



**JDF Lacrosse Association Executive**

**Meeting Minutes**

**3 October, 2024 – 7 pm JDF Langford/Highlands Room**

**Meeting called to order: Moved by Adam 7:00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenn, all in favor, carried**

**Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Alicia , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawn, all in favor, carried**

**Adoption of September Minutes: Moved by Alicia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill, all in favor, carried**

**Adoption of Reports of Committee Members: Moved by Rob C , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean, all in favor, carried**

**Attendance: Adam, Dawn, Jill, Jean, Jessica, Devin, Rob C, Jenn L, Matt T, Alicia, Matt M, Sarah, Jesse, Cass**

**Online- Kyla, Gina, Niki, Haylee Downey**

**Non-executive members: Wendy Hall, Sabrina Booth, Jamie Boyd, James Cooper, Alysha Bisgrove, Mike Bisgrove, Sherri Dixon, Kathy London, Jordan Waters, Mike Marchand.**

**Reports of Committee Members:**

**President – Adam Ranns**

The field schedule has still not been officially set. It's should be finalized today but each team will need to be reaching out and communicating with their opposing team for the next few weeks to make sure that everything is in order.

Thank you everyone for the hard work getting field season set up. It's a whirlwind, and next season we need to look at how we can possibly get certain items completed earlier so it's not such a rush. With box ending late and summer, it may be impossible and just the way field assessments work. Everyone was great who helped, and it ran very smooth, thank you!

We have had some releases come our way and some releases leave. The island release process is very different than what we experience in box, but we have happy players coming to JDF which is important.

We need some work on our field game at JDF. We have a ton of holes in our game and

we need to discuss some solutions to fix this. I would like to add a discussion to our in camera session possible solutions for this and our goalie call up situation.

The AGM is coming forward for BCLA and we have a large group going, thank you.

We also need to start getting nominations for our open positions for our November AGM.

Dawn has some important information to go over about the JDF/Nanaimo tournament.

**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

The past two weeks since stepping back into this role have been incredibly busy. All major updates were thoroughly covered in the President's and VP2's reports. I'm excited for a fantastic upcoming field season and look forward to working with everyone.

**Vice President Field 2-** Devin Johns

Field season has started for all age groups and some have already been to tournaments which is very exciting to hear and see (Simone had her first field tournament and it was great to see her play in her first ever field games so shout out to the female teams, coaches, managers and exec who made that a huge success!).

Congrats to the u15 tier 1 team for their gold medal at the West Coast Cup!

Next tournament will be the Thunderstrike Tournament in Langley that by the sounds of it will have more than a few JDF teams participating from u11 and up in different tiers.

For the co-ed u7 - u11 is moving along well with kids settling in and getting to know their coaches and teammates.

The u9 age group had some concerns with the size of the group and how that will look for games and practices. I am hoping they can add another coach as an on field help to keep the group engaged in games and practices.

There is some concern coming from the u7 age group that their season seems to be too short and they are worried they are not getting nearly as much field time for the season as they did for box. I would like to add this to the AGM to discuss this as the fees including fundraising, field time / length of season and no games is a concern for them that has been passed along to the Field VPs.

**Vice-President Female** – Dawn Ranns

Here are the numbers for female lacrosse players at this time.

U18 14 players

U15 14 players

U13 12 players

U11 5 players

U9 5 players

U7 3 players

**Total 53 players**

The U13, U15, and U18 teams have just returned from a very successful Big Al tournament in Vancouver.

U18 came home with Silver

U15 came in 8th/11th place

U13 came home with growth and knowledge of the game!

All teams had fun and experienced a fast pace tournament style play. This weekend all three divisions will start league play against Nanaimo. U13 and U18 play on Saturday October 5 at the Velodrome and U15 play Sunday October 6 in Nanaimo. Teams are very small this year and will likely struggle with regular season games due to lack of substitutions. We need to keep advertising for more players in all three divisions.

October 12-15 the U15 teams will travel to Langley to participate in the Thunderstrike tournament.

