

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
November 25, 2024**

**Attendees**

**Voting Executive**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Tim Frost</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Doug Kampen</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Krista Gregory</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Michelle Vecqueray</b>
<b>Zone 6 Representative</b>	<b>Brande Terris (absent)</b>
<b>Web Master/Scheduler Liaison</b>	<b>Stephanie Prizeman</b>
<b>Female Coordinator</b>	<b>Shane Mellish</b>

**VIMLC Executive**

<b>BCLOA Representative</b>	<b>Tyler Boyer</b>
<b>Indigenous Development</b>	<b>Bryan Baxter (absent)</b>
<b>BCLCA Representative</b>	<b>Kelly Fines</b>
<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Wendy Hall, Greg Toll, Janice Parmar, Adam Gow, Cathy Coulson</b>

**Association Representatives**

<b>Alberni Valley</b>	<b>Darren Mannix</b>
<b>Campbell River</b>	<b>Sarah Thomas</b>
<b>Comox Valley</b>	<b>Chad Robinson</b>
<b>Cowichan Valley</b>	<b>Kim Solecki, Kevin Rothbauer, Koltin King</b>
<b>Juan de Fuca</b>	<b>Ryan Hyland, Kyla Pedlow, Blake Anderson, Jean Gallagher, Nic Collison</b>
<b>Nanaimo</b>	<b>Bryan Norby, Jesse Kemp</b>
<b>Oceanside</b>	<b>Renee Allan</b>
<b>Peninsula</b>	<b>Terry Hall</b>
<b>Saanich</b>	<b>Scott Barillaro</b>
<b>Victoria Esquimalt</b>	<b>Kate Blass, Amanda Welch</b>

- 1. Call Meeting to Order 7:11 pm**  
**Land Acknowledgement**
- 2. Adoption of Previous Minutes: Motion** made by Doug Kampen, seconded by Renee Allan, **Carried**
- 3. Additions and Adoption of Agenda: Motion** made by Shane Mellish, seconded by Janice Parmar, **Carried**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**A. Financial Audit:** carried out by Shane Mellish and Bryan Norby, no issues found.  
**Motion** to record the Audit as complete made by Tim Frost, seconded by Kolton King,  
**Carried**

**5. Financial Report: Michelle Vecqueray**

Attached please find the bank reconciliation for October 2024.

Attached is also the report showing budget vs actuals for the year, note there is a slight difference from the last report presented, as this report includes BCLA AGM Expenses, with cheques issued in November.

Overall for the year we are close to budget with no unexpected expenses and no large variances from the original approved budget.

Current bank account balance is \$18,285.45 and there are 4 uncashed cheques totaling \$1,001.79 for an adjusted book balance of \$17,283.66

**VANCOUVER ISLAND MINOR LACROSSE COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED BUDGET 2024**  
**As at November 2024**

ASSOCIATION	2023 #'S	Fees \$15/player	Notes	Actual Rec'd 2024	Variance
ALBERNI VALLEY	82	\$ 1,230.00		\$1,230.00	0.00
CAMPBELL RIVER	65	\$ 975.00		\$975.00	0.00
COMOX	66	\$ 990.00		\$990.00	0.00
COWICHAN VALLEY	123	\$ 1,845.00		\$1,845.00	0.00
JUAN DE FUCA	344	\$ 5,160.00		\$5,160.00	0.00
NANAIMO	349	\$ 5,235.00		\$5,235.00	0.00
OCEANSIDE	51	\$ 765.00		\$765.00	0.00
PENINSULA	167	\$ 2,505.00		\$2,505.00	0.00
SAANICH	233	\$ 3,495.00		\$3,495.00	0.00
VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT	79	\$ 1,185.00		\$1,185.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INVOICED/INCOMING FUNDS</b>	<b>1559</b>	<b>\$ 23,385.00</b>		<b>\$23,385.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
CARRY OVER FROM 2023 SEASON		\$ 15,959.57		\$15,959.57	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SEASON</b>		<b>\$ 39,344.57</b>		<b>\$39,344.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>
EXPENSES	Actual 2023	Projected 2024		Actual 2024	
SCHEDULE	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$2,000.00	(1,500.00)
REFEREE PLAYOFF	\$ 4,565.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$5,540.00	540.00
REFEREE TRAVEL	\$ 1,629.77	\$ 2,000.00		\$1,580.00	(420.00)
FLOOR PLAYOFF	\$ 2,474.94	\$ 2,500.00		\$2,988.12	488.12
BANNERS	\$ 2,665.60	\$ 2,700.00		\$2,932.16	232.16
COMMISSIONERS	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00		\$2,500.00	(600.00)
RAMP officiating (Formerly Arbitrator)	\$ -	\$ -	BCLA paying this year	\$0.00	0.00
ELECTRONIC GAME SHEETS (RAMP)	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00		\$420.00	0.00
WEBSITE (RAMP)	\$ 472.50	\$ 498.75	Annual Licensing fee - invoice rec'd	\$498.75	0.00
WEBSITE DOMAIN RENEWAL (RAMP)	\$ 131.25	\$ -	5 Year renewal (\$25/yr)	-	0.00
ZOOM	\$ 224.00	\$ 224.00		\$240.69	16.69
BCLA AGM FEES	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	Estimate of 4 Delegates - Oct 24	\$70.00	(680.00)
BCLA AGM TRAVEL/ETC.	\$ 3,360.95	\$ 3,000.00	4 Delegates (est. based on prior years) - C	\$2,558.81	(441.19)
On Floor Referee Clinics	\$ 159.86	\$ -	not approved for 2024	\$0.00	0.00
Referee Mentorship		\$ 500.00	New Budget Item / Managed by Tyler	\$500.00	0.00
MISC	\$ 156.82	\$ 50.00	Stamps, Bank fees	\$232.38	182.38
MISC (ADDED AFTER BUDGET APPRV)					
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,610.69</b>	<b>\$ 24,242.75</b>		<b>\$22,060.91</b>	<b>(2,181.84)</b>

