



JDF Lacrosse Association Executive

Meeting Minutes

7 November, 2024 – 7 pm JDF Seniors Center room 201

Meeting called to order: Moved by Ryan 7:00, 2nd by Jessica, all in favor, carried

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Matt T, 2nd by Rochelle, all in favor, carried

Adoption of October Minutes: Moved by Brittney 2nd by Kyla, all in favor, carried

Adoption of Reports of Committee Members: Moved by Nikila, 2nd by Alicia, all in favor, carried

**Motion to move meeting In Camera: 7pm Ryan, 2nd Jean, all in favor, carried.
(Separate minutes recorded)**

Motion to move meeting out of Camera: 8:33pm Ryan, 2nd by Jill, all in favor, carried

Attendance: Ryan, Niki, Jenn, Kyla, Rochelle, Brittney, Matt T, Alicia, Rob P, Jill, Devin, Sarah, Jean, Nikila, Nic, Cass, Curt

Online- Matt M

Non-executive members: James Morgan and Ryan Alexander from JR B Bears, Mike Marchand & Jessica Marchand current association members, invited by Ryan Hyland

Reports of Committee Members:

President – Ryan Hyland (Interim President)- The Ranns family lost their son Daniel to a motor vehicle accident on Sunday afternoon. As such and understandably so Adam has temporarily stepped aside as the President of JDF lacrosse. The directors of JDF lacrosse have decided that they would like me to step in as the President until Adam is able to return to his duties down the road.

The Ranns family has asked for privacy during this hard time and news will be communicated to the JDF community when they are ok with it. Please do not discuss this with anyone until I send out an email to the JDF community to respect their privacy. There has been talk of setting a few things up like food for the family and possibly a go fund me page. Once those details have been ironed out, I will share with everyone and we can then give the widest distribution to support the Ranns Family.

At this time the AGM will be going ahead as planned and I have been reading up on emails and have been brought up to speed on a few things. If there is something that you feel I should know about or you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Vice- President Box 1- Niki Williams- Nothing to report.

Vice-President Box 2 – Nic Collison- Nothing to report.

Vice-President Box 3- Jennifer Lambert- Nothing to report.

Vice-President Field 1 – Matt Towle- This past month has been particularly busy, with a significant focus on finalizing rosters for the U13 division. In addition, I have collaborated with Pac Rim to organize scrimmage games for the U7 division, and we successfully secured a three-hour time block at Topaz Field for a jamboree-style event. This event will provide a fantastic opportunity for our youngest players to engage in friendly competition and gain field experience.

I also attended the BCLA AGM in New Westminster, which provided valuable insights and updates for the upcoming season. Additionally, I have been working with the policy committee to prepare for our AGM, ensuring we have a solid foundation for the year ahead.

Vice President Field 2- Devin Johns- Nothing to report.

Vice-President Female – Dawn Ranns- On Leave of Absence.

Secretary – Jessica Lejeune AGM details to confirm for November executive meeting. I will add to agenda.

Please confirm:

*lists of registered members printed to sign in voting members. Who will be signing members in.

*sign in list for free sticks and gloves Lacrosse practice while parents attend AGM

*list of older players/volunteers to run this free session

*ball bucket, cones and nets to be brought to RB

*slips of paper for voting elected directors if needed

I made a slide show, however the theater projection system was damaged and they are unsure if it will be fixed in time for our meeting.

BCLA AGM was attended by our executives Adam, Dawn, Matt T, Jessica, Jean, Jill, Alicia and Wendy Hall (JDF rep currently U13 field and box commissioner).

Will send out minutes as soon as I receive it.

Treasurer – Jesse Lawson- Nothing to report.

Registrar – Jean Gallagher Field Registration has been submitted to the BCLA.

Registration database final numbers:

U7 - 13

U9 - 23

U11 - 37

U13 - 42

U15 - 42

U18 - 25

U7F - 3

U9F - 8

U11F - 5

U13F - 17

U15F - 16

U18F - 13

Total transfers from other associations = 13

Total transfers out = 3

Still learning the new registration database but I have some thoughts on how to improve the process for box season which will be much busier and more complicated than Field was.

Head Coach Box – Curt Morwick- Nothing to report.

Head Coach Field – Adam Ranns- On Leave of Absence.

Head Referee – Rob Cook- All is well so far with officials.

Have received a few emails telling me how well our young officials are doing.

It's nice for them to here how they are doing from coaches, especially visiting coaches.

Referee Allocator box- Cass Jutting- JDF is supporting 4 senior C exhibition games this upcoming weekend with one of our junior officials to do shot clock.

Referee Allocator field- Sarah Nishimura Things going fairly smoothly - doing our best to get all the entry level officials games, challenging as we had quite a number of entry level officials this year and a limited number of u9/u11 games.

Mentors have been attending games to assist new officials, this has been great both for new officials, as well as for the L2 officials to have that leadership experience.

The schedule is an ongoing challenge.

Many changes have been made after the "final" island schedule was distributed, some of which do not make their way through to Nico and myself leaving us to scramble to find officials and make sure our allocating schedule is up to date. JDF managers have done great in cc'ing myself when game changes are requested and approved.

