



JDF Lacrosse Association Executive Meeting Agenda

6 August, 2025 – 7 pm /Online MS Teams

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm

Non-Executive Observer Introductions: none

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Sarah, 2nd by Niki. All in favour

Adoption of July Minutes: Motion by Sarah. 2nd by Niki. All in favour.

Adoption of Reports of Committee Members and Committee Reports: Motion by Sarah. 2nd by Niki. All in favour.

Attendance: Nikila, Jamie, Jesse, Alicia, Niki, Blake, Rob P. Sarah. Curt, Craig, Kyla, Jill, Cass, Jean

Non-executive members: None

President – Kyla Pedlow (Interim)

Presidents Report

I attended the Island Box Presidents meeting in July, and it was a great opportunity to connect with the other associations and hear how everyone's season went. Overall, it was a really positive meeting and nice to know that a lot of us are experiencing the same things.

Most presidents said they saw fewer suspensions this year, which we're all thinking is thanks to the rule change where a major in the last five minutes (instead of ten) leads to a suspension.

Parent behaviour, is still a big concern everywhere. It came up from pretty much every association, so it's not just us. It's obviously something we're all going to have to keep working on.

There was also a lot of talk about the challenges with A1 and A2 teams. Every club with those teams is running into similar problems, A2 teams being upset with A1 teams, A1

teams not wanting to play the A2 teams. Everyone agreed that the current approach just isn't working, and while there's no clear fix yet, everyone agrees we need to figure out a new way to handle those teams going forward.

We also spent time talking about team declarations. The general feeling is that we need to look at each team's actual skill level each season rather than just sticking with B because "that's what we've always done." Some clubs are going to start looking at declaring teams as C if that's a better fit, especially since it opens the door to playing mainland C teams and possibly going to Provincials. This is definitely something that we should be thinking about too.

Overall, the meeting had a really good vibe. Everyone seems ready to see some changes happen and to work more closely with the mainland to make things more consistent and fair across the board.

I also attended the VIFLL meeting in July. These meetings are tough to follow. There's not much structure, and we rarely stick to an agenda, which makes it hard to stay on track or get clear direction.

That said, we did talk about a few key things. The big topics were the new ranking system and how game scheduling will work this season. Each team will have six games scheduled for them by the Island, and then teams will be responsible for self-scheduling the rest of their games. This is obviously a big change and will likely come with a lot of growing pains.

Between the ranking system, self-scheduling, and the new rules around teams' eligibility for Provincials, there's going to be some confusion...probably a lot of it. VIFLL still hasn't received much info from the Field Directorate, so right now we're all in a bit of a holding pattern. We're just going to have to be patient, and support our teams as best we can.

Vice- President Box 1- Niki Williams (Interim U9, U11, U13)
Nothing to report.

Vice-President Box 2 – Vacant

Vice-President Box 3- Blake Anderson (U7, U15, U17)
Vp3 box report.

Nothing to report for box. Looking forward to hearing the results of both the coaches survey and the u11 survey.

Vice-President Field 1 – Sarah Nishimura (Interim) (U9, U13 & U15)

VP-1 Field Report

-Assessment Committee for field is well under way, thanks to Jill and Nikila for their organization!

-Some requests from families to play up a division, the question has been raised whether we want to put a policy in place in future or continue to consider case by case.

-Field divisions have been more evenly distributed between Jamie and myself with Jamie taking u11, u18 and me taking u9,u13,15.

-I've been chatting with an many mainland contacts as possible to try to get a better idea of how to best operationalize self-scheduling.

Vice President Field 2- Jamie Boyd (U11 & U18)

Vice-President Female – Craig Patzer

Women's Report,

Girl's Summer Sixes are halfway complete. So far we have had good attendance and from what I can see the girl's are leaving happy! I've talked to a couple people who used it as their first try and are planning to register... so I'll call that a win.

I'm waiting to hear back from Nancy Phagura who runs a soccer club in the Saanich area for potential field allocations in Saanich. Once we get a spot I'll rope in Nikila and make sure everything is above board.