<b>PROJECTED FUNDS AT YEAR-END</b>	<b>\$ 15,101.82</b>	<b>\$ 17,283.66</b>
<b>Projected Net Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (857.75)</b>	<b>Actual Net Gain(Loss) \$ 1,324.09</b>

2:33 PM  
11/24/2024

**Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
**Period Ending: 2024-10-31**

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Beginning Balance		20,927.59
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(455.00)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Cleared Transactions	<hr/>	(455.00)
<b>Cleared Balance</b>	<hr/>	<b>20,472.59</b>
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Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(560.12)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Uncleared Transactions	<hr/>	(560.12)
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<b>Register Balance</b>	<hr/>	<b>19,912.47</b>
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Ending Book Balance		19,912.47

**Motion** to accept the Financial Report as presented made by Scott Barillaro, seconded by Ryan Hyland, **Carried**

**6. Zone 6 Reports**

- A. Chair Tim Frost** In the period since the last meeting we have had the BCLA AGM and an internal meeting on tiering U11. Summary of the U11 tiering meeting was previously distributed. We will vote on amending the bylaw along with other changes in the meeting.

A few reminders to all;

1. As you prepare your association reports - please provide a summary of your AGM and any newly elected executive.
2. You are required to send in your revised bylaws if any.
3. Commissioners - you will have voting rights at this meeting but your terms all officially end after this AGM. Associations are required to nominate commissioner volunteers for the 2025 season per our bylaws. We would love to see you return.
4. A reminder - there is no proxy voting at any VIMLC Meeting and each person can only carry one vote. If you hold multiple roles you only get to vote once.

5. Elections - we have had no new nominees for any position so nominations are officially closed. We will still confirm that those parties wish to let their names stand. Any vacancies will be filled by the Elected Executive.

- B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris** no report
- C. Vice Chair Doug Kampen** no report
- D. BCLCA Rep Kelly Fines** no report
- E. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer** no report
- F. Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter** no report
- G. Female Coordinator Shane Mellish** no report
- H. Web Master Stephanie Prizeman** no report

**Motion** to accept the Reports as presented made by Stephanie Prizeman, seconded by Greg Toll,  
**Carried**

## **7. Association Reports**

### **A. Alberni Valley**

New president elected, Darren Mannix

### **B. Campbell River**

We only had 3 teams in the development phase this season

27 u9s and 24 u11s all our other players were released to comox to have a chance at playing on a team in u13,u15,u17

We are remaining hopeful all our efforts throughout the year pays off and we have more players join us next season. We have already started back in the schools really focusing on girls in lacrosse and allowing them to have a safe place to learn our sport in a non physical environment in hopes that entices them to join a team in the future. We ran a drop in Friday nights for girls and any u7 who didn't get the opportunity to play this year. It was given great feedback for those kids that joined and we are happy to continue that drop in environment for players in divisions with low numbers to keep a stick in their hand throughout our season

We are severely lacking in parent volunteers, coaches and board members who remain apart of the group the entire season. Hoping next year there is more volunteers as it's getting difficult to manage with just a few of us holding on

Our agm is beginning of December - no one shows up to our meetings to meet quorum to vote so it keeps getting pushed. Season ended and that was the last we saw of most board members

### **C. Comox Valley**

In 2024 we continued to grow our registration with our largest increase being in the U11 division. We have been developing a school visit program at the elementary school level. This has been the biggest driver of our registration and we look to continue it going forward. We hosted the Provincial Championships for the U15 division and it was a great success for our association. We got a lot of positive feedback from participating teams.

