



JDF Lacrosse Association Board Meeting Minutes

5 February, 2026 – 7 pm JDF Senior Center 201

Meeting called to order: Kyla 7:03 pm

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Alicia, 2nd by Curt, all in favor, carried.

Adoption of January Minutes: Moved by Craig, 2nd by Sarah, all in favour, carried.

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

Attendance: Kyla, Cass, Jessica, Rob C, Nikila, Alicia, Rob P, Jeremy, Craig, Sarah, Curt, Jesse, Shae, Jean, Jill, Wes

Non-executive members: None

Elected Directors-

President – Kyla Pedlow

The biggest update is the Lacrosse Canada rule changes that we rolled out last month. The roll out has sent everyone into a bit of a frenzy, as it hasn't given us much time to adjust to the changes. We are expecting the Minor Directorate to provide us with a bit of a comparison of what rules used to be, and what they have changed to. Once we have that information, we can push it out to all members, not just coaches and players. Parents should be made aware as well.

I attended the VIMLC February meeting tonight where we discussed some of the rule changes. Noteworthy items are:

- U9 likely changing to 5v5 and full floor: more info to come on this but Andy thinks this is the direction we are headed. He is hopeful we will have an answer in the next couple of weeks. The Island would like to see us match what the mainland does.
- 15 min periods: from what I understand, it was mentioned in the rule change roll out presentation that we would be ignoring the 15 minute periods this year as most associations have started booking their floortime and building schedules. The intention for the 15 min periods is that we move to the NLL style of play of quarters instead of periods. So in the end it will be the same amount of game play, however that is not how these rules were rolled out unfortunately.

- U17 using Junior nets: we're still awaiting direction on this one as well. I believe the directive has been that if you have Junior nets, then use them. If not, don't worry about it this season. However, 6" is a big difference in goal size. So the decision could be made to just stick with the 4x4 nets for now until next season. Again, we're waiting on this one. Something to consider for this would be the teams practicing with the larger nets and not just playing games with them. So we would need to ensure anytime they practice outdoors, they have access to larger nets.

Another item discussed at the VIMLC meeting was the number of games each division will play. It was suggested that the A1 and A2 teams play fewer scheduled games to allow them to schedule more exhibition games against other A1 and A2 teams. This would move us away from playing the same team over and over again, and hopefully help JDF in particular when it comes to our A1 and A2 teams having to play each other. The less those teams have to play each other, the better.

The BCLA Leadership Summit that I emailed everyone about has been cancelled, with another date to be scheduled in the future.

Lots of releases have been coming our way so far with VELA only hosting U7 and U9 teams. But the Island has been amazing in dealing with them this year and they've been coming through super fast, which has been really great and much easier for us to accommodate those players.

We hosted Team BC field tryouts this past Saturday at the Velodrome for U14, U15, U16 & U17. They were very appreciative of us being willing to host them, and offering our tents, and tables, etc. These kinds of relationships are really beneficial for us to build, as it helps our players with less travel for tryouts, home field advantage, which will hopefully result in more kids making it to main camp!

Vice President Operations- Nikila Cyr

Tryouts and assessments are progressing smoothly, and I want to extend a big thank-you to everyone who has been involved. This has been successful with all of the hard work and commitment from everyone. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

I'm continuing to work closely with Wes as we prepare for the upcoming Box season. We are currently awaiting the decision on whether U9 will move to 5x5 play, as this will determine team numbers for the season. The box is booked starting in March so we can begin getting teams on the floor. We will also need to confirm whether we want U7 and U9 to begin practicing in March as well.

As Wes noted, he has already submitted the facility requests for WSPR for Spring allocations.

Tournament preparation is also underway. Both of our upcoming tournaments have been approved by BCLA:

- **Travis Bateman Memorial Tournament – U11 (A1, A2, B & C)**
Dates: May 22–24, 2026

- **Rumble on the Rock – U13 (A1, A2, B & C)**

Dates: June 5–7, 2026

More details will follow as planning continues.

Vice President Box Programs & Development– Curt Morwick

Looking forward to the end of our tryout process. Been working with others to get through the little snags here and there, but for the most part, this has been very well done and organized so thanks everyone!

Currently discussing plans for declaration in a couple of our divisions, and shifting our focus to u11 and the younger divisions.

I attended a special session for BCLA coaching, not a whole lot to take away from that, discussion on finding facilitators for running coaching courses, and some policy language changes that were voted on, main one being if a coach of two teams is suspended, he cant serve the suspension on the division he didn't receive it on. Basically, you cant serve your u17 suspension by trying to use a double header u9 game that you're coaching as well. There were positions voted on, BCLA website is updated. Secretary has become a vacant position.

Walt will give us an update on dates he's available, hopefully he finds time first week on march, he's here for 3 weeks before leaving for England again..

Lots of rule changes from Lacrosse Canada we are awaiting confirmation on, however, I am excited to see these changes rolled out.

U17 has been a big consumer of time and energy, but we are getting there and see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Thanks again for everyone who's been living at Eagle Ridge the last month!