My preliminary coaching assignments are coming and I'll hopefully have a list for the meeting. I know the girl's coaches don't get the formal approvals like co-ed but I would like if we could at least all come to an agreement with the overall list. We are going to be hard up for certifications, as we have a whole chalk of coaches who didn't get the cert last year with approvals from BCCLA.

Secretary – Jessica Lejeune

Secretary- nothing to report.

Treasurer – Cass Jutting

Please let me know if you have any questions. The attached budget proposal is important for all to review.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances as at 31 July:

Field Gen (Contingency/Deposits held as cash) \$0

Tournaments \$6,313.17

Gaming \$18,064.66

General \$73,731.24

Whaler Wear \$6,952.19

Notes:

1. See the attached financial statements for end June. There will be some adjustments due to Registration Revenue account including Gaming and Shorts/uniform Revenue. All adjustments will be completed for year end and the accountant's review has been scheduled for mid September so that corrected financial statements are ready for the AGM and our Gaming Summary Report due 30 November 2025.
2. As of end July, all tournament advances to teams have been repaid and unused ref fees for teams have been returned. We continue to have issues with referee payment forms being returned (lost...).
3. Goalie Clinic Registration Revenue \$2050 (to be confirmed)/Clinic Cost \$4725.
4. WSPR payables for July, and BCLA registration fees (\$12681.00) for box season are paid effective 1 August with invoice back to VELA for 33 female registrations transferred.
5. 50% goalie refunds are \$3142.50 total for Box season. Grant funds received on behalf of goalies returned to the granting organization to ensure player maximums are refunded and/or other players continue to benefit.
6. Fiscal year end is this month with a new year beginning in September. Please see the attached proposed budget—this is the proposal that was sent to Gaming for our grant application which has not yet been confirmed. Your feedback is important and people with budgets will be expected to track and manage WITH my help so that when we come close to expending funds we can ask for increases to the budget rather than

asking for ad hoc expenditure resolutions throughout the fiscal year. When we receive the confirmation from Gaming for the grant amount, I expect we will adjust and approve the 2025-2026 budget in our September meeting (grant is deposited in September).

Registrar – Jean Gallagher

Registration numbers as of August 6th 1pm

U7 - 7

U9 - 22

U11 - 33

U13 - 32

U15 - 25

U18 - 14

Female:

U7 - 1

U9 - 1

U11 - 2

U13 - 1

U15 - 7

U18 - 6

Head Coach Box – Curt Morwick

Box Head Coach-

Nothing to report. Will look at feedback when its ready, review the season as a whole, assess how teams/coaches did and hopefully learn from the good and bad so we can progress next season!

I like the idea of getting the coaches together for a meeting and have everyone discuss how their particular season went, struggles/successes, but everyone is so busy during the summer time that its proven difficult.

For both box and field, we are finally starting to create a solid avenue for goalie development.

We recently hosted a 2-day camp put on by Aaron Bold and his King Krosse goalie development, which had great reviews. We had box goalies from mid-island, Saanich, JDF and even Coquitlam.

We ran it despite the box season being over as we wanted to get a feel for how it would be received, and I think it was well done! There is an appetite for this.

He also held a virtual clinic, and I am not sure how it went but I will ask when Aarons back from his wedding.

Cody Cook is going to run field camps for goalies and hoping to get that going before assessments. He has his own clinic called Crease Camp, and he's been very open and eager to work with JDF and our goalies. He will also run box sessions closer to the box season that we can advertise and host for him. He's been in early talks with other goalies, and companies, and it sounds like he has exciting plans that I think JDF should be a part of.

The idea is to have these two clinics run quarterly and use both guys to keep things exciting. I imagine Cody would be available much more, but Aaron can come and run his once or twice a year.

It's just the beginning of it all but, It's a start!

Head Coach Field – Vacant (Curt and Blake – interim)

Field–

Blake and I continue to share duties for the time being, and we are in the middle of finding assessors with the help of Sarah, who has been a huge help. So we almost have enough, will finalize tomorrow to fill gaps.

As for on field coaches, will need to see who is available to help run the sessions. Lots are not available on the weekend, but we'll keep at it!

Coaches applications are due on the 8th, once that date has passed we will begin the interview process. It seems we have a good amount of coaches interested this year for both the men's and women's, so I'm excited about that.