Our AGM will be held this Wednesday the 27th. We will be replacing one member of the executive. There are no changes to bylaws or policies this year.

#### **D. Cowichan Valley**

Our AGM was Nov 24, 2024

We handed out the Gina Jung Award to Jeremy Spooner and Kevin Rothbeaur.

A new Minor volunteer of the year award to Jett Blosky. President's award to Tyson Black.

Elections this year, the only new person is Jordan Cooke.

President - Kim Solecki

2nd VP - Jordan Cooke

Treasurer - Janice Parmar

Head Ref - Dallas Lister

We have no changes to our bylaws.

#### **E. Juan de Fuca** no report

#### **F. Nanaimo**

We had our AGM on October 27/24.

Three positions were up for election. All stayed the same.

1st vice- Jesse Kemp

Secretary- Lindsay Gunderson

Head Coach- Shawn Swanson

Head Manager- Cathy Coulson

No bylaw changes this year.

#### **G. Oceanside**

Oceanside had a total 65 registered players for the 2024 season. Our highest numbers were in the U7 & U9 divisions. U11 and U15s were merged with AVMLA and was overly successful. After hosting our AGM at the beginning of Nov, we only had 1 change to a VP position and 1 member aged out and stepped down. We hosted our first ever Beer/burger/awards night at the same time as the AGM and saw a large amount of excitement from not only the players but also the parents. We are hopeful this is a way for the community to come together and grow our association.

Drop ins are to start in January with some in school programs and evening drops in as well.

Shark attack talks have begun already with hopes of improvements to the out door box completed!!

Looking forward to another successful season.

#### **H. Peninsula**

We had our AGM on November 4th and due to combining it with our awards night had a decent turnout. We have many from our executive not returning as their kids graduated this past season. Some positions have been filled but are still in need of more volunteers, treasurer is top of the list.

We also added a new director position, director of gaming and sponsorship that unfortunately did not get filled.

Our old Centennial box has been torn down and the new covered box construction has started and is due to be completed by the end of March, 2025. It's been a long time coming but will be a welcomed addition to lacrosse on the Peninsula.

We will be entering the Sidney Parade on December 8th and tossing out soft stress balls with our logo as well as giving out temporary tattoos to kids.

We plan on introducing lacrosse again in elementary schools as it was very well received last season and did add roughly ten new registrations.

We have no revised bylaws to report.

### **I. Saanich**

We held our AGM and voted on Executive members in October. We had our first meeting of the Board in November and appointed additional Board members. We will focus on developing parent volunteers from U7-U11 this season to take on Board positions over the course of this year.

We will host our first Skills and Drills sessions at Pearkes Fieldhouse this Sunday. We have additional sessions scheduled for December 22 and January 5. We've had 70 returning players register for at least one session. There is strong interest from U7 through U13 which is encouraging. We will likely continue them biweekly from January to March depending on interest.

We struck a Discipline Committee, Communications Committee and Assessment Committee to look at existing policies and processes and update them well in advance of the season. We also put out our coaching call and expect to identify coaching cohorts for each division prior to Christmas.

### **J. Victoria Esquimalt**

Our AGM had to be postponed until this Thursday. We will be hoping for quorum on a few bylaw updates that I will then send to VIMLC. Our Policy Committee identified room for improvement in our current policies, those will be implemented by our executive before the 2025 season.

All voting VELA positions are returning this season.

We held 5 skill development sessions each for U5 (mini sticks)-U13 in October. Our weekly Back to the Box sessions for Coed and Female will start in January.

**8. Commissioner Reports:** no reports at this time

### **9. New Business**

- A. Scheduling Committee:** Will again be chaired by Scott Barillaro and will start asap. Participation from all associations is requested, to go over the business rules of the schedule which will be used by the Scheduler for the upcoming season. This committee is a good opportunity for parents to get involved.
- B. Commissioner Nominees:** Previous Commissioners are now released from their duties. Associations need to submit their nominees for these positions by February 1 to Tim Frost.
- C. Female Interlock Agreement:** An updated agreement for 2025 season was distributed, note this agreement has not yet been voted on by LMMLC. **Motion** to accept the agreement as written made by Tim Frost, seconded by Shane Mellish, **Carried**

**D. VIMLC Chair update:** Current Chair has one more year left in his term and intends to step down when the term is complete.