Vice President Field Programs & Development– Sarah Nishimura

Most of our teams have wrapped up their seasons, the female teams, u13t1 and u11 teams continue to practice and prep for provincials.

One item I would like to bring forward to the VIFLL is the fact that PCFLL switched over to league scheduling after Dec 7 and continued games for all ages through the end of January, and then league championships (not optional) in Feb. I would like to see the island consider this for next year.

Vice-President Female – Craig Patzer

The U15 and U18 women's teams have qualified for Provincials. The U15 team played a strong Island final and gave Nanaimo a really good run but came up short. Luckily for them the PCFLL team scheduled to come compete on the island for the wild card bowed out, giving them the entry.

Similarly, the U18 island finals went to over time and Nanaimo took the win. Last weekend Missions U18 came over and out JDF girls team made short work of them with a decisive win.

Hosting the games at Royal Bay with the appropriate sized field with women's lines made the games run well without littering the field with pylons.

Vice President Finance- Cass Jutting

Financial statements have been shared with all board members. Box registration is ongoing and we are currently (slightly) exceeding budgeted revenue so everything is on track. We will have to keep an eye on expenses for Box floor time for the upcoming season as we are currently at 50% expended and we have a lot more happening in Box season (noting there is a difference in the cost for field vs floor/box). Other expenses seem to be in line with the end of field season but I will continue to monitor, update the Board, and adjust accordingly.

We have applied for City of Langford grant in aid and anticipate the approval of \$2000 towards tournament expenses. We have also applied to Colwood but I'm not clear on when the city does their grant approval for 2026. We have also applied for two via sport grants that would cover tournament expenses for the Bateman and Rumble tournaments. The \$2000 would support the jamboree expenses and allow for all other tournament revenue generated to improve the tournament experience for Bateman and Rumble.

There were no Whaler Wear sales in January. I am working with Shae on a plan to verify the inventory and start preparing for Box season including tournament inventory items.

Team reports from Field are slowly coming in and this month will be the time for clearing and preparing the accounts for Box season. Hoping to have the Asst Treasurer, Ashley, step in to help with some of the coordination of the team financial admin.

Secretary – Jessica Lejeune Nothing to report.

Registrar – Jean Gallagher

Working with Kyla and Sarah to clean up some issues with Field Registration and the BCLA.

Numbers give or take a few (Ramp is not super accurate because of transfers)

U17-55 (waitlisting)

U15-43 (waitlisting)

U13-72 (waitlisting)

U11-55 (waitlisting at 57)

U9-68

U7-43

Female numbers:

U11F-7

U13F-3

U15F-12

U17F-8

U22F-4

Just received the latest releases in Ramp. Have been in communication with VELA to send our female information to them.

Been helping the assessment committee send out email to players as tryouts have been progressing. There has been a LOT. It has been an extremely smooth process this year, so big thanks to everyone who has been helping out!

Operations Support Appointed Directors report to President-

Risk Manager- Jeremy Tringham

Director of Admin- Jill Denis

I am continuing to support tryouts as needed but mostly in the background with organizing the paperwork! Kudos to those who have been running everything this year, it seems to all be working out really well, great work!

I'm in talks with 2 hotels in the Westshore to try and secure blocks of rooms for our tournaments, there is very little room available already and they are hesitant to hold anything without team names and contact information and we are just not there yet.

Appointed Directors Box report to VP Box Programs & Development-

Division Director Box-Vacant U7

Division Director Box-Vacant U9

Division Director Box-Rob Ponte U11

We have confirmed the "A" team coach, tryouts are scheduled to start next week.

Division Director Box- Jessica Lejeune U13

U13 A1 and A2 teams have been formed and players notified. Try out process went well this year, cuts and selections were done with consistent evaluator feedback, scores and comments. Coaches, evaluators and board members were able to place players appropriately on teams. Some parents requesting feedback on player evaluations, emails have been responded to and parents grateful for communication.

Assessments for B/C continue for the next 2 weeks and those teams will be finalized by Feb 16th.

Division Director Box-Rob Ponte U15

Both teams have been formed. Just working on making a few player movements to complete final rosters.

Division Director Box-Craig Patzer U17 Nothing to report.

Coaching Director Box – Curt Morwick See VP report

Officials Director Box- Rob Cook

Not much to report, for now. Once we get the new rules in a word document, or some other format, I will make sure we all get them.

I foresee some growing pains with the new rules, especially with our young officials.

More to follow and see you Thursday.

Appointed Directors Female report to VP Female-

Coaching Director Female –vacant

Officials Director Female- vacant

Head Manager Female-vacant

Appointed Directors Field report to VP Field Programs and Development-

Division Director Field-vacant

Division Director Field-vacant

Coaching Director Field –vacant

Officials Director Field-Rob Cook see box report

Operations Support Appointed Directors report to VP Operations-

Head Manager box & field – Alicia Hayes

Helping to assist managers as they wrap up their seasons in any capacity that they need.

With only a few teams left playing and we're heading to provincials I am going to be sending out final emails to the upper divisions.

Photos are booked for Saturday, April 11. Once I have final numbers for all our teams, I will get to work on the schedule. Hoping to have a blackout date for the same day. Otherwise, I will make sure to work around teams and games as best as possible.