There will be a level one coaches clinic offered for female lacrosse October 26, 2024 from 9 am - 3 pm at the senior center classroom and the field. If you are interested in coaching female lacrosse please contact Dawn Ranns at dawn.ranns@jdfllacrosse.com or sign up on the BCLA website.

There will be a female officiating clinic on line the week before the Van Island Girls Cup November 1-3. If you know anyone that is interested in officiating female lacrosse please pass this link along to get signed up. You must be 14 years or older by 2024. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdg4MCMYD923boLfwku3veoUyL7ukraj-yJwajKhb4brXLL4w/viewform>

JDF and Nanaimo will be hosting the inaugural Van Island Girls Cup tournament in Nanaimo November 1-3. There will be three divisions in the tournament U13, U15, and U18. Registration has closed and we have accepted teams. JDF will be responsible for many volunteer positions throughout this tournament. I will be putting together a volunteer sheet for anyone that wants to help make this a success.

**Secretary** – Jessica Lejeune

BCLA AGM attendees registered to vote: Adam, Matt T, Alicia, Jean minor box votes, Dawn female vote, Jessica Lejeune, Wendy Hall youth field votes.

JDF AGM booked for Royal Bay Theater Nov 17th  
5pm set up, all available executive please help

5:30-6:30 Older players volunteering to run kids fun skills session on the field for those families attending the AGM. We have the field rented for this time.

5:30pm doors open for voter/member registration

6-6:30 AGM

6:45 Draw prize for 1 free box registration 2025 season

6:45-7:30 awards

Player awards ordered from Andrea Harvey.

Once invoice is received from Royal Bay we will need to have a cheque ready for payment the night of our AGM.

AGM

**Treasurer** – Jesse Lawson nothing to report

**Registrar** – Jean Gallagher

We still have several thousand dollars in outstanding fees to collect. Compiling a list of players who have not paid yet. Will share with Alicia and the managers so that if players are not paid up by next weekend they will be benched. This is for insurance purposes. Players who are awaiting funding assistance will not be included in this list.

Rosters have been sent to Division Commissioners. Updated ones will be sent shortly following changes after the League meeting on Monday evening.

Slowly preparing registration package due to BCLA October 31.

**Head Coach** Box – Curt Morwick- Nothing to report

**Head Coach** Field – Adam Ranns- see President's Report

**Head Referee** – Rob Cook nothing to report.

**Referee Allocator box**- Cass Jutting nothing to report

**Referee Allocator field**- Sarah Nishimura

A bit of a challenging start the season given the ever changing schedule etc. There is a nice gaggle of entry level officials so I'm optimistic covering the u9/11 crews will be relatively painless this season. Nico and I are finding our groove in co-allocating. There is a group of level 2 officials who have come forward willing to mentor out entry level officials which is great to see and we will try to have as many games mentored as we can arrange at the lower levels. relatively painless this season. Nico and I are finding our groove in co-allocating. There is a group of level 2 officials who have come forward willing to mentor out entry level officials which is great to see and we will try to have as many games mentored as we can arrange at the lower levels.

I was able to watch 3 games over the weekend and saw only positive parent and coach engagement, and was pleased to see our officials acting as both officials and honorary coaches in helping the little U9 guys figure out field lacrosse for their first time.

**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.

**Gaming** – Rochelle McRae- I've got the field raffle books getting made, should have them back in a week or two. Nothing else to report.

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

**Jersey Manager Field**- Matt McRae

All teams have been given their jerseys for the season with little issue.

**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

The start of season has been busy but going well I would say. I have sent the form 100M/W to BCLA. The commissioners have been sent all our team contacts as well.

Photo day is set for Sunday. I have sent the schedule to all the teams.

All the managers seem to be settling in nicely. I have a managers chat on ramp which seems to be working great for all the newer managers to get help when needed. It's also great for communication between myself and all managers. There is the same type of chat for coaches and treasurers as well.

