

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2025**

Attendees

Voting Executive

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| Chair | Tim Frost |
| Vice Chair | Scott Barillaro |
| Secretary | Krista Gregory |
| Treasurer | Michelle Vecqueray |
| Zone 6 Representative | Brandie Terris |
| Web Master/Scheduler Liaison | Stephanie Prizeman |
| Female Coordinator | Shane Mellish (absent) |

VIMLC Executive

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| BCLOA Representative | Tyler Boyer |
| Indigenous Development | Bryan Baxter |
| BCLCA Representative | Kelly Fines (absent) |
| Commissioners | Scott Barillaro, Tayner Marks, Greg Toll, Chad Robinson, Janice Parmar, Adam Gow |

Association Representatives

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| Alberni Valley | absent |
| Campbell River | Sarah Thomas |
| Comox Valley | Chad Robinson |
| Cowichan Valley | Janice Parmar |
| Juan de Fuca | Kyla Pedlow, Blake Anderson |
| Nanaimo | Bryan Norby, Lindsay Gunderson |
| Oceanside | Renee Allan |
| Peninsula | Rod Senior, Simon Upshon |
| Saanich | Scott Barillaro |
| Victoria Esquimalt | Kate Blass |

- 1. Call Meeting to Order 7:04 pm**
Land Acknowledgement
- 2. Adoption of Previous Minutes**
Motion made by Janice Parmar, seconded by Sarah Thomas, **Carried**
- 3. Additions and Adoption of Agenda**
Motion made by Janice Parmar, seconded by Scott Barillaro, **Carried**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes** none

5. Financial Report: Michelle Vecqueray

Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented made by Janice Parmar, seconded by Greg Toll, **Carried**

VIMLC Financial report at July 6, 2025

Attached please find the bank reconciliation for June 2025. Current Bank balance is \$37,741.38 There are no outstanding cheques.

I am still waiting for payment from Alberni and Oceanside for their second half fees. Thank you to all other associations that have paid.

As we are nearing the end of the season, the bulk of our Commission expenses will be paid in the coming weeks. Cheques will be issued and mailed for commissioner honorariums, playoff floor, and playoff officials. At this point there are no anticipated large variances from the original budget.