**E. Proposed Policy Changes**

- i. **Motion** made by Tim Frost, seconded by Ryan Hyland, **Carried**
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**OPERATING POLICY SECTION: F TEAM AND PLAYER MOVEMENT  
REGULATION NUMBER: F10 b)**

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This is a new motion **OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page 8: (Please write out in full)

(b) As per BCLA operating policy 4.07 (c) any player who has played up a total of 5 or more league, playoff, sanctioned tournament or combination thereof in any division or caliber higher than the one in which registered, must for the remainder of the year play for the division or caliber higher in which they played their 5th game. The home association will determine which team in that division that the player will play on if there is more than one team in the higher division or if the player has played across multiple levels in a tiered division.

**The amended regulation reads as follows:**

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**The rationale for the motion:**

Outdated reference. Housekeeping Motion

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):**

N/A



- ii. Motion made by **Tim Frost**, seconded by Janice Parmar, **Carried**
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**OPERATING POLICY SECTION: I - PLAYOFFS**  
**REGULATION NUMBER: (new – I-5)**

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This is a new motion

**OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page   8  : (Please write out in full)

**The amended regulation reads as follows:**

**I-5 There will be no VIMLC playoffs or tiering adjustments made in U7, U9, U11**

**The rationale for the motion:**

To align with BCLA policies where playoffs are only to align with Provincial championships and to determine placement for Provincial placement. With the prospect of our policies changing to allow tiering in U11 – we want to be clear that U11 is still considered a Developmental division and that moving strong teams up or down serves no purpose other than placement for provincial championships. It is more likely that moving teams up or down would have negative impacts on the development divisions.

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):**

N/A

- iii. Motion made by **Tim Frost**, seconded by Ryan Hyland, **Carried**

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**BYLAW SECTION: 6**  
**REGULATION NUMBER: 6.7 & 6.8**

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This is a new motion **OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page 6: (Please write out in full)

**6.7 VIMLC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- a. Shall be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the adjournment of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- b. The Annual General Meeting will be held by the 30th of November.
- c. Shall be called by the Chairperson, or by a majority vote of the members at a meeting.
- d. All members will be given at least fourteen (14) days notice.
- e. The Executive (Elected Executive and Appointed Executive as defined in 2.1) and the Representatives (as defined in 1.2) shall have voting rights at these meetings.
- f. Anyone wishing to nominate someone for a position on the elected executive as set out under BYLAW 4 The Executive, must send nominee's name to the chair and secretary of the VIMLC seven(7) days prior to the scheduled Annual General Meeting, so it can be added to the distribution of the annual General Meeting to all members. No nominations from the floor will be allowed.

**6.8 VIMLC SPECIAL SESSION OR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING a. A**

- a. A Special Session or Extraordinary General Meeting will be called as and when needed.
- b. May be called by the Chairperson, or by a majority vote of the members at a meeting.
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- d. All members will be given at least ~~fourteen (14)~~ thirty (30) days notice.
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- d. The Executive (Elected Executive and Appointed Executive as defined in 2.1) and the Representatives (as defined in 1.2) shall have voting rights at these meetings.

**The rationale for the motion:**

Alignment with existing practice and to align with notice period required for proposed By Law or Operating Policy Changes

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):**

N/A

- iv. **Motion** made by Tim Frost, seconded by Jesse Kemp  
**Amendment** “*Must* is replaced with *should*” in section 3 indicating the number of teams that will be created by the combination, motion made by Tim Frost, seconded by Rennee Allan, **Carried as amended.**

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**OPERATING POLICY SECTION: F TEAM AND PLAYER MOVEMENT  
REGULATION NUMBER: TBD F**

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This is a new motion

**OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page \_\_\_\_: (Please write out in full)

**The new regulation reads as follows:**

Combined teams – where registration dictates and for the betterment of the league associations may combine to form teams where otherwise they would need to release players. The purpose of combined teams is to create an additional team within the league where one would not be viable for a single club.

- 1) Associations must have a minimum of 5 players registered to consider combining with another club. If less than 5 players – they will be released and placed where the Commission determines.
- 2) Two Associations wishing to combine rosters to form competitive teams may do so as long as
  - a) The net result of combining two undersize teams creates a single team. (ie 5 from association 1 and 12 from association 2.
  - b) If the net result of combining two undersize teams creates two or more teams. At least one team must be declared A. If >2 teams are created and this results in 2 are in a single division they must be balanced.
- 3) All teams in the respective age categories will be combo teams. (for example if Association 1 and association 2 request a combo in U13 – all U13 teams for the respective teams will be combo teams)

Two Associations wishing to combine may do so with a majority vote at the Declaration meeting in March or in the February Planning Meeting.