Getting prepared for the start of box season and getting folders organized for the managers meeting.

Floor & field Allocator – Wes Roberts

I'm starting to think January had a turbo button, because that month absolutely flew by! I'm still deep in the "do what I'm told" phase while I get the hang of the chaos, but the training wheels are feeling a lot sturdier. lol.

The Latest Wins:

Rooms & Floors: Photo day rooms? Secured. Floor time in Sooke? Secured. Belmont Box? You guessed it...secured.

The Big Requests: I've officially fired off our requests for the JDF Box, Arena and the Q Centre. Everything was submitted well before the cutoff, so now we play the waiting game.

Meeting Marathon: I've also been busy playing Tetris with meeting room bookings for various occasions lately, making sure everyone has a spot to chat.

The Nikila Update:

I honestly have to thank Nikila again. Her organization is the only reason I'm not wandering aimlessly in a field somewhere. She is so quick to reply that I'm becoming more convinced by the day that she doesn't actually have another job, or maybe JDF is secretly her full-time gig?

Other than that, nothin' much to report. Just keeping the wheels turning and looking forward to the season really kicking off!

Equipment Manager – Rob Ponte

All of the currently registered goalies have been issued gear and jerseys. Now just getting ready for box season.

Jersey Manager box & field- Jesse Henwood

Most goalies have been given jerseys just have the kids with own gear to get sorted. Getting ready for the rush at the start of the season!

Officials Allocator Box & Field-Sarah Nishimura

Field official allocator:

I allocated officials for South Island play down and island championship games, these are all now complete.

Box official allocator:

Information is starting to trickle through for the upcoming season. The VC Minor has sent all officials copies of the Lacrosse Canada "Ages and stages" rules which we expect to go into effect this season. Clinics are expected to happen in March, which registration starting as soon as clinics are confirmed and ramp is active to accept registrations. Officials will register themselves and pay for their own clinics again this year, to be reimbursed at the end of the season.

Event Coordinator- vacant.

Operations Support Appointed Directors report to VP Female-

Head Manager Female -vacant

Officials Allocator Female-vacant

Finance Support Appointed Directors report to VP Finance-

Assistant Treasurer- Ashley Petch

Whaler Wear- Shae Mellors

Marketing-Nikila Cyr Nothing to report.

Policy Committee-

Assessment Committee-

<p>-Possibility of doing back to the box for U9 and offering a session to female lax.</p>	<p>Schedule has been changed to reflect registration numbers for u7/u9 back to the box and u11 assessments. Goalie clinic for u11/u13 being offered. March 9th with Cody Cook.</p>	
<p>Jesse- uniforms</p>	<p>Customs- do we allow this year? Blacks, whites, greens? Shorts? Need to stick to JDF colors and patterns for consistency. Green Jersey/Green Shorts White Jersey/Green Shorts Most teams stick to their 2 colors, not necessary to have other variations. Sponsorships- association wide sponsors not getting full value if teams ordering customs with other sponsor logos. Include association wide sponsors on all custom jerseys too. Name bars to add to association owned jerseys. No black options for this year for jerseys or shorts. Only green shorts. Kyla- ask Saanich how/who they use for name bars. Will look into personalized jerseys names/numbers only on standard JDF jerseys.</p>	
<p>Sarah- U13</p>	<p>Nanaimo and Peninsula balancing teams due to coaching. Having to follow suit?</p> <p>Other island associations only have a and b teams, b teams will have cut A level players. Our 2 balanced b teams would be B and C level.</p> <p>Specific floor time for new to lacrosse kids?</p> <p>Development nights, were done in the past at school gyms.</p> <p>Beneficial to have b/c most agree in discussion. Including coach feedback from last year with 2 balanced B teams did not go very well. Other B teams had higher level players and not equal abilities.</p> <p>Add 3rd session for u13. Family day weekend turn to skills and drills?</p> <p>Feb 23rd for scrimmage</p>	<p>Jess Nikila Sarah Rob P Jesse Jean</p>

	Jessica to send player feedback lists/designations to elected directors.	
Cass U11 Provincials-	<p>Cass makes a motion to give funds to each JDF U11 field team \$150 towards year end jamboree tournament. Three current teams.</p> <p>Jean 2nd</p> <p>Discussion- Field teams- JDF pays U13- U18 declaration fees. Proposing JDF pays \$150 to U11 three teams.</p> <p>U11 teams paid same registration fees as U13. This would be a one time offer, not yearly. Not provincials, just a jamboree. Future U11 fees/jamboree to be considered for next year.</p> <p>Wanting to give them same opportunity to participate in end of year tournament.</p> <p>Vote- All in favor, motion carried.</p>	
Curt- Jr A Shamrocks	<p>Jr A ticket sales to JDF families for partnership. 1 season pass for \$80. From every ticket sold JDF gets \$35 back. Rights to our JDF players. Children under 12 are free.</p> <p>Look to see what the offer is this year. Happy to promote this for their team. 5 tickets for \$30, hard to attend all games with players and their own games.</p>	

Next Meeting: March 5 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25pm moved by Jean