



JDF Lacrosse Association Executive Meeting

Minutes

5 February, 2025 – 7 pm /JDF Westshore Room (senior's center had no heat)

Meeting called to order: By Kyla at 7:10pm

Non-Executive Observer Introductions: Kyla: Wendy 2025 commissioner from JDF, Sabrina-parent/guardian, Niki- former executive and parent. Take notes, email any questions

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Jill, 2nd by Jamie, all in favour, carried

Adoption of January Minutes: Moved by Curt, 2nd by Jill, all in favour, carried

Adoption of Reports of Committee Members and Committee Reports: Moved by Jill, 2nd by Nikila, all in favour, carried.

Attendance: Kyla, Ryan, Jill, Jesse, Nikila, Adam, Nic, Craig, Curt, Jamie, Cass, Rob C, Jessica, Alicia, Matt T,

Online: Rochelle, Brittney, Ashley, Matt McRae

Non-executive members: Niki Williams, Wendy Hall, Sabrina Booth

President – Kyla Pedlow (Interim)

Field playdowns are underway with the following teams having declared for Provincials:

Co-Ed

U13-1 – Automatic Berth, no Island Championship

U15-1 – Automatic Berth, play Island Championship on Feb 2 against Pac Rim

U15-2 – Lost playdowns against North Island this weekend, competing for Wildcard spot this coming weekend

U18 – Won a berth to Provincials, play Island Championship on Feb 1 against Oceanside

Female

U13 – TBD

U18 – TBD

Our U11 Team 1 went to the Island Championships against Nanaimo this past Saturday and lost, which put them in 2nd place overall and winning a Silver medal. Congrats to them, and a big thank you to Nanaimo for spearheading that jamboree for the U11 group as well as providing 1st and 2nd place medals and a trophy for the winning team.

Registration for box season is looking really good! Assessments for U13, U15 and U17 have all begun and will continue into February, with U11 assessments starting towards the end of February. A big thank you to the Assessment Committee for all of their hard work with putting together our Box Assessments this season. So far everything is going really well, with next to no push back from parents and players on the closed assessments. I've actually spoken to a few players who have said that it's way better this year and that they much prefer closed assessments because they didn't like people watching them.

Coaches for the A teams have been selected.

U13 – Curt Morwick (*based upon his son making the team*)

U15 – Ravi Dhillon

U17 – Adam Ranns (*based upon his son making the team*)

Coaches for the remaining teams will be determined by assessment results of players. Coaches for U11 and under will be determined at a later date.

VIMLC – The next Island meeting is on Monday Feb 3rd. We'll be doing preliminary team declaration at that time, with finalizing at the March meeting.

VP Box 1 Report

U17 has a number of players that are out due to injuries and unable to complete box assessments, which is unfortunate. Other than that, not much to report.

Vice- President Box 1- Kyla Pedlow see president's report

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

Vice-President Box 3- Blake Anderson

Box VP3 (u7 & u13) report

Since the last meeting

- I have worked with the assessment committee to get those up and running.
- Participated in the coaching interview for u13-u17 as well as the decision meeting.
- Have attended all u13 assessments thus far
- Helped run the on floor portion of u17 assessments

So far u13 assessments have gone really well in my opinion. The players seem to have zero issues with them being closed and I haven't received any negative feedback. As will all ages we have had to make some adjustments based on attendance but all together going well.

I will be absent for this months exec meeting (out of country).

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

Vice President Field 2– Jamie Boyd

The U11's season concluded on a high note with a thrilling jamboree featuring teams from Nanaimo, Pacrim, and our own two squads. The event served as an island championship, providing a fantastic opportunity for the kids to wrap up the season.

In the championship matchup, our JDF Team 1 faced off against Nanaimo's top team. Although we didn't quite replicate our regular-season form, it was a great experience for the players.

I have heard Nanaimo has expressed interest in hosting a similar tournament next year if no other team steps up to host the provincials. This is exciting news, and we look forward to the possibility of participating again in the future.

