4 refer to meetings of directors.

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**Reference:** 2020-07

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### **NEW**

#### **Part 6 – Board Positions**

Incorporation of current bylaw IV-4 with slight terminology change:

From: *The Executive Members of the Association may administer the affairs...*

To: *The Board of the Association may administer the affairs...*

Amalgamation of current bylaws IV-3 and VI-3 and rewrite to make all director positions elected as opposed to appointed.

Addition of Immediate Past President to the list of position and inclusion of language to confirm that election is not required for this role.

Removal of the one-sentence role descriptions for all roles and replacement of the short descriptions for the leadership team by the model bylaw wording.

Added provision for Directors at Large.

Change from 1-yr term (currently implied) to 2-yr terms for positions other than Division Directors.

Added requirement that candidates for President have 1 year experience on WKMLA Board.

Added language to allow for lesser certification of coach coordinator and head referee if suitable candidates are not available.

Adoption of model bylaws throughout.

#### **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society.

Requirement from BC Gaming to have directors elected by members.

Addition of Past President to reflect current practice and Directors at Large for flexibility.

Role descriptions are now consistent with model bylaws and additional detail can be included in Policy.

Increase to two year terms for continuity, other than Division Directors who may want to change roles as players age if they are parent/guardians.

President with prior experience decreases learning curve and contributes stability.

Addition of a process for candidates for President, Head Referee and Coach Coordinator when qualifications are not all met.

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**NEW**

### **PART 7 – REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND SIGNING AUTHORITY**

Adoption of model bylaws throughout.

#### **Rationale**

New additions to reflect the model bylaws of BC Society.

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### **Part 8 – Changes**

Incorporation of current Article V section with clarification on the 21-day requirement.

From:

*Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association can be made by motion at the Annual General Meeting and passed by way of a special resolution. Notice of Motion shall be in writing to the President and members twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.*

To:

*Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association can be made by motion at the Annual General Meeting and passed by way of a special resolution. Notice of Motion shall be in writing to the President ~~and members~~ **at least** twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.*

### **Rationale**

Members have no means of communicating with other members.

The Board needs time to receive and circulate the members-proposed motions.

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