

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
July 10, 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 (absent)
Indigenous Development	Bryan Baxter (absent)
BCLCA Rep	Kelly Fines (absent)
Commissioners	Wendy Hall, Geoff Garbutt

**Association Representatives**

Alberni Valley	Dennis Bill
Campbell River	Tyler Spiers
Comox	Chad Robinson
Cowichan Valley	
Juan de Fuca	Niki Williams, Jesse Lawson
Nanaimo	Bryan Norby, Jesse Kemp
Oceanside	Jason Hassey
Peninsula	Jason Alford
Saanich	Scott Barillaro, Katherine Dyrland
Victoria-Esquimalt	Kate Blass

1. **Call Meeting to Order** 7:12 pm  
Territorial Land Acknowledgement

2. **Adoption of Previous Minutes** Motion made by Jason Alford, seconded by Michelle Vecqueray, **Carried**

3. **Additions and Adoption of Agenda**  
Motion to adopt agenda made by Geoff Garbutt, seconded by Brande Terris, **Carried**

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

**5. Financial Report:** **Motion:** To accept financial report as presented by Michelle Vecqueray made by Chad Robinson, seconded by Niki Williams, **Carried**

**I would kindly ask as the season is quickly coming to a close if you have any receipts for reimbursement, please forward to me so that we can have these processed in a timely fashion.**

**I have only received 1 invoice for the on-floor ref training clinics. If your association hosted one of the sessions early in the season please arrange for the invoice to be sent to me by the end of July.**

I expect to receive the invoices relating to the playdowns for travel, floor and referee costs once all playoffs are completed. I had one question from an association about the referee payments during the playdowns. To clarify, all referees will receive a cheque for payment as we are unable to send e-transfers. This will be one cheque per referee and I will mail these out to the address provided to me once the invoices are received.

10:19 AM  
7/10/2023

**Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission  
Reconciliation Summary  
Period Ending: 2023-06-30**

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Beginning Balance		37,009.90
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(5,235.50)	
Deposits and Credits	300.00	
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Total Cleared Transactions	(4,935.50)	
<b>Cleared Balance</b>		<b>32,074.40</b>
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Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(3,498.52)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
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Total Uncleared Transactions	(3,498.52)	
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<b>Register Balance as of</b>		<b>28,575.88</b>
Ending Balance		28,575.88

