

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
January 8, 2024  
7:00 pm via Zoom**

**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	Shane Mellish

**VIMLC Executive**

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

**Association Representatives**

Alberni Valley	Stephanie Prizeman
Campbell River	Sarah Thomas
Comox	Chad Robinson
Cowichan Valley	Kolton King
Juan de Fuca	Jessica Lejeune, Nic Collison
Nanaimo	Bryan Norby, Jesse Kemp
Oceanside	Renee Allan
Peninsula	Rod Senior
Saanich	Scott Barillaro
Victoria-Esquamalt	Kate Blass, Bryce

**1. Call Meeting to Order** 7:06 pm  
Territorial Land Acknowledgement

**2. Adoption of Previous Minutes** Motion made by Brande Terris, seconded by Kolton King, **Carried**

Note: Revised Bylaws have not yet been published to the VIMLC website, will be updated soon

**3. Additions and Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt agenda made by Kolton King, seconded by Rod Senior, **Carried**

4. Business arising from the Minutes none

5. Financial Report: **Motion:** To accept financial report as presented by Michelle Vecqueray made by Kolton King, seconded by Brande Terris, **Carried**

All cheques for the 2023 season have been cashed, and there are no outstanding items carrying forward to the 2024 season.

A proposed budget will be prepared and presented at the next meeting.

**Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission  
Reconciliation Summary  
Period Ending: 2023-12-31**

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Beginning Balance		16,484.57
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(525.00)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Cleared Transactions	<hr/> (525.00)	
<b>Cleared Balance</b>		<b>15,959.57</b>
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Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	-	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Uncleared Transactions	<hr/> -	
	<hr/> <hr/>	
<b>Register Balance as of</b>		<b>15,959.57</b>
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Ending Balance		15,959.57

6. Zone 6 Reports:

A. Chair Tim Frost:

Have had a couple release requests. Please note that for all billeted players releases will only be processed after final declaration in March. Associations cannot allow billet players to participate in tryouts outside their home association until releases are processed.

We all need to make it a priority to participate in the scheduling sub committee Which will be led by Scott Barillaro. Shane will give us an update on the female

interlock league and hopefully we will have a league agreement in place for the coming season.

A reminder to all that you will need to submit your commissioner volunteers in writing by the deadline as specified in our updated policies. So far only Juan De Fuca has submitted.

**B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris: no report**  
Reminder: Tournament applications due by the 12th

**C. BCLCA Rep: Kelly Fines: no report**

**D. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer: no report**

**E. Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter: no report**

**F. Female Coordinator Shane Mellish:**  
Lots of discussion on the Island as well as with the Lower mainland.  
We have a rough draft for an interlocking schedule agreement but a few details will need to be confirmed.  
The goal is for a final agreement by the end of January.

The possible date for games with the interlocking schedule rules;

- 1 if no games are started before the third week of April,
- 2 if there are no travel games on long weekends,
- 3 if there are no travel games on tournament weekends
- 4 if there are no travel games on Team BC tryout weekend,

--- the following weekends would be available for interlocking games.  
Saturday will be best but there may be some Sunday Travel.

April 20,21  
April 27, 28

May 4,5  
May 10,11 - Tim White Tournament - No games in Nanaimo  
May 18, 19, 20 - Long Weekend  
May 25, 26 - PROVINCIAL Tryout Camp

June 1, 2 - Call of the Wild Tournament - No games in Vic Esq  
June 8, 9  
June 15,16  
June 22, 23  
June 29, 30, July 1 - Long Weekend

some possible tournaments

- (Dorothy Robertson Memorial Tournament - New Westminster - Not requested

yet)

- (Female Adanac Challenge Tournament - Not requested yet)
- (Trevor Wingrove Invitational - Coquitlam - Not requested yet)
- (Reign Storm - Ridge Meadows - Not requested yet)

Scheduling will be difficult but it always is on the island.

**G.** Web Master Stephanie Prizeman: please email Stephanie with anything you notice on the website that is incorrect regarding your association

**Motion** to accept Reports as presented made by Kolton King, seconded by Brande Terris, **carried**

## **7. Association Reports:**

**A.** Alberni Valley: no report, still working on electing a new president.

**B.** Campbell River:

We start our introduction to lacrosse with our school district January 15 through March. Every elementary school in our district has signed up to participate. We've utilized bclas stick program to help with gear for these weekly events. We are excited to see kids learn about lacrosse for the first time

We are remaining hopeful this will also boost our registration as it remains low in all divisions currently.

Our learn to play were pushed back once more - back to lacrosse event can hopefully start in February now as we have no available gym space anywhere in town in the evenings. Trying to work with the school district but they do 6 month terms and everything seems to be allotted to other activities already even before the terms start.

We are meeting with the city to discuss plans for more indoor facilities on Wednesday

**C.** Comox Valley:

We are continuing to visit elementary schools in partnership with SD 71 hosting learn to play sessions during Phys Ed classes. We should see about 2000 kids between kindergarten and grade 7 before we are done.

Registration opens on January 15 and drop in sessions begin next weekend and will continue through February.

**D. Cowichan Valley:**

We held an early bird registration discount that seems to have encouraged early registration with just over 50 kids. It is looking hopeful to have a division in each age group.

