



## JDF Lacrosse Association Board Meeting Minutes

9 April, 2026 – 7 pm JDF Senior Center 201

**Meeting called to order:** Kyla 7:04pm

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Rob C, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cass, all in favor, carried.

**Adoption of March Minutes:** Moved by Nikila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah, all in favour, carried.

**Adoption of Reports of Committee Members and Committee Reports:** Moved by Rob P, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse, all in favour, carried.

**Attendance:** Kyla, Rob C, Sarah, Jessica, Cass, Jesse H, Nikila, Rob P, Alicia, Craig, Curt, Jill

**Non-executive members:** None

### **Elected Directors-**

**President** – Kyla Pedlow

Thanks to all of you who have been putting in the time and effort to get the season up and running. It's been a lot of work, and with games starting this past weekend, it's great to see that hard work starting to pay off.

A big focus for me this past month has been getting up to speed on the new rules, and working alongside many of you to make sure our coaches and parents feel informed and prepared. The communication that went out to families was well received, and the Island Chair actually asked if they could share it with other associations as a template, which is a great reflection of the work being done at JDF!

Game Schedules:

- U11–U17 schedules have been released
- The Island is currently working on revising the U13A schedule to allow A1 teams to play each other more frequently, and reduce the number of games against A2 teams
- The U9 schedule has been released, though we are expecting some changes
- The U7 schedule should be posted by the end of this week

At the recent VIMLC meeting, it was mentioned that the BCLA Officials Chair has said that if any of the new rules significantly impact game functionality, there is a possibility

they could be reviewed and potentially reverted. This could happen mid season, or it may be something addressed post season, we'll have to see how things unfold.

This Saturday I'll be heading to Vancouver to attend the BCLA Field Special Session. Following that, there is also a Town Hall introducing the new BCLA bylaws. These updates are intended to bring BCLA into compliance with the BC Societies Act, align with best practices in sport governance, and modernize their overall governance structure. The Town Hall begins at 3:30pm. With having to take the 7am ferry to make it to the Field Special Session, I likely won't be able to attend the Town Hall. That said, it will be recorded and shared afterward, so we'll all have the opportunity to review it.

Lastly, I wanted to acknowledge the incident involving the Ridge Meadows player, Hayden Yerbury, who was seriously injured at the BC Sixes tournament last weekend. I'm sure many of you have heard, he was struck in the head by a ball during warmup and remains in Children's Hospital. A number of our players were at that tournament, and situations like this really hit close to home. We've been sharing Ridge Meadows' social media posts, including their t-shirt fundraiser, and I would encourage anyone who is able to support the family to do so. I also reached out to their President to offer our support on behalf of JDF Lacrosse and let them know we are all thinking of them and Hayden.

#### **Vice President Operations-** Nikila Cyr

- Currently working through tournament acceptances. Unfortunately, we've received a high number of declines, but hoping to finalize teams and move ahead with the schedules.
- Nothing else major to report, I'll let the others update for their areas.

#### **Vice President Box Programs & Development-** Curt Morwick

Busy month with the season starting up. Been working with the division directors on challenges/questions that come up with teams, ranging from process inquiries to team selection questions/requests. I want to mention that our division directors, Rob, Jess and Craig have been outstanding!

Belmont box was sprayed out, I went back to sweep the players benches out and noticed that the box is in some need of repair. We should discuss this in our meeting.

New rules are being navigated by coaches and will get easier as we go. Patience should be preached. JDF has done a lot of work and planning to help our coaches and referees adapt to these new rules and from what I can tell, have gone above and beyond! Thanks to Rob Cook for chairing the coaches meeting discussing those new rules.

Walt Christiansen held a 3-evening coaching development clinic end of March. It was very well received by all who attended. I always would like to see more out to these sessions but there was 10-12 coaches average, spread across all divisions, which is great. Something that we can hopefully revisit every year or couple years as part of our coaching development plan.

As part of a ongoing development plan, Rob Ponte and I have discussed the idea of having an association 'Head Goalie coach' of sorts. Nothing crazy, but perhaps looking

at creating a few drills for our coaches, and just overall support for the goalies within JDF.

Attended the VIMLC meeting for March.

**Vice President Field Programs & Development**– Sarah Nishimura

I'll be attending the special session with Kyla. There are no proposed changes to remove mylaxranking or self scheduling for next season.