**VANCOUVER ISLAND MINOR LACROSSE COMMISSION**  
Working Budget & Actuals for 2023

ASSOCIATION	2022 #'S	Fees \$15/player	Notes	Actual Rec'd 2023	Variance
ALBERNI VALLEY	75	\$ 1,125.00	Full Fees paid	\$1,125.00	0.00
CAMPBELL RIVER	66	\$ 990.00	Full Fees paid	\$990.00	0.00
COMOX	45	\$ 675.00	Full Fees paid	\$675.00	0.00
COWICHAN VALLEY	99	\$ 1,485.00	Full Fees paid	\$1,485.00	0.00
JUAN DE FUCA	326	\$ 4,910.00	Full Fees paid	\$4,910.00	0.00
NANAIMO	322	\$ 4,830.00	Full Fees paid	\$4,830.00	0.00
OCEANSIDE	41	\$ 615.00	Full Fees paid	\$615.00	0.00
PENINSULA	141	\$ 2,115.00	Full Fees paid	\$2,115.00	0.00
SAANICH	202	\$ 3,030.00	Full Fees paid	\$3,030.00	0.00
VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT	62	\$ 930.00	Full Fees paid	\$930.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INVOICED/INCOMING FUNDS</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>\$ 20,705.00</b>		<b>\$20,705.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
CARRY OVER FROM 2022 SEASON		\$ 17,865.26		\$17,865.26	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SEASON</b>		<b>\$ 38,570.26</b>		<b>\$38,570.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Projected 2023</b>		<b>Actual 2023</b>	
SCHEDULE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Extra cost re: re-tiering division	\$2,500.00	500.00
REFEREE PLAYOFF	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 6,500.00		\$100.00	(6,400.00)
REFEREE TRAVEL	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$219.77	(5,780.23)
FLOOR PLAYOFF	\$ 926.10	\$ 2,500.00		\$0.00	(2,500.00)
BANNERS	\$ 2,038.40	\$ 2,500.00	Landmark Signs - Small increase	\$2,665.60	165.60
COMMISSIONERS	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	Extra: U13 x 2 plus Webmaster	\$3,100.00	800.00
ARBITER	\$ 1,280.58	\$ -	BCLA paying this year	\$0.00	0.00
ELECTRONIC GAME SHEETS (RAMP)		\$ 400.00	New Expense for 2023	\$420.00	20.00
WEBSITE (RAMP)	\$ 472.50	\$ 472.50	Annual Licensing fee - invoice rec'd	\$472.50	0.00
WEBSITE DOMAIN RENEWAL (RAMP)		\$ 131.25	5 Year renewal (\$25/yr)	\$131.25	0.00
ZOOM	\$ 224.00	\$ 224.00		\$224.00	0.00
BCLA AGM FEES		\$ 600.00	Estimate of 2 Delegates		(600.00)
BCLA AGM TRAVEL/ETC.		\$ 2,000.00	2 Delegates (est. based on prior years)		(2,000.00)
On Floor Referee Clinics		\$ 1,133.00	Only Comox Submitted	\$159.86	(973.14)
MISC for 2023		\$ 100.00		\$1.40	(98.60)
MISC (ADDED AFTER BUDGET APPRV)	\$ 680.93				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,667.51</b>	<b>\$ 26,860.75</b>		<b>\$9,994.38</b>	<b>(16,866.37)</b>

PROJECTED FUNDS AT YEAR-END

\$ 11,709.51

Curent Fund Balance

\$28,575.88

Actual Cleared Balance	\$32,074.40
Outstanding Cheques	(\$3,498.52)
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Reconciled Register Balance	\$28,575.88

## 6. Zone 6 Reports:

### A. Chair Tim Frost:

As our season winds down I want to congratulate all teams for their successes and hope for successes at the upcoming provincial championships. It has been unfortunate that this year we have had to take unprecedented actions to resolve unacceptable behaviour from parents and spectators. In the off season we will strike committees to collect feedback on tiering, scheduling and the use of RAMP electronic game sheets. Thanks again to all our volunteers for the hard work of putting on another successful season.

**B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris: no report**

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

**D. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer:**

Playdowns are completed and we only had a few slight hiccups with games being filled. A lot of travel was done by officials, especially for the U15 and U17 age groups. We may want to re-assess the feasibility of using Kerry Park as the major location for all playdowns if they don't have the suitably ranked officials to assist with filling higher level games. I utilized playdowns to get some officials some big pressure games and it sounds like they went off really well with some positive feedback given.

Congratulations to all the teams for a good season, and to those that won Islands and/or are heading to Provincials.

Our biggest issue moving forward will be recruitment and retention for the following seasons. This year we had to reschedule or cancel games due to a lack of officials more times than ever before. Specifically, we need officials in the Level 2 (18-22 year old) group. This has caused many headaches this year, especially once Sr/Jr season started. Recruiting officials to return after an absence would be ideal so we can increase our numbers and time to develop - it is easier to get back into the groove than learning it from scratch. We are going to need assistance from Associations, who I will be working with the Head Refs for this.

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

**F. Female Coordinator Lisa Seel-Thompson:**

I have nothing specific to report. Just a big congratulations to the Nanaimo Female teams who did an outstanding job representing the Island this past weekend at Provincials

**G. Web Master Stephanie Prizeman: no report**

**Motion** to accept Reports as presented made by Niki Williams, seconded by Scott Barillaro, **carried**

**7. Association Reports:**

**A. Alberni Valley:**

We had many ups and downs this season; and unfortunately, most notably, an abrupt end to most of our teams' seasons with the Cameron Bluffs wildfire cutting off highway access to and from Port Alberni. We will have two long-time members of our Executive moving on to other pursuits in the fall - I look forward to transitioning to Past-President for the second and final time, and wish to thank our long-time Treasurer, Heather Newton, for her service and positive impact she has made on our association. Next year's crew will be awesome and we look

forward to helping grow the game in our small corner of the Island. Congrats and good luck to all of the Island teams who have participated and will be participating in Provincials!

