



**JDF Lacrosse Association Executive**

**Meeting Minutes**

**6 June, 2024 – 7 pm /JDF Seniors Center 201**

**Meeting called to order: Moved by Adam 7:03pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Niki all on favor, carried**

**Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt, all on favor, carried**

**Adoption of May Minutes: Moved by Jenn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill, all on favor, carried**

**Adoption of Reports of Committee Members: Moved by Jenn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan, all on favor, carried**

**Attendance: Ryan Hyland, Adam Ranns, Dawn Ranns, Jesse Lawson, Jill Denis, Jenn Lambert, Matt Towle, Rob Ponte, Nikila Cyr, Niki Williams, Nic Collison**

**Online: Jean Gallagher, Rochelle McRae**

**Non-executive members: Kathy Cook**

**Reports of Committee Members:**

**President – Adam Ranns**

I met with the Colwood parks and rec committee yesterday to discuss the addition of a new covered box in Colwood. The discussion went well but it sounds like a lot of the new Quarry park has already been planned. There is a section that has not been planned yet and they are still taking in information from the survey that I have attached below. Please fill it out when you have a chance, it ends this week.

[https://letstalkcolwood.ca/quarrypark?tool=survey\\_tool](https://letstalkcolwood.ca/quarrypark?tool=survey_tool)

There was discussion about potentially adding a cover to our existing box as well as how to get the current lacrosse boxes fixed. The city planner said that at the moment there has been no discussion with them about any fixes to the lacrosse box at all. There were a lot of questions around our current boxes and conditions they are in then made a motion for a member of city council to advocate for at least fixes to our current boxes at the next WSPR meeting, which was passed. The city planner is also going to call me to discuss some ideas around the new Quarry Park. I will let everyone know about how that conversation goes when I talk to him.

We have been having quite a few disciplinary committee meetings this month and it is not just our association. After our island box meeting, they stated that they have had the same issues. They have seen an increase in suspensions and negative parent behaviour that every association is struggling with at the moment. It seems that we are making some progress at JDF however and our disciplinary process seems to be working. All the meetings we have had have been positive and so far, we have not had to have further discussion with those involved.

During one of our meetings the topic has come up with fair play issues with some of our coaches. To stop this immediately we are going to enforce the same rules through all age groups at JDF that the BCLA uses at provincials. This means that if a coach is found violating the BCLA fair play rules we will be sending the information to the commissioner of that age group as well as suspending the coach for that violation. I will be writing up a statement about this before our next meeting but this is what the BCLA does at provincials. They watch to make sure coaches are following fair play, and if they are caught breaking it, they are suspended the next game at the tournament. This does not mean even time for all players and will take into account the following items.

- Power play
- Short man
- Back up goalies
- Having power play or strong line on in the last 2-3 minutes of the game

We understand that fair play does not mean equal play time but our complaints have been for players not playing at all in third periods and some players not leaving the floor for most of the third period. This is unacceptable and needs to be addressed immediately. Since this is a BCLA policy I do not believe we need to vote of this enforcement, if I am wrong, please correct me.

I will be reaching out to the assessment committee to meet this month to start the discussion around field lacrosse assessments. We have some great feedback from multiple parents during some of our meetings and this will be useful in our assessment process.

#### **Vice- President Box 1-** Niki Williams

I don't have much to report. I had to take some personal time this past month so I haven't been involved in much.

U13 A1 and A2 teams have both declared for provincials.

If the Island refuses to reintroduce tiering at U11 we need to figure out a better way of balancing our U11 teams. Will need to discuss improving the process ahead of next box season.

#### **Vice-President Box 2 –** Nic Collison Nohting to report

#### **Vice-President Box 3-** Jennifer Lambert

It's been a busy month, we have had some issues with u7/9 team sizes, some u7 teams are too big and have majority of players showing up. U9 is struggling to have enough players for a lot of games this season. We may need to assess team sizes. U7 smaller and u9 bigger.

There's was some confusion about mouth guards and an email was sent out to coaches and managers to reiterate that they are mandatory to play.

I have also dealt with several complaints for U11 with regards to roughness on the floor and struggles with place and push.

I would like to echo Niki with tiering for U11, it needs to happen, so players can play at the level they are at and be developed.