VANCOUVER ISLAND MINOR LACROSSE COMMISSION

Approved Budget 2025

As at June 9, 2025

| ASSOCIATION | 2024 #'S | | Fees /player | Notes | | Variance |
|---|---------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| ALBERNI VALLEY | 64 | | \$ 960.00 | | \$480.00 | (480.00) |
| CAMPBELL RIVER | 50 | | \$ 750.00 | | \$750.00 | 0.00 |
| COMOX | 109 | | \$ 1,635.00 | | \$1,635.00 | 0.00 |
| COWICHAN VALLEY | 126 | | \$ 1,890.00 | | \$1,890.00 | 0.00 |
| JUAN DE FUCA | 387 | | \$ 5,805.00 | | \$5,805.00 | 0.00 |
| NANAIMO | 415 | | \$ 6,225.00 | | \$6,225.00 | 0.00 |
| OCEANSIDE | 66 | | \$ 990.00 | | \$495.00 | (495.00) |
| PENINSULA | 164 | | \$ 2,460.00 | | \$2,460.00 | 0.00 |
| SAANICH | 244 | | \$ 3,660.00 | | \$3,660.00 | 0.00 |
| VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT | 96 | | \$ 1,440.00 | | \$1,440.00 | 0.00 |
| Fines | | | \$ 250.00 | Alberni Re: Commissioner resignation | \$250.00 | |
| TOTAL INVOICED/INCOMING FUNDS | 1721 | | \$ 26,065.00 | | \$25,090.00 | (975.00) |
| CARRY OVER FROM 2024 SEASON | | | \$ 17,283.66 | | \$17,283.66 | |
| Uncashed 2024 cheques written off | | | \$ 560.12 | | \$560.12 | |
| TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SEASON | | | \$ 43,908.78 | | \$42,933.78 | (975.00) |
| EXPENSES | Actual 2024 | | Projected 2025 | | | |
| SCHEDULE | \$ 2,000.00 | | \$ 2,500.00 | | \$1,500.00 | (1,000.00) |
| REFEREE PLAYOFF | \$ 5,540.00 | | \$ 6,000.00 | | \$0.00 | (6,000.00) |
| REFEREE TRAVEL | \$ 1,580.00 | | \$ 2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | (2,000.00) |
| FLOOR PLAYOFF | \$ 2,988.12 | | \$ 3,200.00 | | \$0.00 | (3,200.00) |
| BANNERS | \$ 2,932.16 | | \$ 3,200.00 | | \$2,390.08 | (809.92) |
| COMMISSIONERS | \$ 2,500.00 | | \$ 3,100.00 | | \$0.00 | (3,100.00) |
| RAMP officiating (Formerly Arbiter) | \$ - | | \$ - | BCLA paying this year | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| ELECTRONIC GAME SHEETS (RAMP) | \$ 420.00 | | \$ 450.00 | | \$420.00 | (30.00) |
| WEBSITE (RAMP) | \$ 498.75 | | \$ 550.00 | Annual Licensing fee | \$498.75 | (51.25) |
| WEBSITE DOMAIN RENEWAL (RAMP) | \$ - | | \$ - | 5 Year renewal (\$25/yr) | - | 0.00 |
| ZOOM | \$ 240.69 | | \$ 300.00 | | \$240.69 | (59.31) |
| BCLA AGM FEES | \$ 70.00 | | \$ 140.00 | Estimate of 4 Delegates - Oct 25 | \$0.00 | (140.00) |
| BCLA AGM TRAVEL/ETC. | \$ 2,558.81 | | \$ 3,000.00 | 4 Delegates (est. based on prior years) | \$0.00 | (3,000.00) |
| On Floor Referee Clinics | \$ - | | \$ - | not approved for 2024 | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| Referee Mentorship | \$ 500.00 | | \$ 500.00 | New Budget Item in 2024 / Managed by Tyler | \$0.00 | (500.00) |
| MISC | \$ 232.38 | | \$ 250.00 | Stamps, Bank fees, cheques | \$142.88 | (107.12) |
| Ramp - Tournament/BCLA addition | | | \$ 250.00 | New addition Passed at Apr 7/25 Meeting | | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 22,060.91 | | \$ 25,440.00 | | \$5,192.40 | (20,247.60) |

PROJECTED FUNDS AT YEAR-END

\$ 18,468.78

\$ 37,741.38

Projected Net Gain (Loss)

\$ 625.00

\$ 19,897.60

4:03 PM
7/6/2025

Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission
Reconciliation Summary
Period Ending: 2025/06/30

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|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | 28,471.46 |
| Cleared Transactions | | |
| Cheques and Payments | (2,890.08) | |
| Deposits and Credits | 12,160.00 | |
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| Total Cleared Transactions | 9,269.92 | |
| Cleared Balance | | 37,741.38 |
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| Uncleared Transactions | | |
| Cheques and Payments | - | |
| Deposits and Credits | - | |
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| Total Uncleared Transactions | - | |
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| Register Balance | | 37,741.38 |
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| Ending Book Balance | | 37,741.38 |

6. Zone 6 Reports

Motion to accept reports as presented made by Kyla Pedlow, seconded by Janice Parmar,
Carried

A. Chair Tim Frost

The last month had been crazy and we are seeing the season coming to a close. Today is the last day of the U13 provincials. We were represented by the following teams;

U13 B
Comox, Nanaimo, Oceanside
U13 A2
Nanaimo
U13 A1
JDF, Saanich

Next Weekend is the female provincials in Nanaimo we are represented by the following teams. Brande and I are co-supervisors of this event and Shane and Kelly will also be attending as representatives of the Minor Directorate and Coaches group.

FU13B
Nanaimo
FU13A
Nanaimo
FU15B
Nanaimo, VELA
FU15 A
Nanaimo
FU17 B
Nanaimo, VELA
FU17A
Nanaimo
FU22
Nanaimo, VELA

Also next weekend is the U15 in Langley

U15 C
JDF
U15 B
Peninsula
U15 A2
Saanich
U15 A1
Nanaimo

Finally in two weeks is the U17 Provincials in Vernon

U17B
Comox, JDF
U17 A2
Nanaimo
U17 A1
Saanich

Congratulations to all teams and best of luck.