We held our first drop in for 2024, having about 30 kids attend. About half the kids who came are brand new to lacrosse and not yet registered, hoping this will increase our registration numbers as well.

We have had a lot of feedback from our u7 and u9 age division about travel, and I have signed up to be a part of the scheduling committee in hopes to ease this barrier for our families.

We talked about hosting a tournament however I do not think our volunteer base is strong enough at this time, and I hope to re visit this next season.

**E. Juan de Fuca:**

Registration opened early December we currently have over 200 registered. Our back to the box and buddy sessions start this week. We have scheduled all assessments for January and February in hopes of freeing up March break for families.

We have a few requests for players playing down, forms will come through soon.

JDF will apply to host our usual U11 and U13 tournaments again this year.

We have a new President, Adam Ranns. A big thanks to Ryan Hyland for all his years spent holding the reigns. We are a fairly young executives with a lot of new faces. We are excited to get the season underway and get working together.

**F. Nanaimo:**

We have drop ins getting started next week, and registration is moving along nicely. Lots of new registrants so far. Our head coach is putting together a couple of "try lacrosse" events for girls. See if we can get our girls numbers up a bit. Everyone is excited about the upcoming season.

**G. Oceanside:**

Oceanside has teamed up with RDN and are hosting try it sessions for 6 weeks for players aged 5-12! These sessions are full with wait lists. We are anticipating our registration increasing and have a team in each division. We also are in schools doing sessions during the day.

3 female releases that we will discuss at our next OMLA mtg and forward to VIMLC

**H. Peninsula:**

We opened our registration on December 15th and currently have around 81 players registered. Peninsula had 144 players registered last year so we are

hoping to surpass that this year. We had our first back to the box session last week for our U17 and U15 divisions that went well. We have sessions booked for all divisions and have added 3 bring a friend sessions this year for U7, U9 and U11 divisions that start Feb 22. We have also asked our members for donations of any sticks that their kids no longer use or need. The plan is to then put on restringing clinics with our U13 and up kids to learn how to restring sticks and to potentially repurpose some of the donated sticks for families in need.

We have managed to fill some of our vacant positions but are still in need of a VP of competitive and Floor Allocator. This year we are hosting one tournament for the U7/U9 division and are planning to find a Corporate sponsor that can have the tournament named after them ie "The U7/U9 \_\_\_\_\_ Classic" to raise more money for the association.

Have reached out to the 4 indigenous nations in our catchment about putting up posters.

#### **I. Saanich:**

We now have people in all Executive and appointed Board positions except Ref Allocator (still working on that). We have a good mix of new and returning people representing different age groups.

We currently have 112 registered. Saanich had 208 players at the end of last season and expects 200+ players this season as well. Strong early numbers at U9, U13, U15 and U17. We will need to do some work at U7 and U11 given the way our birth years have fallen so far. Our early bird runs until January 31st so we usually get a sharp uptick in registration.

Saanich started its "Back to the Box Sessions" for returning players in late November through December. We started our second round for new and existing players last night. They will run through February. This will include a dedicated goalie clinic. Saanich has also confirmed its assessment times for U11 to U17 in February and early March.

The Association decided to move on from TeamPages for its web presence. The subcommittee reviewed two leading options and decided to use RAMP Interactive. It really came down to a coin flip. However, Board members' felt the ability to link directly to the Commission site for scheduling and the fact RAMP is Canadian ultimately led to its decision. We expect to launch the new site in February.

#### **J. Victoria/Esquimalt:**

We had our first try lacrosse/back to the Box sessions on Saturday. The turnout was similar to before 2020. We've been in multiple schools within our catchment with our intro to lacrosse program. We will be setting up our registration table at Esquimalt Rec soon. We are doing everything we can to rebuild. It's exhausting.

Our new U9 Call of the Wild tournament and Friday Night Mini Tykes jamboree

will both be returning this season.

We are hopeful to have at least 1 team in each coed division except U17 (our gap age group we can't recoup continues to age up). We might have 2 teams at U9 and U7. Female registrations are still a bit of a mystery since the players have to register with their catchment association. However, based on parent feedback and registrar updates, we will have 1 team in each division which might even include U11F.

Beyond email and expressed verbal interest, I haven't had a chance to look through the new procedures to submit commissioner applications.

**Motion** to accept Reports as presented made by Michelle Vecqueray, seconded by Bryce, **carried**

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

Reminder: Please submit association nominees for Commissioner positions to Tim Frost by February 1.

**9. New Business:**

**A. Scheduling Committee Update**

Scott Barillaro: We have a good cross section of representatives from across the Island, but others are still able to participate by emailing Scott. All associations are strongly encouraged to participate. Next meeting is likely mid week next week. We are focusing on business rules and from there will decide what sort of “contractor” we want to create the schedule.

**B. Female Interlock League Agreement**

Shane Mellish: Discussions ongoing with Island and Lower Mainland stakeholders, mostly about securing days on the schedule and how often teams will travel. We should have a solid agreement by mid February.

**C. Question from Nanaimo to other associations about best practices regarding Wait Lists.** Reminder to please let the VIMLC know if you have a waitlist in a particular division.

**10. Next Meeting:** Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7 pm. We will discuss preliminary team declarations for each association. Presidents please send this information to Tim Frost 4-5 days before the meeting.

**11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm** made by Doug Kampen, seconded by Krista Gregory, **carried**