



JDF Lacrosse Association Executive Meeting

Minutes

8 July, 2025 – 7 pm MS Teams

Meeting called to order: By Kyla at 7:00 pm, 2nd by Jessica

Non-Executive Observer Introductions Kyla: None

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Rob C, 2nd by Craig, all in favour, carried

Adoption of June Minutes: Moved by Nikila 2nd by Jesse, all in favour, carried

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

Attendance: Kyla, Jessica, Rob C, Blake, Rob P, Cass, Jesse, Craig, Alicia, Sarah, Nikila, Jamie

Non-executive members: none

President – Kyla Pedlow (Interim)

BCLA asked us to attend a collaborative planning session with *Now What Facilitation*. BCLA continues to be really supportive of our board. They've been really great and genuinely want to see us succeed. The session with Now What was a great opportunity for the Directors to come together, identify where we're strong and where we have room to grow, and start talking about how we want to move forward as a group.

The facilitators recommended we keep it to just the Directors for now, since it was a short two-hour session and we needed to keep things focused. Now that we've got a direction, we'll be bringing the rest of the executive up to speed. Apologies for not giving everyone a heads-up before I sent the message to the membership, things have been super busy for me this week!

Some updates:

- We had two teams head to Calgary for the Canada Day Tournament, U13A1 and U11A, and BOTH came home with gold medals!
- Rumble on the Rock went really well again this year. Huge thank you to Brittney for all of her hard work making it happen, and to Rochelle for always being there to support her.

- For next year, we'd love to put together a Tournament Committee to help take some of the load off Brittney and make the planning even smoother.

And finally, we've got three teams heading to Provincials this month:

- U13A1 – this weekend
- U15C – next weekend
- U17B – the weekend after

Vice- President Box 1- Niki Williams (Interim U9 , U11 & U13)

U9 – season went well apart from one team who struggled with coach commitment and player commitment. They had low numbers all season. A lot of attendance issues were due to spring hockey commitment.

U13- Season went well. Some complaints around A2 having to play A1 teams. Unfortunately A2 on the island will always have to play A1 teams. If people don't like this system, depending on island declarations next season, we could look at one A team and 2 balanced B teams at U13 next year if we have three teams.

U11- joining this division late in the season, There were some complaints around the impacts of having an A team. Frustrations around teams at jdf having to play stronger teams from neighboring associations that did not participate in tiering. Im working on a survey to send to all U11 families for feedback around the U11A pilot project.

We also had some commitment issues on one of our teams, again due to spring hockey commitments.

Multiple issues around coach conduct at the U11 division. I'd like to brainstorm ways to better support our volunteers and provide coaches with conflict resolution education/strategies for future seasons.

Vice-President Box 2 – Vacant

Vice-President Box 3- Blake Anderson Box (U7, U15 & U17)

Nothing of major consequence to report over the past month. The u15c team and the u17b have advanced to provincials and we wish them well. All in all I think a pretty successful season across the age groups.

Vice-President Field 1 – Vacant (U13, U15 & U17)

Vice President Field 2- Jamie Boyd (U7, U9 & U11) Nothing to report

Vice-President Female – Craig Patzer

Provincials: Many of the JDF girls are heading to provincials this weekend in Nanaimo on the VELA U15/U17/U22 teams. Good luck to all of them!

Summers Sixes: We are looking forward to July 24th as our initial date. Social media and email canvassing have so far generated a satisfactory level of interest. I'm hoping we also get a bunch of drop-ins from across the Island. We have pushed the message out to VELA, Saanich and even Nanaimo. I think the big win will be if we can net a big crowd in the younger grouping, as this will set us up for the future generations. In the next

week or so I'll be reaching out to some of the executive individually to get some supporting things (pinnies, tents, waivers, etc). If anyone is available to come out and help with intakes, or even just hang out that would be awesome.