Vice-President Female – Craig Patzer

1. U11/13F and U18F are conducting their final prep for Provincials. Island finals are scheduled for 9 and 11 February respectively. The remainder of the teams have closed off their season save for a handful of practices.
2. Looking into next year I am continuing to investigate the likelihood of hosting the Van Isle Girls Cup at UVic (and / or Langford, based around Starlight Stadium) as well as hosting equal number of practices in the Saanich Area to enhance our chances of more Vic-Saanich girls signing up. I've attended some of the VELA back to the box and I am seeing a huge number of Claremont / Saanich / Victoria girls. I will keep working with Nikila, and hopefully Tyson returns some emails to enter into an actual conversation.

Point for discussion: If JDF has enough registrations to host a U15F Box team, do we still release the girls to VELA? Is this based off a statement of understanding between the associations or not?

Secretary – Jessica Lejeune

I have renewed the annual PO box at Shopper Drug Mart. I attended the Grant in Aid meeting at Langford City Hall Tuesday Jan 28th. Unfortunately, sports groups were one of the last groups to be discussed and allocated funds for this year. Also, for the first time school PAC groups and extracurricular activities like musical theater were allowed to apply for funding. Their requests were for upgraded playgrounds, food and clothing for children facing economic diversity, theatre shows, etc. These requests were honoured mostly to half of their funding requests (thousands for each group). One male counselor (I didn't catch his name) suggested to lump all sports groups together and give them all the same amount, and that he didn't feel any of the sports groups needed funding. We requested \$3000 and his blanket recommendation that no other counselor challenged, was high of \$1500, low of zero funding regardless of what they asked for. Minor hockey requested \$10,000 for the sole purpose of making it more affordable to register. We had actual budget items (jerseys, coach/ref training, try lacrosse for free events, goals to reach is successful tournaments/ growing the

game of female lacrosse. I tried to raise my hand to speak and answer any questions they had about our application, but was not allowed to speak. I will attend next week's meeting to see what the final decision was for funding. I suggest everyone pay very close attention to who you are voting for in your municipal elections and where their priorities lie. We could however, after listening to other nonprofit requests, approach City of Langford for a "Gift in Kind" to request lines painted for the Van Island Girls Cup tournament at multiple fields in Langford, or at least Velodrome and Star Light Stadium.

Treasurer – Cass Jutting

We have transferred the cash and closed the Scotiabank account that remained. We received the necessary statements to confirm the transactions for the bookkeeper to update the 2023-24 financial statements and this has been completed.

More analysis will be required on sales of shorts and fundraising in 2023-2024 seasons to ensure the proper breakdown of the revenue for the financial statements. Jean has provided me with the initial reports and I may need to cross reference with Ashley's orders from 2023-24 for shorts.

Alicia and I will be preparing to review the team accounts and documents so that Jill and I can clear and set up the accounts for Box season with the volunteer manager/treasurers. Based on my own experience as treasurer for the team this field season, I will be providing a short aide-memoire for the treasurers to follow and/or reviewing any existing documents that we provide to teams.

Current (today's) cash position is \$110,119 in the general account and \$30,100 in the gaming grant account. There is \$3380 approximately in accounts payable.

Registrar – Jean Gallagher

Box registration numbers as of Feb 4:

U7 - 27

U9 - 59

U11 - 75

U13 - 61 (max set at 62)

U15 - 33

U17 - 41 + 1 on waitlist

My contact at Respect in Sport has moved on so I have reached out to her replacement to request an admin account to run reports to verify completion. Once I figure this out, I will work with Matt (and whomever else would like to be involved) to send out communication to all members to advise of the policy change and implement completion. The plan will be to work with Alicia and the team managers to assist with messaging to parents if there are any incomplete certificates at the start of the season.

Head Coach Box – Curt Morwick

Helping to finish up assessments making sure we have assessors, coaches, and practice plans in place. The assessment committee and everyone involved has done a great job again this year and the new procedures put in place have been well received.

Finalizing dates/details for 2 goalie clinics, one at the beginning of the season and one at the mid point.