**B. Campbell River:**

U17's are trying to clinch a wild card spot to get into provincials. Plans for our AGM underway. We will continue our Learn to play and free stick campaigns next season to continue building from the bottom up. Based on our numbers this year, joint competitive teams with Comox is something I believe should be investigated. We plan on modifying our constitution to include more language about parent behavior and expectations.

**C. Comox Valley:**

Our association is winding up a very successful season. We were able to field U9 and U11 teams for the first time since 2019. Most of the players at those levels were brand new to the sport this year and we hope to continue to grow numbers at these levels by continuing our elementary school "learn to play" sessions prior to next season.

Our competitive teams at U13 and U15 also had many new players and both qualified for provincials. We are still disappointed that we did not have the numbers to field a U17 team this season but that will change next year.

We will be retaining most of our current board and have candidates in place to join at our AGM in the fall.

Comox would like to thank all of the division commissioners for their work this year and a special thanks to Adam Donald from Campbell River who stepped in and filled our head referee role this season.

**D. Cowichan Valley:**

- U17 just wrapped up their playoffs
- U15 wrapped up theirs prior to this weekend
- U13 did not make the playoffs
- our Provincial committee is doing well with planning and have gotten lots of help outside from the association, including members from the Jr B teams in the island league and as always BCLA.

I unfortunately have a Sr C playoff game tonight at 7, so I am scrambling to get a board member to attend the meeting.

Overall, the season was good at CVLA. Our numbers were up from last season thankfully. My only concern next season is the retention of our U11 and U13 teams. They had difficult seasons. Hopefully the love of the game will override the idea of not playing next season.

I am not planning on returning as president next season and CVLA will also be losing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's. It is unfortunate to lose all three but we are working to line up some new volunteers to fill the positions. Personally, I have had a great run and have met many fine people throughout the VIMLC Board, and I

have enjoyed the last 8 seasons as president. After volunteering for over 20 years its time to step back and just look after our Jr B team. That being said I will stay on until our AGM in the fall and be available to the 2023-2024 Board of Directors.

I especially want to thank Tim Frost for always being available, understanding and helpful. I also want to mention Doug Kampen who is also a super guy!

#### **E. Juan de Fuca:**

As the season comes to an end I want to give thanks to everyone who has a hand in allowing our kids the opportunity to play this incredible game, THANK YOU!

Ryan Hyland has officially resigned and stepped down from his position as President. His run was long and we value and appreciate the time, energy and love he poured into Juan de Fuca Lacrosse. Jesse Lawson is acting President until our AGM in the fall. Without Ryan, we are a very new executive, we look forward to learning from and leaning on you guys for guidance and support as we tackle this JDF beast next season!

#### **JDF season Highlights!**

U7/U9 - Debbie Cooper Memorial Jamboree (in house) went off without a hitch, we even had a local celebrity show up! Rocky the Raccoon!

U11 - Travis Bateman Memorial Tournament was a success, with the banner ceremony bringing our lacrosse communities together for the memory of one lost and the love of the game. It's a very special event.

U13 - our first year hosting the newly named Rumble on the Rock tournament was a great success. Lots of wonderful feedback.

U11A2 - Crosby team won Gold this past weekend.

U13A2 - participated in Provincials this past weekend.

U15A1 - won the League and Island banner and are gearing up for Provincials

U17A1 - won the League and Island banner yesterday after an incredible 3 game series against Saanich, they will be heading to Provincials.

Overall, it's been a wonderful season

#### **F. Nanaimo:**

Provincials so far have been a lot of fun.

The teams from Nanaimo have represented our community well.