Unfortunately we have seen a continued increase in poor parent behaviors including parents who yell and scream and volunteers, referees, players and this behavior is unacceptable. If we cannot have civilized behaviour at playdowns we will need to either start banning spectators or charging associations so we can hire security at playdowns.

Reminder that the Scheduling Committee for next season welcomes those who had lots of feedback on this year's schedule.

B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris no report

C. Vice Chair Scott Barillaro

I focused mostly on playdown planning and scheduling since our last meeting. It took a few iterations to get the schedule right, but I believe things generally went off without a hitch. I was present for some of the U17B games and the U15A games at KP. The morning games were under control but the afternoon games were definitely more challenging. I had to escort a parent out of the playing area. He was agitated, but was

not verbally abusive, so it worked out in the end. Overall, it was a good learning experience.

A couple of things. We will need to have more people familiar with the RAMP system from the Commission side. We should also develop a standard operating procedure for game entry so everyone has the same information. Re: female. We will need to work with LMMLC to get admin access to their site or enter female playdown games onto the VIMLC site so we have control over them. There were a couple of double entries. That said, the issues were minor.

D. BCLCA Rep Kelly Fines

We had a serious hearing last week with 3 coaches (U11) involved in a skirmish. A parent from the opposing team escalated things by going into a restricted area behind the bench and started harassing a coach and things escalated from there. All 3 coaches were given I believe 10 game suspensions and redoing courses. This is unacceptable behavior from parents and coaches. Associations I think need to take on bigger roles on their coach selections. This was 9-10 year olds who witnessed this. There was another incident that a coach was removed from a game and went after the commissioner. I was not involved in that hearing but I believe it was an island coach. We need to do better. Additionally, coaches need to be selected carefully. Associations are encouraged to do their due diligence to ensure they are being represented appropriately.

E. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer

I don't know how that season flew by once again, but here we are. VIMLC playdowns are complete, so now I will be working to produce the payment list for all officials from this year's playdowns. That will come over the next week or two, and then cheques will be sent out to those officials by the VIMLC - gives you all an idea so that if any association is asked by an Official when they will be played.

Provincials are ongoing, and once again, VIMLC has extensive representation from both the Leadership side (OiCs) and the on-floor official selections. A massive congratulations to those selected and a big thank you for your dedication throughout the season.

There are also various National Championships that VIMLC will have representation at for on-floor officials.

I agree with Tim & Kelly's comments regarding behaviour in the post-season - I honestly felt like we had a relatively good league season when it came to incidents of official abuse from coaches. I didn't have the time to look back at previous seasons, but I suspect it is down a good amount from last year. But come playoff time, we definitely saw the emotions get the better of some people and had many more instances/complaints/game reports compared with the number of games. It will be an ongoing issue to deal with, and implementing potential solutions in the coming years may be warranted.

I indicated at the beginning of the season that I planned to run this season with a partner in a "co" format or have someone transition into the role. Unfortunately, none of those options came to life, so I continued in this role to ensure our officials and Head Officials were not left hanging mid-season. However, as of yesterday, I have formally indicated to the BCLOTSG (Officiating Group) that this will be my last season, and they acknowledged that they will begin to find a replacement for next season.

I plan on staying until the VIMLC AGM so I can ensure that anything that needs tidying, or should be captured in policy, is completed to put the Commission, and my successor, in a good position to take off running and have the transition be as smooth as possible.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with all of you, some in many different capacities, over the last five years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the relationships I've made and various fruitful conversations many of us have had over the seasons. I am most thankful that we have a group that is committed to supporting us as Officials and working towards getting rid of abusive behavior. I hope that the healthy communication between various parties and the Officials Group continues - it has been one of my goals to build relationships at the varying level of our sport and work together to achieve a better sport than when we all started. I also hope that those barriers between coaches/athletes/associations/officials continue to be broken down so we can continue to work more collectively as one.