**Floor Allocator** – Kyla Pedlow nothing to report

**Field Allocator**- Nikila Cyr nothing to report

**Tournament Coordinator** – Brittney Corkery nothing to report

**Marketing Manager**- Jessica Lejeune nothing to report

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

### Agenda

**Review of Old Business: None**

## New Business

Topic	Action Item	Responsible
<p>Dawn- VI Girls cup Nov 1-3</p>	<p>1 game Friday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>            Teams waitlisted to register            Currently accepted: 4 u13, 4 u15, 5 u18            Officials- need more on the island. There will be a training session during this tournament. Ages 13 and up can take training. 54 girls registered in field association for JDF. Hoping to make this an annual tournament.            U18 JDF girls just won silver at tournament in Vancouver this past weekend.            Would like to host it at JDF next year.            Will need lots of volunteers from JDF if possible to help out this year. Please sign up to help if you can.</p>	<p>Dawn- to send out live document for volunteer shifts</p>
<p>Jessica- is it possible for us to be registered as a not for profit? That way we can apply for more grants and funding</p>	<p>Adam to look into it.            Cass- CPA knowledge-this is not available for minor sports.            Comes with a lot more reporting requirements. Businesses can put logos on shirts for example, get a donation acknowledgment, then can claim for marketing expense.            Jenn- found something online will send to Adam.            Clarification from Cass: non-profit status and charitable status are different as non-profit status was the agenda item. We already are non-profit society governed by the Societies Act of BC.</p> <p>Here is the info re sport and charitable registration.<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/policy-statement-027-sports-charitable-registration.html#">https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/policy-statement-027-sports-charitable-registration.html#</a></p>	<p>Working group:            Cass to advise, and others to help out as needed</p>

	<p>See section 3 about three or four paras in, in particular (note it has already been subject to court challenge). We will never disguise our purpose as a minor sport association and nor should we. There are other agencies that satisfy the charitable purposes established by government.</p> <p>If we want to look to existing charitable organizations for support for specific purposes such as coach or player development, we are considered a "non-qualified donee". This is a new development in the past year for charities as previously charities were only allowed to give to other "qualified donees" and we wouldn't have qualified as a non-charitable organization.</p>	
Adam- Goalies	<p>Injured player has caused shuffling in goalies amongst teams.</p> <p>Adam will be making a motion during the in-camera session to vote on- Do we move goalies permanently for the rest of the season, permanent call-ups. Or leave them as registered and use unlimited call ups.</p> <p>U13 T1 goalie- asked to move up to U15 T2. He wishes to permanently be moved to U15 T2.</p> <p>We need to be aware of team dynamics for option of permanent call ups and less flexibility if other unforeseen circumstances arise. Also, what happens when injured player returns to play?</p> <p>We need to be aware of other issues that may arise for option of using unlimited call ups- other injuries, availability playing on 2 teams, "what if's" around provincials, consider tournaments signed up for.</p>	In Camera Session
Matt- spending for field lacrosse equipment	<p>Devin, Matt T, Dawn propose gaming funds to go to field equipment- balls, nets, netting, movable creases, D poles (check new rules for length).</p> <p>Jesse- we have room to use some gaming funds for some expenses.</p>	Matt Rob P Adam Devin Dawn

	<p>Dawn- we can ask WSPR to purchase field nets and maintain them.</p> <p>Re-evaluate what we need for this remaining field season.</p> <p>Get snow fencing put up at velodrome ends to prevent lost balls.</p>	
Sabrina- referees	<p>U15 and U18 3 ref system clarification- home team pays for 2 of the refs. Away team pays for 1 ref.</p> <p>Side note Adam- any coaches that need clinic get info to Adam asap.</p>	Alicia to send email to all managers.
Jean- spending money	<p>Admin items, mail and paid tracking coming out of her pocket. Asking to buy pre-paid postage envelopes. Adam and Jesse- Yes ok to buy.</p> <p>Jesse side note- coaching clinics cost \$100 per person, then \$10 per person to add to BCLA form 100's. Please be mindful who is signing up for clinics and that they are going to be committed for the season.</p>	Jean Jesse
In Camera session: AGM		

**Next Meeting: November 7 2024 7pm JDF Seniors Center room 201**

**Meeting Adjourned: Adam moved at 7:58pm**