So far

U17F- silver

U15F- 4th

U13F-bronze

U11 Jack Crosby -Loads of fun. Great tournament as usual.

U13A1 coed - 4th. We are very proud to have Nanaimo represented in U13 as A1. The boys proved that they deserve to be there.

Looking forward to U15 coed provincials on the island.

Big learning curve this year for our new exec. I wanted to thank everyone on the island commission for their patience and understanding.

#### **G. Oceanside:**

Our season is finished and we are in the process of recruiting more volunteers for next year. Our AGM will be held in late October.

We are hosting a Lacrosse camp this summer with the RDN and are working on holding try it sessions with them this fall/winter.

#### **H. Peninsula:**

Our season is wrapping up with U15B and U17A2 headed to provincials.

Our executive will see some turn over for next year as some of the long term members leave (players aging out)

Our new covered outdoor box is approved and in design stages no finished ETA yet but the plan is to have the roof on for next season and then replace the box and floor after the 2024 season. This way we don't lose the space for a whole season.

Lots of complaints and techy issues with RAMP. Overall the parents / managers weren't fans.

We had lots of challenges this season to overcome and still working through some of them but overall the athletes had fun which is all that really matters.

I would like to discuss raising the pay scale for officials to get more online with hockey and other competitive sports. We all are feeling the struggles of Ref shortages and I think a significant pay increase would help.

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

Overall, the season has been a success. The Association has seen consistent player numbers since COVID. We believe there is a balance between new player recruitment and our ability to provide a quality sport experience. The greatest challenge continues to be dry floor space. We added a team this season and found that we were at capacity for practice times in our two outdoor boxes. Saanich Recreation continues to prioritize ice for the sole purpose of revenue generation, resulting in a very short period where we can access the dry floor.

Our select U11 team attended the Jack Crosby tournament.

Our three U13 teams attended the provincials. Next Fall is a good place to have a conversation about tiering and when we should decide to host a C division. We received negative feedback from many people about the C team being re-tiered back to C. The C team was 1 win, 2 losses. Their placement at provincials is a strong measure of what the provincial C caliber is and it's clear they are a C team. Off note no island teams were in the finals at U13 A, B or C.

We are co hosting the U15 Provincials with VELA and are looking forward to the opportunity, amidst the huge work load our key volunteers are carrying.

Our U17 B team secured a berth at the Provincials and our U17A team lost to JDF in an intense and suspenseful 3 game series, with JDF scoring with 47

seconds left in the 3rd period to win.

Spectator/ parent behaviour continues to be an issue at almost all levels. Something about plexiglass in front of people brings out language, gestures and comments that certainly would never be uttered in their professional workspace.

**J.** Victoria/Esquimalt: no report

**Motion** to accept Reports as presented made by Doug Kampen, seconded by Stephanie Prizeman, **carried**

## **8. Commissioner Reports:**

**A.** U7/U9 Phil DiBattista: no report

**B.** U11 Wendy Hall

This is the U11 report for June, as of July 7/23:

- 21 games were played
- the last scheduled game was on June 13
- there were only 4 major penalties assessed - 2 games were cancelled due to the Alberni highway closure.

The Crosby tournament will be held over the coming weekend. Four island teams will be participating from:

- Juan de Fuca
- Nanaimo
- Peninsula
- Saanich

There continued to be intermittent on-going challenges with RAMP.

**C.** U13 Geoff Garbutt

The U13 Season has wrapped and provincials have been completed.

Nanaimo was the Island and League A1 winner and represented the Island at provincials (I still need to get them their banners)

Saanich was the Island A2 winner - both Saanich and JDF represented the Island at provincials

Saanich B was the Island and League winner - both Saanich and Comox Valley represented the island at provincials

Saanich C was the Island winner and represented the Island at provincials

I wanted to say thanks to all of the associations for their patience as I took on the role as Interim U13 Commissioner and also to Tim, Stephanie and Doug for helping me as I was a little slow to the uptake in a few items and was away for part of the season for work.

