

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
March 6, 2023
7:00 pm via Microsoft Teams**

ATTENDEES

Voting Executive

Chair	Tim Frost
Vice-Chair	Doug Kampen
Secretary	Krista Gregory
Treasurer	Michelle Vecqueray
Zone 6 Representative	Brande Terris
Web Master/Scheduler Liaison	Stephanie Prizeman
Female Coordinator	Lisa Seel-Thompson

VIMLC Executive

BCLOA Rep	Tyler Boyer
Indigenous Development	Bryan Baxter
BCLCA Rep	vacant
Commissioners	Wendy Hall, Adam Gow

Association Representatives

Alberni Valley	Stephanie Prizeman, Dennis Bill
Campbell River	Mark Labowka
Comox	Chad Robinson, Jacl Hildebrandt
Cowichan Valley	Chris Claxton
Juan de Fuca	Niki Williams
Nanaimo	Bryan Norby, Cathy Coulson
Oceanside	Jason Hassey
Peninsula	Jason Alford
Saanich	Andy Stuart, James Scott
Victoria-Esquamalt	Kate Blass

1. **Call Meeting to Order** 7:05 pm

2. **Adoption of Previous Minutes** **Motion** made by Brande Terris, seconded by Lisa Seel-Thompson, **Carried**

3. **Additions and Adoption of Agenda**

Addition for future Agendas, proposed by Bryan Baxter, territorial land acknowledgement **Motion** to adopt agenda made by Mark Labowka, seconded by Jason Alford, **Carried**

4. **Business arising from the Minutes** none

5. **Financial Report:** **Motion:** To accept financial report as presented by Michelle

Vecqueray made by Tim Frost, seconded by Brande Terris, **Carried**

There were no questions received regarding the proposed budget presented last meeting.

I have received an estimate from Dallas regarding the on-floor referee training costs that was discussed at the last meeting. Peninsula will need 7 hours of floor time, Nanaimo 7 hours and Comox 5 hours. I have not heard from Nanaimo or Comox on their estimated floor costs, however I have estimated the cost to VIMLC will be \$1,133.

As of Friday's mail, I have only received 2 association fee cheques. A big thank you to Saanich and Oceanside for getting those in. These invoices were sent to presidents of each association on February 23rd. Please let me know if you did not receive your invoice, and please encourage your treasurers to forward payment as soon as possible. A revised budget is attached showing the addition of the on-floor training, and now includes an actual for current year.

There was no change to the bank account balance at the end of January.

6. Zone 6 Reports:

A. Chair Tim Frost:

Lots of great work by all working to prepare for the upcoming season.

A few reminders.

- 1) deadline Sunday for your written declarations. Please include all details per my previous email.
- 2) Floor contracts. Please submit per Stephanie's direction as soon as you are able and no later than the 15th deadline
- 3) please submit all release, oversize roster or play down requests as soon as possible.
- 4) please pay your fees per the invoices from Michelle.

We will be finalizing the planning parameters for league composition in this meeting and we will be confirming our 2023 commissioner positions.

March 9 Commissioner Ratification by the Minor Directorate

March 23 Commissioner Conference Call

B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris:

Nothing much to report. A reminder to all associations to ensure their executive are reviewing the minor directorate policies. Answers to most questions can be found in that document or the VIMLC documents. If there are any questions Presidents, please let me know.

C. BCLCA Rep Vacant: Reminder to please forward nominations for this role to Tim Frost.

D. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer

Official's clinics have started up and we have already had to cancel one L1 clinic in

Nanaimo two weekends ago. Numbers have not been very reassuring so far on the island, so hopefully we get a boost soon to registrants.

A meeting was held the other week with all Head Referees to get questions answered and all people on the same page. We have filled positions in associations as needed with some teamwork. I will be holding another closer to the season start.

Clinics will be continuing on and a push to get officials who may have stopped a few years ago is on. The Level 2 official numbers are the most concerning and what is actually most needed. Officials who may have left a few years ago may be in this range.

E. Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter

There have been a number of box coaching clinics already held on the island.

Jan 28	Tsawout	CMD	19 coaches
March 4	Nanaimo	CPI	14 coaches
March 4	Victoria	CMD	18 coaches?
March 5	Nanaimo	CMD	16 coaches

There are some clinics upcoming on the island at the following locations:

March 11	PISE	CPI	Full
April 1	Tsawout	CMD	18 of 20 spots filled

There are still some coaches who require the on floor portion of the clinic to finish their requirements. Dave has informed these individuals of their obligations.

It is hoped that we will not require any more clinics on the island.

Any coaches left may be able to join a final clinic on the lower mainland.

F. Female Coordinator Lisa Seel-Thompson

Not much to report at this time.

Female player numbers are climbing (although slowly in some areas, progress is progress).

It is fantastic news that Cowichan has 13 Junior Female players. As Chris reported they are looking for releases.

Also as per the Inter-locking Female league Agreement between LMMLC & VIMLC - we will need to provide the Lower Mainland with our final number of teams so that the schedulers can draft our interlocking schedule by March 17th.