#### **Vice-President Field 1 –** Matt Towle Nothing to report.

**Vice President Field 2-** Devin Johns nothing to report.

**Vice-President Female** – Dawn Ranns Nothing to report

**Secretary** – Jessica Lejeune

I will be away at U17 tournament in Kelowna. Jill will be taking minutes at the meeting this Thursday.

**Treasurer** – Jesse Lawson nothing to report.

**Registrar** – Jean Gallagher

Box lacrosse registration package has been submitted to the BCLA. Some final details still need to be tidied up, but is mostly complete, I am waiting for direction from the BCLA Minor Directorate Registrar.

The BCLA is moving to RAMP registration for field lacrosse. There was a training session last week but I was away for work and unable to attend. There is another one coming up which I will attend whilst at a tournament.

I will be training Nikila to be my back up and to possibly take over as Registrar in the event I will need to step down before my term is over. Either way, it would be good to have a back up, so we can cover for each other.

**Head Coach Box** – Curt Morwick

In the middle of emailing coaches to remind them of the courses they need to complete... it's a lengthy list so chipping away at it. Looking at one more level 1 course in June. Will forward the details once it gets finalized.

Nothing else to pass on, thank you.

**Head Coach Field** – Adam Ranns See President's report.

**Head Referee** – Rob Cook

Season is going very well for our young referees.

The Travis Bateman tournament was a huge success for our younger refs. We were able to have all but 3 games with 3 refs on the floor. Having the third was a great learning experience for them. Not many things were missed on the floor. Having that extra set of eyes really helped. As a result there was almost no complaints, except from Nanaimo.

Those teams are being addressed at the Island level.

Rumble on the Rock is this weekend. We are really short of referees as our older refs will be away at tournaments. This means the refs we have will be getting lots of games.

A few lessons learned to be applied to next year's tournaments.

**Referee Allocator box-** Cass Jutting

I will not be there tonight.

I believe after the start of the season with several game changes we had quite a good rhythm going with assignments. We really appreciate the (especially) positive feedback from coaches and managers on the officials and particularly the new officials. However, the re-tiering has caused several issues for allocators across the island. It is my understanding that there was essentially no communication with anyone on the officials side of the team which led to games not being filled. There were other background issues going on as well due to a lack of tier C for U17 in

RAMP but it speaks to the importance of full communication when re-scheduling, creating or organizing the game schedule.

**Referee Allocator field-** vacant

**Equipment Manager** – Rob Ponte Nothing to report.

**Risk Management** – Matt Towle

1. **Criminal Record Checks:** Nothing to report.
2. **Concussion Awareness Training:** We will continue efforts on certifying all coaching staff for the season.
3. **Injuries:** 2 injuries have been reported over the past month, with the following details:
  - U11 Team 2: A goalie sustained a mild concussion. Head Injury Report filed with BCLA. No insurance claim required.
  - U13 A2: A player sustained a broken arm during a practice game. Insurance claim filed with BCLA.
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**Gaming** – Rochelle McRae Grant was submitted on time, nothing else to report.

**Jersey Manager box-** Gina Lawson nothing to report.

**Jersey Manager Field-** Matt McRae nothing to report.

**Webmaster** – Stephen Laws nothing to report.

**Whaler Wear Coordinator-** Ashley Petch Nothing to report.

**Head Manager box** – Jill Denis

I am continuing on working on handover notes for Alicia who is taking over as head manager at the end of box season. Otherwise nothing new to report.

Good luck to our 6 teams who declared for provincials this year!

**Head Manager field-** Alicia Hayes

I am working on getting the raffle books organized into teams, and I will hopefully have them ready for managers to pick up from me this weekend during the rumble as I will be around the arena quite a bit. I'm also still learning and working closely with Jill and am very appreciative of having her help and guidance me into this position.

**Floor Allocator** – Kyla Pedlow

**Field Allocator-** Nikila Cyr

Not much to report. Waiting to hear from City Centre Park and WSPR for field contracts for the fall. As Jean mentioned, I will be working with her to be support/back up for Registrar. I'm excited to help support and learn from her!