Been in discussion with multiple people about ideas to help supply goalies better coaching.

Still working on the manual, I hope to have that completed by the time the season starts.

Head Coach Field – Adam Ranns Nothing to report.

Head Referee – Rob Cook Nothing to report.

Referee Allocator Box & Field– Sarah Nishimura

Allocating for field season has wrapped up, the u11 championship gave our entry level officials some additional opportunities to get on the field. Playdowns/island championship games are nearly complete and being allocated by the Island OIC.

Box lacrosse preparations are under way. The association will sign up entry level officials for clinics while returning officials level 1–5 will register via ramp.

There is a meeting Monday to discuss those logistics. Once I have clinic dates and the details on registration I will have Jess post on social media.

Equipment Manager – Rob Ponte Nothing to report.

Risk Management – Matt Towle

1. **Criminal Record Checks:** Nothing to report.
2. **Concussion Awareness Training:** Nothing to report.
3. **Injuries:** 2 injuries have been reported over the past month, with the following details:
 - U15 T1: A player sustained an undisclosed injury. No follow up from manager or parent/s.
 - U15 T1: A player sustained an undisclosed injury. No follow up from manager or parent/s.

Gaming – Rochelle McRae Nothing to report.

Jersey Manager Box & Field– Jesse Henwood

I have been working with Kirbys and have finally got 18 single jerseys and 68 player jerseys on order. Hopeful to have by the start of the season.

I have also with the help of Jill completed, counted and inventoried all the players' jersey and, in the locker currently there are 463 player jerseys ready to be given out.

Webmaster – Stephen Laws nothing to report.

Whaler Wear Coordinator– Ashley Petch Nothing to report.

Head Manager Box & Field – Alicia Hayes

I have started collecting end of season packages from teams that are finished. I will continue to do so until all teams are done provincials.

I have attended all of the assessment so far whether check-in or assisting the assessors. The assessor that I've been working with has given lots of positive feedback regarding having an assistant. Assessments seemingly are going very well. Players look happy to be back at the box!

Still working on getting manager packages started for box season.

Floor & Field Allocator – Nikila Cyr

Field Allocator Report:

- Field season is coming to an end. Unfortunately, due to delays in the playdown schedule, I wasn't able to return a significant amount of field time to WSPR. I'll be brainstorming ideas to prevent this from happening next season.

Box Allocator Report:

- I've submitted our floor time request to WSPR, including JDF Box, Q Centre, and JDF Arena. My goal this season is to secure more time at the arenas and provide each team with two practices per week. The submission deadline is February 7th, so I expect to receive the contracts by mid-February.
- I've added a discussion about the Belmont Box to this month's agenda. Given that SD62 will not be maintaining the facility or providing nets, I'm unsure if booking this location is in our best interest. My goal is to secure additional floor time elsewhere to compensate, as mentioned earlier. I'm also exploring the option of holding practices at the Sooke Box.

Other Business:

- I've been actively reaching out to municipalities to advocate for a new box or upgrades to our existing one. Recently, I contacted the WSPR Society Board of Directors to address safety concerns regarding the JDF Box and propose updates, with the ultimate goal of securing a covered box. I will keep you all updated on any developments.

Tournament Coordinator – Brittney Corkery

U11 and U13 tournament applications have been submitted and approved.

Travis Bateman Memorial Tournament May 23-25

JDF Rumble on the Rock June 6-8

(U7/9 in house June 21/22)

Have already reached out for securing food trucks and host hotels.

As of right now Rob will be around for the OIC and I'm just waiting to hear from the VIMLC meeting who's this year's divisional commissioners.

Still waiting on the incorrect awards to be ready, hopefully soon and we can get those to players.

Marketing Manager- Vacant

Administrative Coordinator- Jill Denis

Assessments are going well, thankfully we were able to divide up the work load, so a huge thank you to those who are helping with pinnies, checkin and assessing. For the most part, everything is running very smoothly. I also have had positive feedback from players and assessors, who think closed assessments is much better.