Equipment Manager – Rob Ponte- Nothing to report.

Risk Management – Matt Towle- Latest update on our risk management efforts. Here's a summary of the key points discussed and addressed during the past month:

1. **Criminal Record Checks:** With field season underway, we are only waiting on a few results to come in.

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:
 - U13 T2: A player sustained an ankle sprain.
 - U18 T2: A player sustained a left wrist injury.

Gaming – Rochelle McRae- Nothing to report.

Jersey Manager box- Gina Lawson- Noting 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- Nothing to report.

Head Manager field- Alicia Hayes- Since our last meeting, I have continued to help managers with the finalization of rosters and answering any questions they have had regarding their season so far.

We had what I believe was a successful photo day. I should be getting the photos from the photographer at the end of this month and will be able to distribute them to teams.

I handed out raffle books to all the managers, and I'm planning on meeting with Jill next week at the Velodrome to collect them and get them ready for the raffle at the AGM. I will be picking up the raffle drum next Friday.

I have sent provincial declaration forms to all the eligible teams and have started to receive a few of them back. Once I have them all, I will submit into BCLA.

Floor Allocator – Kyla Pedlow- Nothing to report.

Field Allocator- Nikila Cyr – Nothing to report.

Tournament Coordinator – Brittney Corkery- I was looking into potentially bumping up the date of our U13 Rumble tournament to early May which doesn't conflict with any other divisions on the mainland offering an A division in U13 or U15 age group. Unfortunately we can't be guaranteed that the Q center will be free from ice that early, which means we'll only have one floor and I just don't think I could do a tournament with two age groups and multi divisions using just one floor. I would still like to somehow expand that tournament to include U15 so I will take a look and see what I can maybe do at capping a certain amount of teams per tier in each age group and seeing if I can make it work for a trial year

Marketing Manager- Jessica Lejeune I was able to book Chek News The Upside to showcase live segments on their 5pm, 6pm and 10pm. Ed Bain and Jeff King did a great job of interviewing Brittani Chiasson, Dawn, myself and some of the players. This was great to highlight our female lacrosse program and help expand awareness across the Island of female sports.

Dawn was able to collaborate with Royal Bay coach Brittani Chiasson and publish an article promoting the Van Island Girls Cup and female field lacrosse in the Times Colonist Newspaper. Well done!

Santa Parade leader needed. Decorated truck Kyle Scott is committed to lead our group again for 3rd year. Just need a JDF coach or person with crim record check to be with the group. Parents welcomed to walk with their players too.

I worked alongside Dawn and Nanaimo Field Lacrosse for the Van Island Girls Cup Instagram Page. Great tournament, positive feedback from associations who played in the tournament. Well done Dawn and everyone involved that helped with this inaugural tournament!

Past President- Ryan Hyland- see Interim President report

Administrative Coordinator- Jill Denis- Preparing sign-in sheets, voting slips and nominee lists for AGM. We need to come up with alternate options for displaying on screen if the theatre projector is broken.

Agenda

Review of Old Business: None

New Business

Topic	Action Item	Responsible
Jessica- AGM *lists of registered members printed to sign in voting members. Who will be signing members in. *sign in list for free sticks and gloves Lacrosse practice while parents attend AGM *list of older players/volunteers to run this free session *ball bucket, cones and nets to be brought to RB *slips of paper for voting elected directors if needed	Liz, Jill, Alicia Parents sign kids in for free session when they sign in for AGM Ryan Alexander/ James Morgan to get Bears players to help. Rob Ponte Jill	
Jean- Box registration	Ramp merchant account very difficult to reconcile etransfer payments.	Jean

<p>-Only accepting credit card payments or funding assistance moving forward?</p>	<p>Many hours of manual input. Credit card goes automatically into Ramp and registration updated as paid. Etransfers have to be confirmed and input player by player. Matt Towle makes a motion to use only credit card payment and funding assistance only for all 2025 player registrations and moving forward. 2nd Jill Denis All in favor, carried</p>	
<p>Curt- Jr Shamrocks- what they can offer this season for our association.</p>	<p>Add on to our registration fees- include tickets to Jr BT1 and Jr A shamrocks. Could this replace the green raffle tickets? Curt/ Ryan to look into more info. Elected directors to vote on after the AGM.</p>	<p>Curt Ryan</p>
<p>Brittney- Possibility of adding a Daniel Ranns Memorial Trophy that would be awarded to a U18 graduating player each season? Someone that demonstrates his level of passion and gives back to the team, demonstrating who he was as a player.</p>	<p>Yes, lets work to make this happen. U18 coaches nominate graduating players, Ranns family to pick the winner, similar to the Bateman Trophy.</p>	<p>*Brittney- trophy options *Jessica Marchand to connect with Ranns family *AGM 2025 committee to have winner selected and have trophy engraved</p>

Next Meeting: December 5 2024 7pm JDF Seniors Center room 201

Meeting Adjourned: Ryan moved at 8:33pm