**Tournament Coordinator** – Brittney Corkery

We had the Bateman Tournament a couple weeks ago and I think it went really well! We added a couple new things and changed up a couple original items and everything seemed to run

smoothly and the Bateman family seemed happy with the weekend. We had a couple concerns with some of the Nanaimo teams (currently being looked into/dealt with) but outside of that teams/parents/coaches were all very well behaved.

I'm still waiting on some invoices to come in, but it looks like potentially a couple thousand profit! I'll have final totals and numbers for the next meeting once I've wrapped up the Rumble as well as some invoices cover both tournaments and I need to split costs.

Thanks to all who came and helped out!!!

We still have quite a few spots needing filled for this coming Sunday (time, score, 50/50). I would love someone from the executive to be able to do time or score for the B tier bronze medal game down at the Q for 12pm and hand them their medals.....I believe Kyla sent out an email with the updated spots still remaining. It's one thing to not run the 50/50 for a shift but we NEED time and score keepers! I can't be in 2 arenas at once. Let me know if you're available to help!

**Marketing Manager- Jessica Lejeune**

I will be away at U17 tournament in Kelowna this weekend. Brittney and Jill will be taking over social media posts for the weekend.

I would like to make a motion in new business to spend \$1600 to renew our double-sided billboard that is already installed at the Jordie Lunn bike park. It's in prime location at the track entrance, and with the new clubhouse opening, there will be more exposure for us.

**Past President- Ryan Hyland** nothing to report.

Agenda

**Review of Old Business:** Nic – Huge Kudos to Brittney for a well run U11 tournament!

**New Business**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
Brittney- name of Debbie Cooper Tournament  - <b>Wanting to suggest renaming the tournament to Debbie Cooper Memorial Heat Wave tournament for next box season.</b> - <b>Brittney not in attendance</b>	Adam to reach out to Brittney to discuss further.	Adam/Brittney

<p>Jessica- Motion to spend \$1600 to renew double-sided billboard ad at Jordie Lunn Bike Park for 1 year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Concern it is pricey and doesn't reach a large audience.</b></li> <li>- <b>JDF finances are not great at the moment, still working on getting back on track.</b></li> <li>- <b>Motion denied at this time</b></li> </ul>	<p>To look at other cheaper options, like handing out the already printed flyers at schools, possibly advertising in area's that will reach more people.</p> <p>Is WSPR digital billboard an option, cost?</p>	<p>Jessica</p>
<p>Nic- Travis Bateman tournament fees, reimbursement to JDF teams.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Wants to know how much we made and are teams getting money back?</b></li> <li>- <b>Parents volunteer their time to help run the tournament, take time off work etc. Would like to see something come back to use toward year end parties for the teams if possible.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Need to find out from the tournament coordinator how much profit was made and if there is a chance to give some kickback to our JDF teams.</p>	<p>Brittney</p>
<p>Jean Gallagher – Team BC funds</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>How far back are we backdating giving funds?</b></li> <li>- <b>Nov 2021 minutes has original motion. May 2024 – discussion, must be in good standings. All JDF players who make team BC qualify.</b></li> <li>- <b>Alternates do not qualify</b></li> </ul>	<p>Jesse: Motion to approve any requests we have to date for Team BC sponsorship and moving forward we will not entertain funding applications until such time we are financially able to support this. To be re-assessed annually.</p> <p>Seconded by: Niki Williams</p> <p>All in Favor: Carried</p>	<p>Jesse/Adam</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Need to assess budget each year to determine finances and if we can afford to support these players we will but it can't be a blanket rule as budget must be considered first.</b></li> <li>- <b>Would like to implement an application form.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Adam - Stand up a committee to develop an application process for Team BC player support.</p>	
<p>Kathy Cook – 3 man ref system</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>3 man system worked really well at the U11 tournament. Would like to use this for U13 next season and would like to budget for this.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>All agree this is needed and beneficial.</b></li> <li>- <b>Not only does it allow mentorship options, but refs see more and control the game better, but it has proven to reduce tension in the stands when the refs aren't missing calls.</b></li> <li>- <b>Fully support the 3 ref system if budget allows for it.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Will review budget for next year and support if we can. Funding to be approved at a later date.</p>	

**Next Meeting: July 4, 2024**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:07**