Lots of proposed policy changes, many which endeavour to limit teams abilities for strategic match ups to manipulate rankings.

**Vice-President Female** – Craig Patzer Nothing to report.

**Vice President Finance**– Cass Jutting

**Whaler Wear** is booming and we are ready for sales at photo day with some fresh inventory. Some of the profits were used to create manager bags with pens, keychains and some stickers for the younger kids. Any other suggestions for future supplies welcome.

**Team banking:** Team accounts for U11+ are all set with referee fees and one team in the upper division has requested tournament advances so far

Team accounts for U7 and U9 are almost ready—waiting for a couple of teams to have co-signers/treasurers appointed. One team has requested a tournament advance so far.

In preparation for Box season, we have made significant investment in **player development, official development, and coach development.**

**Player development:** Two Veo cameras will be on a schedule based on home games (primarily) for U13-U17 teams. These assets will be strictly managed by Jill. Team managers or coaches will have to sign and agree to pay the replacement costs for any damage or loss. The cameras and accessories are valued at approx \$4K and will have a useful life of at least a few years with care taken for the equipment. The subscription costs are high. 10 teams cost approx \$4K for one year. This will cover us for 10 teams in both box and field so \$2K "per season" or about \$200 team covered by the association this year. We will review in the 2026-2027 budget and the budget decision for future subscriptions could be impacted by USD exchange.

**Coach Development:** VP Box was able to arrange coach development with Walt Christiansen. Costs were \$860 for an honorarium and floor time (4.5 hrs of training). This was an incredible opportunity for the coaches and I am sure Curt will tell you it was well received.

**Official Development:** There was an opportunity with some floor time for U11's at Eagle Ridge to get the junior refs on the floor. Total costs were about \$635; however, while cleaning out the locker and disposing of the 2014 financial records, I found \$330 worth of unspent referee cash in envelopes so I found a way to offset some of those costs

We have **no outstanding accounts payable** and the only receivable is the tournament advance for two of the teams so far.

**Current bank balances:**

General - \$105,843.41

Whaler Wear - \$11,182.84

Gaming - \$29,341.68

Tournaments - \$19,663.17

Contingency - \$0

Draft financial statements to follow.

**Secretary** – Jessica Lejeune Nothing to report.

**Registrar** – Jean Gallagher

**Operations Support Appointed Directors report to President-**

**Risk Manager-** Jeremy Tringham nothing to report.

**Director of Admin-** Jill Denis

Anything I would have to report on has been covered in other reports, nothing more to add.

**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 & U15

U11- All teams are formed, have been dealing with questions from coaches and managers.

U15- Teams are formed dealt with a few questions from coaches.

**Division Director Box-** Jessica Lejeune U13

Parents are sending in assessment notes requests and I'm keeping up with the responses.

Scrimmages have taken place A1 vs A2 and B1 vs B2 to train new referees and players/coaches on new rules. League play started this past weekend and teams have applied for tournaments. Looking forward to a great season for all teams!

**Division Director Box-**Craig Patzer U17

- Teams are built with coaches, managers and stable goaltending!
- Most teams have started their season already, including U17A1 filling the JDF Arena. I think for next year it would be a good idea to formalize something around this game as it's usually a packed house.
- No concerns from managers at this time.

**Coaching Director Box** – Curt Morwick See VP report

**Officials Director Box-** Rob Cook

Nothing to add, this time. I'm sure next meeting I will have lots.

**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

-All teams officially did have managers up until late last night now I am one team short. I'm going to talk to the team and go to their next practice and hopefully find a new manager for them. (U7)

-I have sent head Coach and manager contacts to all commissioners across all divisions.

-Both the managers and coaches' chat! In ramp are up and running with lots of questions and great communication between everyone.

-I have been receiving some of the form 100s already.

-Lots of teams in all divisions have applied for tournaments and have started receiving their acceptance letters!

-C/M/T meeting is tonight. I believe it should run super smoothly as most teams are already started and lots of communication has been done via email/phone this season. The teams that are struggling with startup I will be meeting with after the meeting tonight to help them get finalized between ramp/VIMLC. Oh God.

-Saturday is photo day!

-Still collecting award nominations from field season. I will send out another reminder to the coaches that I have yet to hear from.