A huge thank you to Brittney who helped us on super short notice, by sewing a bunch of adult large pinnies and making them smaller to fit the U13's in time for assessments. Thank you so much!

Still waiting for the new pinnies to arrive, hopefully in time for U11 assessments.

Past President- Ryan Hyland

Policy Committee- Nothing to report

Assessment Committee- Nothing to report

Finance Committee- Cass, Jutting, Craig Patzer, Rob Ponte, Jean Gallagher

Nothing to report

Sponsorship Committee- Cass Jutting, Nikila Cyr, Blake Anderson, Jamie Boyd

Nothing to report

Agenda

Review of Old Business:

Goals for the executive spreadsheet- work in progress. Tabled until March meeting.

Sponsorship committee- set a meeting date. Tabled until Blake returns from vacation.

New Business

Topic	Action Item	Responsible
Kyla- VIMLC meeting update	Referee travel fees will increase, more details to come. U11 coaches and referees be on same page for level of physical play/contact. Releases may be coming to JDF U15, to be confirmed. U7/U9 Island recommends larger teams and then split teams into 2 mini games on 1 floor. Goalie gear, refs, coaching becomes an issue. Tournaments become issue with large rosters.	Kyla to follow up as needed and report back.

	<p>Kyla to discuss at next VIMLC meeting and with lower island associations what works best for our team's needs.</p> <p>BCLA looking at Mylax ranking used in OMLA. Ranks teams on performance, records stats. Better fits mainland teams but possibly leaves Island and Interior teams out due to travel costs. More discussion at March VIMLC meeting.</p>	
<p>Nikila</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belmont Box: Would like to discuss if we'd like to proceed with using this location given SD62 won't be maintaining it <p>VIMLC Scheduling Meeting: Want to provide updates, and have a discussion about "C" divisions</p>	<p>Belmont box- proposed free floor rental if we provide nets and pay for upgrades needed. Nikila will report back when she hears from SD62.</p> <p>DND/SD 62 agreement of facility. JDF Lacrosse to propose MOU with DND and take over from SD62. Sponsorship committee to look into supply donations to repair as needed. Volunteer work party if needed. Rob C/Ryan/Craig/Cass to look into what DND says about the topic as they have contacts there.</p> <p>Black out dates: photo day Nikila book photo day and report back so VIMLC can know our black out date Final Declarations due March VIMLC meeting All associations need to declare teams A,B and C accurately. Island needs to do better at making sure teams are correctly tiered and games/tournaments observed to be equal with Mainland and Interior associations.</p> <p>5 year plan from WSPR board to upgrade JDF box. Nikila report back what else we can do to help, sponsorships, volunteer work party etc.</p>	<p>Nikila Sponsorship committee Rob C Ryan Craig Cass</p> <p>Nikila Alicia Kyla</p> <p>Nikila</p>
<p>Ashley- approval to add a new supplier to produce whaler wear items as well as a possible online store front.</p>	<p>Jamie to provide presentation/samples at next meeting for gear bags</p> <p>Tackaberry at Kirby's can sell water bottles for JDF lacrosse with logos. No profit to JDF. Sold for most minor hockey associations this past season. Ashley to send executive email with more details. We can suggest registered JDF players get 10-15% discount again? Social media exchange, we boost theirs, they boost ours? We were making typically \$1 profit on our generic water bottles sold through whaler wear, not JDF logo.</p> <p>Jamie Boyd- Alpha Lacrosse proposing whaler wear items Conflict of interest needs to be addressed if selling through whaler wear and we and Alpha are making profit. To address conflict of interest, take quotes from minimum 3 suppliers, chosen bidder blind strictly on best deal.</p>	<p>Jamie</p> <p>Ashley</p>