Blake might have more to speak on but that's all I have!

Blake:

For field – Curt covered it all. One area where we haven't had any applicants is unid co-ed. Hopefully that's just a wait and see, but if people know someone that may be interested it would be great to give them a nudge.

Head Referee – Rob Cook

Referee Allocator box & field– Sarah Nishimura

Field/Box Allocator Official Report

Box: we're all wrapped up with refunds to individuals for their clinics sent by Cass.

Field: Nico has asked that I allocate both PAC and JDF this fall which I've agreed to. I'm unclear if I'll be allocating female as well or not.

I'm going to ask the island scheduler to try to schedule U15T1/U18 as opposite men's league as possible as that was our biggest challenge last year competing with men's league for officials.

Last year was very successful in using mentors as the third official on the field. It would be great if we can do that again this year, and if we can get PAC to kick in some funds to have mentors for jdf and pac home games and 3 officials for T1 older groups.

Equipment Manager – Rob Ponte

Equipment report

Most of the associations equipment has been returned, still working on a few coaches' buckets, and a couple pieces of goalie gear.

New field nets have been ordered and are due to arrive by the start of field season.

Were still looking for the field shot clocks and should have a purchase co formed in the next couple weeks.

Risk Management – Vacant (Matt)

Risk Manger:

Nothing to report.

Gaming – Rochelle McRae

Gaming - nothing to report

Shouldn't hear anything till the end of sept from the gaming grant

Jersey Manager box & field– Jesse Henwood

Jersey manager,

Box Jerseys - nothing to report

Field Jersey - preparing to get ready for distribution of field jersey once teams are formed.

Webmaster – Stephen Laws

Whaler Wear Coordinator– Ashley Petch

Booster....extra shorts are here and ready for distribution for field season.

Nothing outstanding in orders

Head Manager box & field – Alicia Hayes

Not much to report for now. Once we have an idea of the amount of teams, we will have. I will start to get folders organized for teams with info and paperwork for their season.

I'm hoping to work with Jill and get forms updated on teams so we can start fresh for the new field season.

Looking forward to assessments, hoping we will have a good turnout!

Floor & field Allocator – Nikila Cyr

Box Allocator: nothing to report

Field allocator: Currently, looking over the contracts for the season. Looks like we didn't get offer more time at Royal Bay. Once I know what it's looking like for number of teams then I can start building the practice schedule. Curious to hear more about the self-scheduling and how this will work.

Tournament Coordinator – Brittney Corkery

Nothing to report for box tournaments....

I believe Craig and I will be chatting soon to discuss stuff for the female field tournament.....

Marketing Manager– Nikila Cyr

Marketing Director: Advertising is up at WSPR and City Centre screens. Back to the field and assessment schedules have been posted.

Administrative Coordinator– Jill Denis

Administrative Coordinator Report

The results of the feedback form for box season are being prepared this week and will be emailed out to the box head coach, head manager and VP's soon. I am organizing a draw for the \$100 gift card for those who completed the survey.

I'm working on preparing the paperwork for field assessments and will hand off to Alicia once complete.

Next field assessment committee meeting is Aug 14th, 7pm via Teams.

Past President- Ryan Hyland

Policy Committee-

Assessment Committee- Kyla, Nikila, Jill, Alicia, Brittney, Craig

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

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

Agenda

Review of Old Business:

-Craig/Kyla/Rob P/Rob C- shot clock for girls field lacrosse. – cordless ones are hard to find. Rob recommends we get the ones from Xtreme.

We may hold off and see what numbers look like.

Worst case, we can use a stop watch to do it.

Can get table top one Not ideal because it sits on the score table.

-Rob P- purchasing new field nets. – They have arrived today. They will need to be built.

-Seacan clean up and nets stored away committee needed. Dump run needed for Storage locker as well, schedule around when new nets arrive. Not much in there. Rob will take care of it himself. Kyla says if he needs help, just email and let us know which day.

-Jean Field registration, fees, raffle books, assessment dates, goalie discount

Update on goalie reimbursements – Cass will issue the reimbursement. Jean just confirmed which kids were sponsorship players. We will issue the reimbursement back to Kidsport. \$3200 is what we are reimbursing for box goalies.