Big Als 7v7: We didn't get enough interest to put JDF teams together, but we do have a decent number of girls heading to this event on other teams with friends from either the mainland or Nanaimo. Should be a great time for all. I'm hoping to pop over on the 29th for the first day just to check it out.

Vancouver Island Girls Cup: Thanks to Nikila and Cass for support on this one. We have been successful in block booking Starlight Stadium, Goudy field and North Landford (Friday only) for the weekend of November 14-16. We are going to host an initial planning conference on July 16th, with a view to have the main conference and site recce in September. I'd like to lean on the executive and / or tournament committee if we get there for this one, as well as bringing in Dawn, Dale and anyone else who has capacity to help.

Secretary – Jessica Lejeune

City of Colwood denied the grant in Aid request again this year. I'm feeling very frustrated with their process, and lack of support. If anyone else wishes to pursue this application in future, please let Cass know and she can provide the financial piece for the application.

Treasurer – Cass Jutting

Current year financial statements (draft) sent to all executive. We are in good shape to end the fiscal year and get into Field 2025.

Outstanding:

Payable outstanding for June only WSPR floor time.

Adjustments to be made for gaming revenue.

To confirm:

Ashley - Inventory value/Stocktaking to verify

Registrar – Jean Gallagher Nothing to report

Head Coach Box – Curt Morwick

Currently (with help from many others) finishing up working on offering a 2 day goalie camp at the end of July, that we hope can lead into a continued development plan for our goalies.

Congratulations to all for a successful season! I can't believe that it is nearing an end. Good luck to all teams heading to provincials!

Although the season is coming to an end, I want to look at bringing in our coaches or offering them to meet up for an hour to discuss how their season went, what worked, what didn't etc.

I would like to look at trying to establish a coaching progression plan for each age and division, each complementing the skills for following division. This way all our coaches

can have an idea of where they should be at the end of the season, or a guideline. Still in the planning stage.

Head Coach Field – Vacant

Head Referee – Rob Cook

Not much to report. Overall a very successful season for our 38+ officials.

They benefited greatly from our two tournaments where we ran with three officials per game.

This will help them with their confidence going forward and also retain them.

The Island OIC, is looking to see if associations are able to run three officials in U11 and U13 regular season games. I would think that Nanaimo, Saanich and ourselves can do this but the smaller associations would not be able to do this without the assistance of us.

More to follow.

Field season is up next.

Referee Allocator Box & Field- Sarah Nishimura

Rumble was a great success- we were able to do 3 officials for every game and had very few issues.

Reimbursements have been sent to officials for their box certification/recertification courses.

Playdowns are complete- thank you to our officials who travelled to Kerry Park and other neutral sites to officiate games.

All league games were completed, with no JDF home games being cancelled due to official shortage, aside from one game at Kerry park.

Female provincials are July 10-13, we have a few JDF officials helping out on floor and with shot clocks.

Equipment Manager – Rob Ponte

Goalie equipment and coaches buckets are starting to come in, will soon. Start transitioning to getting ready for field season.

Risk Management – Vacant

Gaming – Rochelle McRae Nothing to report

Jersey Manager Box & Field- Jesse Henwood

Box - Jerseys are starting to trickle in. Most of the younger ages have been collected already.

Field - Have received jerseys from previous manager. Preparing for the season throughout the summer.

Webmaster – Stephen Laws nothing to report.

Whaler Wear Coordinator– Ashley Petch Nothing to report.

Head Manager Box & Field – Alicia Hayes

Box season seemed to be successful with most of the managers. There were a few hiccoughs along the way, but between me and the amazing other members who are a part of our group chats. We were able to navigate through many situations. I know I've said it before, but those group chats Are such an amazing idea and so helpful!! I do want to say thank you to the other executive members who are in there who help with answering questions when I'm not available or are there to help me if I don't know the full answer. Thank you very much and you are all very much appreciated.

I have a few little ideas going forward for next box season when it comes to things like the key for the benches as I'm sure most of you know that went missing multiple times this season.