We are all here to continue to wade through the turbulent waters of youth sports together to give the kids the safe, respectful, fair and fun environment they all deserve to grow, learn, have fun, and take this great sport we were given - the Creator's Game - as far as they want to take it. Competitively, recreationally, whatever they want it to be - we all have our reasons why we love this sport.

F. Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter

I had the opportunity to present the new CPI clinic online for 9 coaches in Prince George and Fort St. John. It went fairly well, however there are some kinks to iron out. I sent recommendations to Roxanne Curtis, Lacrosse Canada Coaching Chair and Rachael McKinnon, LC Technical Coordinator. The one big problem with online is that coaches still have to do the on-floor portion, and this could take some time to get all coaches to a session. I am certain there is a solution.

G. Female Coordinator Shane Mellish

Nothing new to report since last month.

The Female season went well (as expected)

The interlocked agreement survived and will need a little tweaking for next season.

Female Provincials are in Nanaimo this weekend.

They are the largest lacrosse event in the province by far.

H. Web Master Stephanie Prizeman

Nothing to report on scheduling liaison and webmaster end - other than a gentle reminder to all associations that this position will need to be filled for next season. If someone is interested - I'd be happy to chat with them and let them know what's involved. They definitely do not have to be a tech wizard to maintain the website or upload the schedules.

7. Association Reports

Motion to accept reports as presented made by Sarah Thomas, seconded by Michelle Vecqueray, **Carried**

A. Alberni Valley

Not much to report from Alberni as season has started ended but does it really ever end? lol with some new executives being added we need to rebuild the numbers for the association and grow the sport back up in Alberni valley! Congratulations to all other associations on the island for their season and their success within this sport your time and effort is truly appreciated, all the best from Alberni

B. Campbell River

Not much to report as our season is complete
We have joined in on the aboriginal multi day sports summer camp that the bands have put on together. Which is a two day event this coming week
Aiming for an early AGM before field and school starts in hopes this gains more traction in attendance

C. Comox Valley

Our U13B competed in the provincials this past weekend in Port Coquitlam and our U17B will be in Vernon on the 17th.
Our association put on a demo at the National Indigenous Peoples Day event on June 21 that was well attended. This was our second year being invited.

D. Cowichan Valley

All teams are done the season, we are planning to review our by laws and make adjustments. Additionally we are working at growing lacrosse here in the valley so have had a few meetings focused on this and planning for next year

E. Juan de Fuca

Over the past month, we've wrapped up a very successful box lacrosse season at JDF, with most of our teams having now completed their seasons.

• Provincials Update:

- U13A1 attended Provincials this past weekend and finished in 5th place.
- U15C is heading to Provincials this coming weekend.
- U17B will attend Provincials the following weekend.

- **Calgary Canada Day Tournament:**

Our U11A and U13A1 teams traveled to Calgary for the Canada Day Tournament. Both teams won gold in their respective divisions. Feedback from families and coaches was very positive, teams reported the tournament was well-run, and surprisingly, the costs were comparable to a mainland tournament. We would highly recommend other associations consider this tournament for future seasons, especially if teams are tired of playing the same teams over and over.

- **Discipline & JDF Executive:**

While it was a strong season overall, we did face a number of discipline issues. That said, we've made significant improvements in how we handle these situations.

To continue building a stronger board, the JDF Directors recently participated in a Collaborative Planning Session with Now What Facilitation. This session allowed us to identify our strengths and growth areas, and begin shaping a clear path forward.

We plan to continue working with Now What in the coming months to complete:

- Governance-specific training
- Conflict resolution workshops
- A full strategic plan
- A comprehensive review of our operating policies and bylaws

- **Tournaments:**

Both our tournaments were a success this season. However, Rumble on the Rock was limited to B division teams due to high hotel costs and lower interest from mainland teams. To help improve this, we're forming a Tournament Committee to explore how to make our events more appealing to mainland associations in the future.