My hats off to all of the VIMLC executive and commissioners for all of their hours



of work in support of the leagues. we couldn't enjoy the Creator's game without all of their efforts and leadership.

Overall from the game perspective it was a fairly uneventful season with a total of approximately 100 games played between the four divisions.

Unfortunately though we were directly impacted near the end of the season by the Highway 4 closure and this limited participation by Alberni Valley in approximately 4 league games but also prohibited their participation in playdowns. Our thoughts go out to their athletes who were unable to carry on and compete for the B division title. I wanted to highlight this and acknowledge that it was a real shame as they were very competitive in the league. Hopefully they were able to end the season as a team with something positive.

On the penalty front I don't know if it was an excessive year but was surprised by the number of majors (approx. 40) and match penalties (approx. 4) for this age group.

I was also disappointed to see the number of very serious coach/ref interactions that included one coach having physical contact with a ref while leaving the floor after being ejected. There were other quite serious altercations with refs by coaches with profanity and threats. This is beyond unacceptable and as a sport we simply must do better.

This was my first run as commissioner and it was an interesting few months, again thanks to all the team managers, presidents and the VIMLC Exec for their support.

#### D. U15 Andy Stuart

The U15 season went well with no major issues.

JDF - A1 League and Island Champion

Nanaimo - A2 League and Island Champion

Comox - B League and Island Champion. Peninsula 2 also secured a berth to the provincials.

32 Player Suspensions, most for a Major in the last 10 minutes of the 3rd period

5 Coach Suspensions, all for Referee Abuse

Spectator behaviour at the playdowns was not great. Two spectators were banned from watching further games.

#### E. U17 Doug Kampen

The season is over with the exception of the Campbell River B team who will play in a wildcard game against a lower mainland team for a potential spot at provincials

Regular season champions:

A1 - JDF

A2 - Nanaimo

B - Cowichan

Playoff champions

A1 - JDF

A2 - Peninsula  
B - Cowichan

JDF-A1, Peninsula-A2, Cowichan-B and Saanich-B will attend provincials this year

47 Suspensions issued for a total of 119 games

Campbell River hosted a tournament on the fathers day weekend. Two teams from the mainland and two from the island were able to take part. I believe the tournament was a success

However at this tournament there were a few disturbing incidents involving spectators between the two island teams. This led to VIMLC closing the arena during playdowns for these two teams. Many thanks to Wendy for helping me on Sunday with keeping people out of the arena.

More discussion needs to be had on how we are going to deal with spectators for next year.

RAMP was hit and miss this year, with more miss as the season went on. We will need to evaluate options for next year

F. Female Brande Terris

Season is now over including Provincials. Our island representative brought home a Bronze in U13 and Silver in U17 both teams from Nanaimo.

Overall a successful first season of the interlocking schedule

**Motion** to accept Reports as presented made by Stephanie Prizeman, seconded by Brande Terris, **carried**

## **9. New Business:**

**A. Referee Recruitment:** Presidents, please discuss this issue at your next association meeting and AGM. We need tangible ideas from every association on referee recruitment and retention. Next year this topic will be part of every association report at VIMLC meetings.

**B. Floor Time:** It was difficult to build a schedule this year because of limited floor time. Associations need to work with cities and rec centres to try to get more time, especially on weekends. Presidents, please discuss this at your next association meeting.

**C. Parent Behaviour and Code of Conduct:** There were many instances of disappointing and unacceptable parent behaviour this season, both at games and in communication of grievances.

1. Tailgating in parking lots is escalating behaviour. Do any associations have policies or recommendations on this? Lacrosse is an opportunity for kids to play, not for parents entertainment. Parent behaviour has gotten out of control and we need to find

solutions to fix the problem.

2. Parent responses to VIMLC decisions: The VIMLC follows a specific set of policies when making decisions. Parents should not be directly emailing, but should follow proper protocols and channels for discussion or appeal.

**10. Next Meeting:** Monday, September 11 at 7 pm

**11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:39 pm** made by Scott Barillaro, seconded by Krista Gregory, **carried**