There's not as many things to collect at the end of

season with Cass taking on the paperwork for budget and ref payments, but I am starting to get keys handed back in and the odd paper game sheet. Looking forward to field season, but also I'm excited to have a bit of summer now!

Floor & Field Allocator – Nikila Cyr

Floor Allocator:

Only a few practices remain for the teams heading to Provincials. I'll be starting an analysis of unused floor time shortly to help us better understand trends and optimize allocations moving forward.

Field Allocator:

Just waiting on the contract offerings from WSPR. This was mid-July last year. There is some exciting news for field, but I'll leave that to Craig!

Tournament Coordinator – Brittney Corkery Nothing to report.

Marketing Manager– Nikila Cyr

- Goalie Camp with Aaron Bold has been posted
- Fusion Camp promotion is next, highlighting Kevin Crowley's involvement in one of our Girls Summer Sixes sessions.
- Field registration post will go live once the opening date is confirmed.

Administrative Coordinator– Jill Denis

The link to the feedback form has gone out to the membership. So far we have 98 responses, mostly positive which is great but also some areas we can improve. It is all valuable feedback. The survey will stay open until July 30th.

Past President– Ryan Hyland Nothing to report.

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:

-Craig/Kyla/Rob P/Rob C- shot clock for girls field lacrosse.

Still sourcing. Set from xtreme threads is \$4500 per set. Ask Tyson Leies and Darren Reisig to see what they use.

-Rob P- purchasing new field nets.

Pro Collegiate \$3900 + shipping, HS nets \$2500, Kirbys- \$2500 (rage cage not good reviews) Cody Cook recommends \$3900 Canadian Pro Collegiate, it is what Royal Bay Academy uses. Heavier and sturdier. Ask Lucas if we can see them and make a call if better to spend more for quality.

-Seacan clean up and nets stored away committee needed. Dump run needed for Storage locker as well, schedule around when new nets arrive. Rob P pick a day, communicate to Cass and Nikila to get help cleaning volunteers from membership.

Need to get agreement for net storage. Nikila to reach out to SD62 to find possible solution.

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

Cass makes a motion to increase field registration fees by \$5 per player from last years fees to cover credit card processing fees.

2nd by Rob P

Discussion: Credit card charges: easier to track registration. Better for us to ask everyone to pay credit card unless funding assistance or payment plan. \$5 per player registration increase to cover credit card processing fees.

Vote- all in favour. Motion passed.

Tabled- raffle books, assessment dates, goalie discount to next meeting

Add to registration email all of the new updates for this upcoming field season before registration opens. Kyla and Jean to collaborate information to share out. Teams should be formed and tiered as done in previous years

-Cass volunteer bbq Aug 14th- booked. 2 membership volunteers set to help out.

New Business

Topic	Action Item	Responsible
Kyla	U11 Field Tiering- Nanaimo plans to tier U11 this year. Last year associations were told to do as everyone wished. Last year we balanced teams. Field positions to consider declaring position in registration for u13 and older (attack/midi/pole/goalie), that way assessors know what jersey number is set for main position played. Lots of younger kids multi sport, be careful of hockey kids that over-commit. Previous years there was just barely enough for 2 teams in U11, and when both teams had too many players not committing to full season due to hockey, it was very difficult to manage.	Kyla Assessment committee Field Vps Field head coach
Jill	Field assessments- committee Adam Ranns is stepping down from head coach. He can help with assessments but not be on the committee. Kyla to email executive to fill the position of field head coach and gather names of who can help on assessment committee. Nikila to book field time. Alicia and Craig can help where needed. Brittney to apply for all tournaments for teams so they have options and not waitlisted. Better to have assessments done early. Hard for teams to be formed and the league games start the same week, and then tournaments start right away as well. If we wait until after the September long weekend to do assessments, teams are too rushed to get pinnies, start practices and all of the start up process.	Kyla Nikila Jill Alicia Brittney Craig

Next Meeting: August 5th? TBD online only

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by Nikila 7:51 pm