**Floor & field Allocator** – Wes Roberts

I was out of the mix for a couple of weeks this month on vacation. Shout-out to Nikila for covering for me and keeping everything running smoothly from my side while I was away—much appreciated!

Current Focus:

The main priority lately has been helping teams juggle their schedules. As tournament acceptances roll in, I've been working closely with coaches and managers to reschedule league games and make sure all the moving parts are lining up.

Looking Ahead:

I'm already starting to look at the September–December 2026 season. We've received the allocation windows for the following fields:

Starlight Stadium

Goudy Field

Centre Mountain Lellum

North Langford Field

I'll be diving into the details on those shortly to get us ahead of the game for the fall. If anyone has any input on these fields, feel free to reach out.

Other than that, things are pretty quiet and moving along well.

**Equipment Manager** – Rob Ponte-

All teams have been given coaches buckets and goalie gear. Not much else to report.

**Jersey Manager box & field**- Jesse Henwood

- It has been a busy few weeks getting teams their jerseys, everyone by the end of the coaches managers meeting should have theirs.

- The association jerseys that were ordered have come in and a big thanks to Island Junk Solutions who sponsored the jerseys, I have thrown as many as I could out into the rotation for this season!

**Officials Allocator Box & Field**-Sarah Nishimura

It's been very busy getting all the officials through clinics and set up on RAMP.

Our first weekend of play was pretty smooth, we were able to do three officials on the floor for all the games, and they handled the new rules very well.

I'm working closely with the Pen/Vela/Saanich allocator, and we'll share are L2's quite a bit to make sure all our games are covered.

**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**– Shauna Huva

**Marketing**–Nikila Cyr Nothing to report.

**Policy Committee**–

**Assessment Committee**–

**Finance Committee**–

**Sponsorship Committee**–

## Agenda

**Review of Old Business: Vela female teams arrangement working, or proposed alternative for next year? Current in operating A/B teams. Possible conversation with VELA about some teams running out of JDF.**

**Girls field arrangements also need a conversation. Need JDF rep on VIFLL board, have nominations for next AGM. Every association should have a commissioner. Current commissioners serve in multiple roles.**

**U5/U7 intro sessions- parent run? Look into for next year.**

**Weekly skills and drills U11 & U13 Sundays 3pm outdoor box. Starting Nikila to offer schedule to B teams. Rotating schedule for coaches. Curt, Nikila, Wes to coordinate.**

**Gift card for feedback forms**

**New Business**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<p>Craig- Seeking approval to ask Wes to book field time, 1 x per week for 3 hours in June, July and August 2026 for JDF Girl's Summer Sixes. We will also use this time to request BCLA's VP of Development to run programming once per month across the same time.</p> <p>Cost capture is TBC. Either by a drop in rate, or a registration of the entire summer.</p>	<p>U9-U13 1.5 hours</p> <p>U15-18 1.5 hours</p> <p>Try sixes/female field lacrosse, same as last year</p> <p><b>Craig makes a motion to book the Velodrome field for 12 sessions x3 hours per session. Cost approx. \$1800</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> By Cass</b></p> <p><b>Discussion- Lights won't be needed. Last year we didn't charge players, only ran 7 sessions.</b></p> <p><b>\$5 per drop in. Insurance covered for previously registered players. New players</b></p>	<p>Craig Nikila Wes Jean</p>

	<p><b>sign waiver. Would be nice to have co-ed sixes on the island too.</b></p> <p><b>All in favor, motion carried</b></p>	
Kyla/Jill- Veo camera	<p>Cases and stands, sign out sheet for each camera. Need app to use the cameras. Preview looks very skewed, it records beautifully. Managers sign agreement forms. Charge for next user. Coaching/development use only for now have been invited to watch in “club house”. Everyone must follow the schedule Jill has made please. No sharing of videos with anyone that has not been invited by Jill.</p> <p>Can live stream option but needs to be paid, and would need to be approved by board starting next year.</p> <p>Able to use for tournaments.</p> <p>Elected directors have ratified the 2026 Disciplinary Policy. Please read through.</p>	<p>Jill All people using the cameras</p> <p>All board members</p>
Disciplinary policy- ratified by elected directors		
Cass/ Nikila- tournament medals	Send design to Batemans for approval.	Cass Nikila

**Next Meeting: May 7 7pm**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8pm moved by Jessica**