- **Summer Goalie Camp:**

JDF is partnering with NLL goaltender Aaron Bold to host a Goalie Camp on July 25–26, open to U11–U17 players across the Island. This is part of our commitment to giving Island goalies the same level of opportunity to develop as their mainland counterparts. We're excited to offer this and hope for strong participation.

- **U11A Pilot Feedback:**

We're planning to send a survey to U11 parents to evaluate the U11A pilot program. We've received some initial feedback suggesting that our B teams may not have been balanced as well as we hoped, and that they struggled against clubs who chose not to participate in the pilot. We'd like to gather more feedback on this to ensure we have a complete picture and can take all perspectives into consideration as we evaluate the program and its impact.

We'll soon be switching gears into field lacrosse season, with registration set to open in the coming days.

F. Nanaimo

NDLA is in the midst of preparing to host female provincials.

Nothing else to report at this time.

G. Oceanside

Oceanside teams have completed their season with U13 representing Oceanside proudly despite some scuffling drama! Coming in 4th in BC for B division is amazing! We look forward to celebrating them when they settle into enjoying their summer break.

We've had a coach with too many suspensions resulting in a hearing with BCLA Still waiting for results. 1 player in U11 experienced a hearing with VIMLC and represented himself confidently.

We saw an influx in officials interests this season and look forward to these individuals carrying on their careers officiating in Oceanside and surrounding areas.

Lots of interests in female lax, I'd like to see Oceanside field a female team in the near future.

I will be zooming in from Kerry Park so hopefully I don't miss too much of the mtg or the excitement of the Jr game!

Thank you to all the commissioners that dedicated their time to ensuring everything went as smooth as possible.

H. Peninsula

All of our teams have wrapped up their 2025 box season, except for our U15B team, which will be representing Peninsula at the Provincials later this week. Naturally we are wishing them all the best.

Recently, we were able to send a U11 team to attend the Crosby tournament. Although they didn't secure a medal, they gained valuable experiences that I'm sure they will carry with them into next season. Overall, the season was quite successful, with only a few minor challenges. We are looking forward to using the new covered Centennial box this fall.

Later this month, we will be hosting our first annual BBQ to honor all our volunteers for their dedication and the time they have contributed to our lacrosse community.

Additionally, we are reviewing our policies and considering some recommendations for improvements to implement before next season.

Wishing each of you a wonderful and well deserved summer!

I. Saanich

We are ramping down for the season like everyone else. The U13A1 team competed in provincials last weekend and finished fourth after losing close games in the semifinals (6-4 to Coquitlam) and Bronze medal game (6-5 to Burnaby/Vancouver). The U15A2 team will compete this weekend in Langley and the U17A1 team will compete in Vernon the weekend following.

The season generally went smoothly; much better than last season. Fewer parent complaints about coaches and fewer interpersonal issues between players that requires Board intervention. We made some tough and unpopular decisions when we selected coaches in February, but those choices seemed to have been the right ones in the end.

There were a few parent discipline issues we needed to deal with. There was one three-game coach suspension from a mainland tournament and one single game coach suspension during playdowns. There were also only a handful of player suspensions generally for cumulative majors.

We have our last Board meeting tomorrow. We will do some policy housekeeping and set out the offseason work plan so we can be ready for our AGM in early October.

J. Victoria Esquimalt

Not much to report here. Every time I breathe a sigh of relief that the box season is over, I'm immediately reminded that field is starting and my kids insist on playing

Our female teams are heading off to provincials in a few days and we are excited to go cheer them on.

The disciplinary guidelines and constitutional updates we implemented last year were helpful this season. We are adding a few more positions to our board to lighten the load for next season and to help with succession planning.

8. Commissioner Reports

Motion to accept reports as presented made by Rod Senior, seconded by Rennee Allan,
Carried

Commissioners please ensure you have sent your Carry Over Suspension Report to the BCLA

A. U7

Not much to report. We had to cancel some games given there were conflicts with the Penlax Father's Day Tournament. We moved a game between VELA and Saanich to the following weekend which I was lucky enough to watch. I always enjoy watching the little kids running around. Only thing to note at this age group is ensuring new team staff understand how things work and the need to double check blackout dates. Otherwise, there were no issues during my time acting in the role.

