

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2025**

Attendees

Voting Executive

Chair	Tim Frost
Vice Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Krista Gregory
Treasurer	Michelle Vecqueray
Zone 6 Representative	Brande Terris
Web Master/Scheduler Liaison	Stephanie Prizeman
Female Coordinator	Shane Mellish

VIMLC Executive

BCLOA Representative	Tyler Boyer (absent)
Indigenous Development	Bryan Baxter
BCLCA Representative	Kelly Fines

Association Representatives

Alberni Valley	Darren Mannix
Campbell River	Sarah Thomas
Comox Valley	Chad Robinson
Cowichan Valley	Tyson Black
Juan de Fuca	Jamie Boyd, Kyla Pedlow, Jessica LeJeune, Craig Patzer, Blake Anderson
Nanaimo	Bryan Norby, Cathy Coulson
Oceanside	Lyndsey Gamble
Peninsula	Rod Senior, Terry Hall
Saanich	Scott Barillaro
Victoria Esquimalt	Lisa Seel-Thompson

John Hamilton, Greg Toll, Wendy Hall, Adam Gow

- 1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm**
Land Acknowledgement
- 2. Adoption of Previous Minutes:** previous Minutes are from the VIMLC AGM and will be adopted at the next AGM
- 3. Additions and Adoption of Agenda**
Addition, New Business, "Commissioner Volunteers" **Motion** to adopt the amended Agenda made by Tim Frost, seconded by Krista Gregory, **Carried**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes none

5. Financial Report: Michelle Vecqueray

Attached please find the bank reconciliation for November and December 2024.

Current bank account balance is \$17,843.78 and there are 3 uncashed cheques totaling \$560.12 for an adjusted book balance of \$17,283.66

I have started working on the draft budget for the 2025 season and will present at the February meeting.

1:39 PM

1/4/2025

Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission

Reconciliation Summary

Period Ending: 2024-11-30

Beginning Balance		20,472.59
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(2,187.14)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Cleared Transactions	(2,187.14)	
Cleared Balance		18,285.45
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Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(1,001.79)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Uncleared Transactions	(1,001.79)	
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Register Balance		17,283.66
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Ending Book Balance		17,283.66

- F. **Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter** no report
- G. **Female Coordinator Shane Mellish** no report
- H. **Web Master Stephanie Prizeman:** No report for scheduler liaison, but for webmaster, I need to know of any changes to the contact people that associations have on the website. Please take a look and let me know of changes - otherwise they will stay the same.

<https://www.vimlclacrosse.ca/content/association-contacts>

Motion to accept reports as presented made by Scott Barillaro, seconded by Shane Mellish,
Carried

7. Association Reports

- A. **Alberni Valley:** We are having some issues I'm told by my registrar with getting registration open but she has reached out to BCLA for some guidance and hopefully have it open in the next day or two, our free drop in and try it sessions and get the dust & rust off the sticks start next week that's about it from Alberni valley
- B. **Campbell River:** Our registration will open in a few weeks with our learn to play drop in programs starting Jan 22
We are back in the schools on Wednesdays teaching an intro to lacrosse program also that week. And have 6 schools left before our season officially starts
- C. **Comox Valley:** Our registration is open as of December 15. We are starting drop-in sessions for U11 and younger in early February.
Our AGM was November 20 and we added one new member to the board.
- D. **Cowichan Valley:** Registration is open, we are gearing up to host drop ins starting next weekend. CVRD just refinished the floor of the outdoor box and efforts continue to get it covered.
- E. **Juan de Fuca:** Registration opened December 4th. We have assessments for U13 and U15 starting on January 16th, with U17 following on January 23rd, so we are encouraging all members to sign up as soon as possible. U11 will begin assessments towards the end of February. Our first Back to the Box sessions are this weekend for U11 and U13, and we have some "Bring a Buddy" and "Try Lacrosse" sessions planned for February.
Last year we formed an Assessment Committee, which worked really well to keep things on track and organized. This committee has been meeting regularly the past few months, and we are well prepared for our upcoming assessments. One big change this year is our decision to close assessments to spectators for U13 and up. We feel that this provides a better assessment experience for the players, as well as the assessors and volunteers.
- F. **Nanaimo:** We opened registration on Dec 13.
Drop ins will start Jan 13.
We have a total of 332 athletes registered so far.
Question for other associations:
What do you provide your goalies with for gear, what are they required to provide for themselves?? At what age??

- G. **Oceanside:** Oceanside has opened registration. We are going to host the Shark attack again this year.
The City of Parksville have approved \$750000 in their budget for improvements to the box. We can Hope this will be done by Shark attack time.
- H. **Peninsula:** We opened registration in the middle of December and had 56 registrations as of Jan 1st.
Our new covered box that was due to be ready the end of March has had some delays that could result in not being ready at the beginning of the season. I should have a better understanding of new projected timeline next month but have expressed the importance of being as close to beginning of our season as possible.
We were involved in the Sidney Christmas Parade and gave out lots of lacrosse info in the process that appeared to be very well received. We had a great turnout of kids that enjoyed being involved.
- I. **Saanich:** We just finished our third "Skills and Drills Session" last night. Turnout has been solid through December, and we expect it to increase as we continue with them between now and mid-March leading up to the season. We also intend to host some goalie development sessions.
Registration opened on December 22nd. The Association is currently at 110 registrants. This is over 50% of last year's registration numbers. We believe the skills and drills sessions helped make this top of mind for families.
Like JDF, we plan to start U13 and U15 evaluations in mid-January and start U17 in late January. U11s will start in early February. We expect to complete team formation by mid-February in advance of final Declarations in March. We also formed an Assessment Working Group to review and update our Evaluation Policy and Procedures document. That will go to Board approval this month and be posted to the site for all members to review. We are learning towards holding closed tryouts this year as well for the reasons noted in the JDF report, but that will be finalized at the Board meeting.
The Board will shift focus to bylaw review and policy updates between now and the start of the season.
- J. **Victoria Esquimalt:** Registration is open. Our try lax and back to the box sessions are running as well as our school visits. We are hosting our U9 Call of the Wild tournament as well as a new female tournament (TBD). We've integrated new player and parent conduct contracts into our registration form which makes dealing with "problems" easier. We also streamlined our bylaws and policies for the 2025 season.

Motion to accept Association reports as presented made by Tyson Black, seconded by Stephanie Prizeman, **Carried**

8. New Business

A. Scheduling Committee: Scott Barillaro

Discussion of the role and scope of the Scheduling Committee in creating the league schedule. Some changes were made last year, so not anticipating much adjustment this year. Considerations include dates of Provincials, tiering weekend, initial declarations, floor

availability vs number of teams. Scott will send out the current document as well as an invite to the next committee meeting, all associations are encouraged to participate. Hoping to start the discussion earlier this season so that it is not a rush before the season starts.

B. Female Floor Time: Shane Mellish and John Hamilton

Statistics presented showing the huge growth in the number of female athletes and teams since 2022, on the island, in the lower mainland, and in the interior. Working on a 2 year agreement with the LMMLC for an interlocked schedule, as well as support for VELA to cover some of the cost involved in hosting the lower island teams. Discussion on the challenges of floor time allocation for interlock games.

C. Commissioner Volunteers: Reminder to associations to send Tim and Krista the name of your volunteer nominee for the commissioner position. The VIMLC will decide in February who will be assigned to each position.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7 pm

10. Motion to Adjourn at 7:36 pm made by Greg Toll, seconded by Tyson Black, **Carried**