Goalie discount – for field season.

Discussion around why are we doing the discount.

Proposed to give partial discount, or no discount as the gear is not the same amount or cost as box goalies.

If we are giving discount for recruitment and retainment, we can consider a small discount instead of half.

Discussion around starting recruitment early. May get Cody Cook out to U9 practices to engage with younger kids and understand the position a bit more.

Look at budget and consider allocating funding to goalie development (instead of goalie discounts)

Decision – No goalie discount.

We will stop charging fundraising fees on Sept 15 for new registrations so we can get the booklets printed and out and back before the AGM.

-Cass volunteer bbq- Aug 14th – will be cancelled. There are no volunteers to help plan this.

Will look at rescheduling the booking for another day for a different event.

New Business

Topic	Action Item	Responsible
Sarah- U11 Tiering	Directors have had some discussion pre-meeting. Sarah is proposing we tier for U11. Would love to see a T1 and 2 balanced T2 if numbers allow for it. Summary of changes this season: Everything will be self scheduled after first few (6?) games. Ranking will be province wide. Tournament games count towards those. Need at least 8 games to be ranked. It may be difficult to convince mainland teams to come to the island based on the U11A experience this past box season. Discussion around which other Island associations will participate and how this will impact JDF. U11 will have a provincial jamboree/festival at the end of the season instead of provincials. All teams will be encouraged to attend. Teams, especially T1 teams, will be encouraged to register for as many tournaments as possible Tournaments are anticipated to be posted Aug 15 Sarah puts forward a formal proposal to tier U11 for the upcoming field season. Blake second. Motion carried	
Niki- U11 parent feedback survey	About 36 replies which represents a third of U11 families. Asked about overall impact, satisfaction. Hard to know which team people were on bc anonymous responses. Looks split in terms of B and A team families. Majority overall very positive. Most people were satisfied with the season and felt people were going to come back.	

	Some comments about the assessment process being late - Would have been nice to have a few weeks or even a few practices for B teams before first game. Regarding tiering itself, sounds like A families found it really positive. Fair play was raised. Scheduling of A team games was raised - not enough games. B teams liked having similar skill set for groups. Biggest complaint was that Saanich did not tier and it was very lopsided. Tournaments where Saanich participated were very unbalanced. More support from executive was needed for A team. Consensus is if Saanich is on board with tiering in this division and/or this becomes Island wide, it might be more positive. Spring hockey players continues to be a challenge. True balancing is always a challenge. Goalies can play a huge factor in team success. There is a gap when it comes to goalies. We do not have dedicated goalies in U9 so some consideration will be needed on how to recruit and develop goalies in these 2 divisions. This season revealed a that JDF has some work to do regarding coaches. We can do a better job of training and developing coaches. Comment from refs was that the coaches in this division didn't always know the rules so they were yelling or arguing with officials when they didn't know the rules. Tiering has benefits but there was discussion around skill - if skill is not there, and it's not mandatory, we should not tier future season	
Cass -Policy review -Budget for new fiscal year	Need to address ad hoc financial items that we can easily put into policy without putting in dollar amounts, eg sponsoring players for Team BC We need to include some direction so that executive has something to refer to when approached by requests. Cass will have something ready for next meeting. Cass sent the budget. Once we know what the gaming grant amount is, we can adjust the budget to balance it. Cass requested everyone look over their section of the budget. Kyla will follow up with WSP about paying for the nets they cut.	
Jean – Registration caps	One team for U18 All other divisions at 46 max roster 23. U9 at 30	
Awards from last field season	It was brought to the executive's attention that nothing has gone out to field coaches for last field season regarding awards. Kyla will follow up with those who are responsible to reach out to coaches for field and box. Discussion around doing awards for volunteers, coach of the year, manager of the year etc. Discussion around also doing something for graduating players from box, even though they age out of box and then come back and play for field. However, not everyone plays field. Executive will look into a few ideas. Would like to come up with something that the kids know, every year they get the same thing. A budget will be determined.	
For next meeting	Update on U18 girls numbers – will determine if we need shot clocks	

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Next Meeting: Sept 11th 7pm in person. Postponed one week due to school starting.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn, Kyla. Cass 2nd.