B. U9 South

As a first time commissioner, I think u9 went pretty well this year. The biggest thing I came up against was multiple scheduling issues. With three tournaments on the island in the division. I felt like I was constantly having to change games. Would be helpful if tournaments were blacked out on the schedule. I know this will probably never happen. I was able to watch quite a few games this year, mostly at the tournaments.

C. U9 North

Only a handful of u9 games played since last meeting so not much to report. Overall I believe the season went very well, not as many rescheduled games as I had anticipated, most due to tournaments and were brought to attention quite early in the season therefore giving plenty of room to find a mutually agreeable date.

A couple of associations have expressed a desire to have double headers next season so that is something that might want to consider for next year. Some associations with 2 teams also ran 2 simultaneous games, which was a cost effective way to reschedule a game or have an extra exhibition game. I think this was an excellent idea.

My only real feedback from the year that I would like acted on is find a smoother system to allow the Nanaimo jamboree days to run including external teams. The more lacrosse the better!!!

D. U11 South

There were 11 South Island teams:

U11 - 10

U11A - 1

For U11 league games:

Player major penalties: 44

Player suspensions: 10

Coach suspensions: 3

For U11A self-scheduling games:

Player major penalties: 4

Player suspensions: 1

Coach suspensions: 0

Overall, the most common major penalty was for High Stick (22 incidents), second was Boarding (8 incidents) and third was Cross Checking (6 incidents).

E. U11 North

There are 8 teams on the North Island 7 in B and 1 in U11A

For U11 league games:

Games Scheduled: 36

Games Forfeited - 3

Player major penalties: 16

Player suspensions: 2

Coach suspensions: 2

For U11A self-scheduling games:

Games played: 12

Major penalties: 3

Suspensions: 0

Coach suspensions: 0

The **Shark Bite Tournament** was held in Oceanside on the Weekend of May 30 to June 1. 8 Island teams at U11B participated so we were able to set up the whole tournament in our Ramp system for scheduling games and referees and tracking game sheets.

Games played: 16

Player major penalties: 6

Player suspensions: 1 (though 2 were served by players for their first games of the tournament)

Coach suspensions: 0

*Discussion about High Sticking major vs minor, referee training and coaching.
Clarification on when each penalty is called (referees can't base a call on intention, only force used and area of the body hit). The referees group is hoping to add more age specific video to their training to clarify this.

F. U13 A

League games played - 28

Major penalties - 14

Player suspensions - 8 for a total of 11 games (includes tournaments and provincials)

Coach suspensions - 4 for a total of 6 games (includes tournaments and provincials)

G. U13 B/C no report

H. U15

Playdowns went well over all.

U15A-1 Nanaimo going to provincials

U15A-2 Saanich to provincials

U15B Peninsula to provincials

U15C JDF to provincials

This year held a few challenges for me but was fun overall.

I look forward to next season!

I. U17

Season Stats:

GP – 70

Majors – 46

Suspensions:

Players – 12 (25 games)

Coaches – 1 (1 game)

All games finished Friday night. As far as majors and suspensions went this season the total number was drastically lower than last year, by more than 50%. First and only U17 hearing however is coming out from our last game.

From my end coaches and managers were fantastic to deal with. Even when coaches didn't like decisions or outcomes, they reached out to me calmly and accepted our reasonings. I did not have to hang up on a single coach this season!

Overall great season, watched every team multiple times throughout the year and saw some pretty great games played by all teams.

J. Female no report

9. New Business

A. Provincials Update

Best of luck to all teams participating! Presidents, please remind your teams, parents, and coaches that they are representing their association and the Island when they attend provincials.

This weekend Nanaimo is hosting Female provincials, the largest lacrosse tournament in the province.

U15 provincials are in Langley this weekend and U17 will be in Vernon next weekend.

B. 2025 BCLA AGM

All associations should have received a request from BCLA to participate in a survey regarding events around the AGM weekend.

At our next meeting we should have the proposed BCLA Bylaw changes for discussion.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7 pm

11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 made by Tim Frost, seconded by Krista Gregory