Associations may bring forward rationale in the February planning meeting as to why a multiple association combination would be beneficial to the league. To be allowed to pursue a multiple combination an approval must occur allowing the clubs to combine - additional teams must be created out of the combinations (so three clubs must create a

minimum of 4 teams with the first team being an A1 declared team). This proposal must have a majority support to proceed (>50%)

Combined try-outs cannot occur prior to approvals.

**The rationale for the motion:**

To align with the LMMLC proposed Operating policy and current practice LMMLC uses for creation of combo teams.

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):**

N/A

- v. **Motion** made by Shawn Swanson, seconded by Bryan Norby, **Defeated**

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**OPERATING POLICY SECTION: SECTION F**  
**REGULATION NUMBER: F-3**

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This is a new motion

**OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page 6: (Please write out in full)

In U17, U15, and U13 Divisions association teams may be tiered.

**The amended regulation reads as follows:**

In U17, U15, **U13, and U11** Divisions association teams may be tiered.

**The rationale for the motion:**

The growth of some associations has led to a lack of parity in the U11 division. This proposal allows associations to tier their teams, addressing the imbalance, while those not wishing to tier can continue operating as they currently do.

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):**

VIMLC Operating Policy - Section F-4

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**OPERATING POLICY SECTION: SECTION F**  
**REGULATION NUMBER: F-4**

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This is a new motion **OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page 6: (Please write out in full)

The U11, U9 and U7 division will not be tiered. The decision on which tiers will be used for any given playing season will be determined at the February planning meeting and could include any or all of the following: A(A1 and/or A2), B, C. Associations with 3 or more teams must declare at least 25 percent of their teams in the A(A1 and/or A2) division.

**The amended regulation reads as follows:**

The ~~U11~~, U9 and U7 division will not be tiered. The decision on which tiers will be used for any given playing season will be determined at the February planning meeting and could include any or all of the following: A(A1 and/or A2), B, C. Associations with 3 or more teams must declare at least 25 percent of their teams in the A(A1 and/or A2) division **with the exception of the U11 division.**

**The rationale for the motion:**

This amendment finalizes the prior motion for SECTION F-4. The additional language permits the U11 division to function as a limited intermediary tier between the non-tiered U9 division and the fully tiered U13 division.

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):**

VIMLC Operating Policy - F3

- vi. **Motion** made by Juan de Fuca, **withdrawn**

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**OPERATING POLICY SECTION:  
REGULATION NUMBER:**

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This is a new motion

**OR**

The regulation currently reads as it appears on Page 6 : (Please write out in full)

F-3 In U17, U15 and U13 Divisions association teams may be tiered.

F-4 The U11, U9 and U7 division will not be tiered. The decision on which tiers will be used for any given playing season will be determined at the February planning meeting and could include any or all of the following: A(A1 and/or A2), B, C. Associations with 3 or more teams must declare at least 25 percent of their teams in the A(A1 and/or A2) division.

**The amended regulation reads as follows:**

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**The rationale for the motion:**

Tiering U11 divisions on the island allows all players to play together at the appropriate caliber of play. It allows less experienced players to practice and play with other players of the same skill set, eliminating the fear of getting hurt or not getting to touch the ball very much. At this age it is imperative to develop confidence and combining A and B players on the same team does not support this. More experienced players are having to play down to a lower level in order to practice and play together safely, thus, they are not being developed the way they could be. Less experienced players are not getting to touch the ball as much and are in some cases afraid and timid as the A players runs circles around them, they are also not being developed the way they could be. The benefit of tiering outweighs the risks and it has been proven successful by the



Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission. Having balanced U11 teams does not benefit any of the players, whether they are experienced or not. U11 aged players should be placed with other players of the same caliber of play, and by leaving the teams balanced, we are doing them all a disservice.

**This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers): 7**

F-7 Associations will tier their competitive teams(U13 and above) using the following criteria for declarations (and are subject to change by the division commissioner):

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**F. Election of Board Members:**

**Vice Chair** no nominees, someone will be selected by the VIMLC executive

**Treasurer** Michele Vecqueray is the only nominee, one ballot cast by Secretary

**Zone Rep** Brande Terris is the only nominee, one ballot cast by Secretary

**10. Next Meeting:** Monday, January 6, 2025 at 7 pm

**11. Motion to Adjourn** at 8 pm made by Janice Parmar, seconded by Shane Mellish, **Carried**