6. The commissions (and their appointed schedulers) will work together to establish a schedule with the following principals.

a. The island Female coordinator and island scheduler will inform the mainland scheduler of the number of island teams and island venue dates by the third Friday of March. After which, the island and mainland schedulers will work together to determine the league schedule.

G. Web Master Stephanie Prizeman:

Not much new to report on the web front. I would love to add team logos to the site, so if

presidents could send me a jpg or png of their association logo when they get a chance, that would be awesome! As soon as I have all the declarations, I will begin loading teams into the site. We will have to have a meeting in the near future to go over the online game sheets - this will be a learning curve for everyone, but I believe it will be manageable.

Scheduler is eagerly awaiting floor contracts and the new spreadsheet format for floor times. **Presidents, please check in with your floor allocators and check that they received my email a couple of weeks ago. I have been in contact with a few of them, but want to make sure everyone is working on this.** Deadline for contracts is the 15th, but earlier, if possible, is appreciated. Please also remind them to include any tournaments, photo days, etc. where the floor is unavailable, and be sure that is in the spread sheet as well so we have less confusion.

7. Association Reports:

A. Alberni Valley

We are happy to report teams in all divisions, and will be hosting our annual U11 Tournament on the Mother's Day weekend (I had been informed that some folks thought we were not because we don't have a team - neither are true). The City of Port Alberni and AV Bulldogs Jr A hockey have just announced a WLA game in Port Alberni for June 24th - Burnaby vs Victoria. We want to show folks that we can be "Lacrosse Valley" as well as "Hockey Valley" and look forward to this event. We are strengthening our relationship with the city and hoping to be able to be part of a Provincials host bid in the future. We are looking to celebrate past Alberni players/referees/coaches who have moved on beyond minor lacrosse and will be highlighting some of those stories on social media. On that note, I want to just say thanks to all associations, presidents and members who share each other's social media posts. It's really cool to see everyone looking out for each other - without each other we have no games - I'm proud to be part of VIMLC and the positive community that we are building together. So, thanks.

Alberni's declarations/requests:

U7/U9 Combined Team = 12 total (7-U9, 5-U7); one U9 team

U11 = 16 total, one U11 team

U13 = 15 total, one U13 B Team

U15 = 19 total plus one on waitlist; *request oversize roster* for one U15 B team

U17 Combo Team with Oceanside = 17 total (10 Alberni, 7 Oceanside); Alberni will be the "home" association; one B team.

We are looking forward to collaborating with Oceanside in U17 and thank the VIMLC for their support in this. We will warmly welcome any releases in divisions where there is room (all but U15 at this time).

B. Campbell River

Registrations are still coming in, we are happy to report that we will be declaring teams

in all but one division this season as expected. Our final learn to play is this coming Tuesday, attendance has been excellent and a good time has been had by both the coaches and kids in attendance. We hope to fill out our U7 numbers once the Learn to play is over.

Our referee situation is looking better this season, it looks like we will have:

5 Entry Level Referees
2 Level 1 Referees
2 Level 2 Referees
2 Level 3 Referees

We had coaches attending the clinics in Nanaimo this weekend and continue to get everyone up and ready for the season.

CRMLA declarations/requests:

U7-8 registered -1 team (hope to fill this out after learn to play)
U9-15 registered -1 Team
U11-13 registered + 1 playdown from U13 -1 Team
U13- 4 registered, 1 being released to Comox 1 Playing down 2 undecided -0 Team
U15- 1B Team 15 registered
U17- 1B Team 14 registered plus 2 confirmed being released from Comox

C. Comox Valley

We ran drop-in sessions throughout February and that resulted in a boost to our U7/9/11 numbers. We will be declaring a team at all levels except U17. Coaches are in place for all other groups and we are looking forward to another season.

U7 - 5 registered - 1 team (combined with U9)
U9 - 13 registered - 1 team (combined with U7)
U11 - 13 registered - 1 team
U13 - 11 registered (+1 release from Campbell River) - 1 team - tier B
U15 - 18 registered - 1 team - tier B
U17 - 7 registered (2 releases so far) - no team
We will gladly accept releases at U13 and U11

D. Cowichan Valley

U7 13
U9 17
U11 11
U13 12
U15 25
U17 22
Jr Girls 14
All teams will be B.

We will most likely have to release some U15 players, but if we had been able to get to

30 we would have had teams. We would gladly take any releases to make two teams. We would gladly take any girls for Jr girls to beef up that number on the roster. Our Drop ins have been great. We are starting practices for the older players and working our way down to the younger divisions. The CVLA board is drafting a release policy for the association. Jr B is rolling along.

E. Juan de Fuca

We are still receiving registrations for this season and will be declaring the list below. I would like to point out that the lower divisions may change with more registration coming in. We are still holding come try Lacrosse sessions and will be on Check Around tonight promoting Lacrosse. We will be sending Coaches and Referees for training and courses this year and are looking forward to getting the season started. I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight but JDF will have representation.