	<p>Responsibility to disclose profit would be made</p> <p>No favouritism</p> <p>Color matching</p> <p>Brand Consistency</p> <p>Logo use for all team's items with any JDF logo needs to be approved by whaler wear manager</p> <p>When we see samples- same process as last year for suppliers to be fair.</p>	
<p>Craig</p> <p>- Van Island girls cup- if hosted in Victoria, need female field lines. Where is best option to proceed? Royal Bay School, Gift in Kind from City of Langford or Colwood for Starlight stadium, Goudy, Bear Mountain turf, or velodrome?</p> <p>-JDF U15 girls enough for our own team, but agreement with the Island to be released to vela?</p>	<p>Royal Bay lines NCAA style</p> <p>SD 62 goes through union to paint the lines- facilities does the painting</p> <p>Schedule all girls practices and games at RB for lines use if possible.</p> <p>Host games and Van Island Girls cup tournament at Star light if possible. Craig, Kyla, Nikila to reach out to any contacts they have with Rugby and other user groups.</p> <p>Girls cup- to be hosted between Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day</p> <p>Kyla and Craig to reach out to JDF soccer for more RB field use.</p> <p>New 5 year agreement with Vela to host all the girls discussed at Feb VIMLC meeting. More details to be discussed.</p> <p>Kyla/Craig to follow up</p> <p>Ryan- girls going to Vela to ensure enough for teams to form. Vela almost folded as an association; girls program keeps them sustained.</p>	<p>Craig</p> <p>Kyla</p> <p>Nikila</p>
<p>Rob C- I would like 3 referees for our U11 and 13 tournaments</p>	<p>VIMLC U11 3 official system worked well. We used this at Bateman 2024 tournament.</p> <p>3 official system used at medal games at Rumble on the Rock.</p> <p>Significantly better overall for both tournaments.</p> <p>Waiting on VIMLC recommendations for league games.</p> <p>Cost could be covered by tournament fees.</p> <p><u>Rob makes a motion to mandate 3 official system for all games in Travis Bateman U11 Rumble on the Rock U13 tournaments.</u></p> <p>2nd by Jill</p> <p>Discussion- mentorship program works, refs are returning year after year, numbers are growing, positive coach, player feedback.</p> <p>Covid took out many refs, this helps keep the games in control and positive tournament experience.</p> <p>14 teams in U11 tournament total \$500 more for all tournament games, not a big difference</p> <p>10 teams in U13 tournament.</p> <p>All in favor, motion carried.</p>	<p>Britt</p> <p>Cass</p> <p>Rob C</p>

<p>Jesse- jersey requests. Received requests for the striped custom jerseys made by xtreme threads that were worn for U13 A1 team last year. Policy says only regular white, green and black are options. Could this be made a motion to add for association-wide use, teams responsible for ordering and paying for their orders.</p>	<p>Last year custom alternate jerseys were made without being approved by group executive, asking to wear again and order for new players. JDF black jersey is 3rd design- policy on website</p> <p>Denied alternate jersey option for 2025 box season.</p> <p>However, we recognize desire for alternate option. Sponsorship committee- to work on possibility of new jersey design. Bring Indigenous artist to help design. Sponsors can pay for jersey “lots” with their logos added. Sell off whale tail jerseys to be used as practice jerseys.</p> <p>Parent involvement on process, please make sure Indigenous artist is involved. Colors need to stay the same. Every 3 years there is a new dye lot.</p>	<p>Kyla Jesse Nikila Cass Others from sponsorship committee</p>
<p>Brittney- JDF teams applications for tournaments. I think it worked well for me to go in and apply all our teams to all eligible tournaments and then connecting with managers once they have stepped up.</p>	<p>BCLA doesn't like that associations apply for all tournaments.</p> <p>U13-U17 very specific tournaments they want. Careful of timestamp of applications. They will apply for their own tournaments.</p> <p>March 31 open for viewing.</p> <p>Brittney touch base with Curt for U7-U11 coaches, for requests/preferences for island tournaments. Brittney will register all U7/U9/U11 teams for all on-island tournaments.</p> <p>Teams apply themselves for off island tournaments they want to go to.</p> <p>Share info at coaches/managers meeting to teams.</p>	<p>Brittney Curt</p>

Next Meeting: March 4th? TBD around box schedules

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by Jill 8:38pm