JDF declarations are as follows:

U7 - 36 players = 4 teams (hoping to get more teams as registration continues)
U9 - 69 players = 7 teams (hopefully we can get to 8)
U11 - 65 players = 4 balanced teams (looking for a few more registrations or releases)
U13 - 36 Players = 2 teams A1 and B
U15 - 41 players = 2 teams A1 and B
U17 - 30 Players = 2 teams A1 and B (will take releases)

F. Nanaimo

We are still running drop ins and they have been really successful. Lots of new players taking their first shots on the floor. We have started evaluations and look to continue to fill our rosters to the brim. We need to request oversized rosters for female U11, U13, U15 and junior. Please let me know if there is any other paper work involved in oversized rosters.

I've attached an excel doc that should have all the information requested for declarations. Seems to be Lots of excitement around lacrosse so far. Looking forward to a great season

G. Oceanside

We will be declaring a
U7/U9 combination team- U7-4, U9-7
U15 team - Tier B - 13 players and will accept releases
U17 Combined team with Alberni- Alberni is "home" We have 6 players

Unfortunately, we will not be declaring a U11 and U13 team and have sent an email to these players regarding being released.

U11 - 4 players
U13 - 7 players.

Since our numbers have been low this year, we sent an email asking for feedback on

how we can enhance lacrosse in our community.

We have sent 2 coaches for level 1 and 2 coaches for level 2. We do have a few more coaches that would like to take the courses but the dates did not work for their schedules.

H. Peninsula

We are running back to the box at all levels

U17 28 registered two teams A2 and B ****we have room to take released players/goalies

U15 25 registered players One B team ** we have room to take released players/goalies

** we note that VELA has players to release we have room for them and the coach but would need to do 2 B teams as we definately don't have players to field an A2 team

U13 18 players registered One B team

U11 25 players registered Two teams. (we are expecting more players to register)

U9 26 players registered Two teams

U7 11 players registered One team

We start assessments on March 10th for the U17 division.

We have 12 officials signed up so far We are playing for our U17 tourney and have decided to include U7 in our U9 Fathers Day tourney. We will be asking for an amendment to our U9 tourney application.

I. Saanich

U17 - A1 & B: This is a combination team with VELA. A1 will have a roster of 17 and B will have 22. Total = 39.

U15 - A1 & B: A1 will have a roster of 20 and B will have 22. Total = 42. We have 5 goalies and have canvassed them to see if any want to be released. At this point none want to be released so unsure what we will do. We may place all three on B so all three goalies can play and take turns playing out.

U13 - A2 & B: A2 will have a roster of 19 and B will have 22. Total =41.

U11 - 2 teams: Teams of 15 and 16. Total = 31

U9 - 3 teams: Teams of 13, 14, 14. Total = 41

U7 - 1 team: Total = 15

We received a viaSport Rally Together Grant. This will be used for a Conflict Management and Communication workshop (being hosted today) and developing a multi year strategic plan.

We are looking forward to the season.

J. Victoria/Esquimalt

U17 - A1 & B: This is a combination team with Saanich. A1 will have a roster of 17 and B will have 22. Total = 39 (10 VELA).

U15- 3 (and a coach if needed), looking to release

U13- 13, one B team

U11- 11, one team

We'd certainly welcome releases at U13 and U11.

U9- 10, one team

U7- 10, one team

There will be an increase in U13, U11, U9, and U7 numbers as our coaches will be seeing 600 kids this week alone during the sessions we are hosting at local elementary schools. We are booking more schools in the coming weeks. We will leave registration open.

Female:

Junior-16, one B team

U17- 16, one B team

U15- 9, one B team

U13- 8

U11- 1 (no team)

We are expecting more female registrations via reminders and coach follow up. The turn out at dropins has been great, and the school visits should help. The chaos that comes with catchment registration for new players has been challenging. We will likely have one B team at U13.

8. New Business:

A. Electronic Score Sheets: There will be a training session for presidents and head managers at the end of March. Please watch for an email from Stephanie Prizeman with details.

B. Registration Numbers/ Declarations: Registrations and declarations were reviewed. Minor adjustments to U7, U9 and U11 will be accepted for 1 week because the scheduler will be focused on the upper divisions first.

Note: there are 2 opportunities for retiering during the season. The first is at the tiering break, the second is before provincials. If an association believes another team is incorrectly tiered they can make a presentation to the MD whose decision will be final.

C. Commissioner Appointments for 2023: **Motion:** *To forward the following list of commissioners to the Minor Directorate for approval, made by Tim Frost, seconded by Stephanie Prizeman, Carried*

Female Brande Terris

U17 Doug Kampen

U15 Andy Stuart

U13 Adam Gow

U11 Wendy Hall

U9/U7 Phil DiBattista

D. Budget Approval

Motion: *To approve the proposed budget for the 2023 season, made by Tim Frost, seconded by Niki Williams, Carried*

9. **Next Meeting**: Monday, April 3 at 7 pm

10. **Motion to Adjourn at 7:58 pm**