**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 30, 2021, 8 pm**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**ATTENDEES**

**Voting Executive**

**Chair Tim Frost**

**Vice-Chair Ryan Hyland**

**Secretary Krista Gregory**

**Treasurer Christine Mavin**

**Zone 6 Representative Doug Kampen**

**Web Master/Scheduler Liaison Dylan Taylor (absent)**

**Female Coordinator Stephanie Hopkins**

**VIMLC Executive**

**BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer**

**Indigenous Development Bryan Baxter (absent)**

**BCLCA Rep Lorne Winship (absent)**

**Mini-tyke Phil DiBattista**

**Tyke Cam Miller (absent)**

**Novice Adam Gow**

**Pee Wee Kandace Dunning**

**Bantam Teri Zunti (absent)**

**U16 Allison Logan**

**Female Brande Terris**

**Association Representatives**

**Alberni Valley Brock Edler**

**Campbell River absent**

**Comox Geoff Garbutt**

**Cowichan Valley absent**

**Juan de Fuca Ryan Hyland**

**Nanaimo Brande Terris, Lonny Sullivan**

**Oceanside Jason O’Connell**

**Peninsula Phil DiBattista**

**Saanich James Scott**

**Victoria-Esquimalt absent**

**1. Call Meeting to Order: 8 :03 pm**

**2. Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

 **Motion** made by Kandace Dunning, seconded by Geoff Garbutt **Carried**

**Motion** to adopt additions & adoption of Agenda made by Doug Kampen, seconded by Phil DiBattista **Carried**

**3. Additions and Adoptions of Agenda:**

1. BCLA Return to Play

 2. VIMLC Fees

**4. Business arising from old minutes** none

**5. Correspondence and Handouts:** none

**6. Financial Report:** We are sitting with $11,002.77 in the account as of May 31. That is about all.

**Motion** to adopt financials as presented by Christine Mavin made by Doug Kampen, seconded by Krista Gregory **Carried**

**7. Zone 6 Reports:**

**A. Chair, Tim Frost:** no report

**B. Minor Directorate Rep, Doug Kampen:** no report

**C. BCLCTSG Rep, Lorne Winship:** no report

**D. BCLOTSG Rep, Tyler Boyer:** Not too much to report from my end for officials. A few small things that I have worked with Referees and their Head Referees to correct, but that is understandable from the long hiatus. As far as I am aware, the communication between team managers/associations and head referees/allocators has been good for having games scheduled and we have done our best to get as many games for the kids as possible. I am not aware of any games being canceled due to no officials yet. Numbers are definitely down, and it is very apparent - so recruitment and retention will be a big key to next year. A big thank you to all the association's officials who have volunteered and said they would lend a hand out-of-town when needed.

The next big item will be the tournaments and getting Head Referees confirmed so they can ensure that enough officials are present to take care of all games. Comox is sitting pretty good with minimal help required for out-of-town officials - 2 to 4 may be required - so there shouldn't be many issues there for it. Campbell River, if the tournament goes forward, will definitely need some out-of-association help. Which by hearing from some officials and associations shouldn't be a huge issue to get.

**E. Indigenous Development Coordinator, Bryan Baxter:** I am hoping to talk with Dave Showers and Jeff Gombar in the near future regarding Indigenous Development. I am still willing to do some on floor evaluations for coaches (limit of 10 per session) if floor space can be found to accommodate this need.

**F. Female Rep, Stephanie Hopkins:** no report

**G. Webmaster, Dylan Taylor:** no report

**8. Commissioner Reports:**

**A. Mini-tyke Commissioner:** It’s been crazy..........3 games played ........... okay maybe not crazy :-)
All is good in the minityke front

**B. Tyke Commissioner:** Only a handful of games being played this year. No issues at this time.

**C. Novice Commissioner:** Obviously no suspensions to deal with and several games were played North and South Island. Greater Victoria teams had a small mini game tourney on Sunday (little toasty) but I would like to give a big shout out to JDF for putting that on for all those players.
North island had some issues trying to get games with other clubs unfortunately.

**D. Pee Wee Commissioner:** 21 Scheduled games of which - 2 cancelled, - 13 played, - 6 pending
It was a busy first weekend. 1 suspension issued and a bit of a kerfuffle over another.
Second weekend was quieter, though I don’t yet have all the game data. Just trudging right along.

**E. Bantam Commissioner:** 16 games have been played so far.  I have handed out a one game suspension.  Everything in this division is going smoothly, 3 carry over suspensions have been served and BCLA has been notified. On another note, if you are looking for floor time, Island Savings Center and Kerry Park are both available until July 24, 2021

**F. U16 Commissioner:** 28 games have been scheduled to date and I have handed out one 3 game suspension.

**G. Female Commissioner:** no report

Commissioners please note: Please submit a year-end report which includes suspensions, number of games etc.

**9. Association Reports:**

**A. Alberni Valley:** our mini tyke/ tyke team as well as our novice team is finished for the season. Our peewee and 16U are still playing and happy to be playing. We will be playing in the comox tournament to end our season. We are forming a committee to put together a celebration for next year as Alberni will celebrate their 20th anniversary.

**B. Campbell River:** Our Tyke/Novice teams have played minimal (if any) games this year, interest has dwindled in the past few weeks.

Peewee and Bantam have played exclusively against Comox, which has been a great experience for our clubs.

Thank you Geoff and the Comox Association!

As per the Bantam tournament, we have 3 teams confirmed, but will be cancelling the tournament if we cannot get a fourth team to commit.

We have placed a hard deadline of July 1 for teams to commit.

Three other clubs have expressed interest in participating, but they're having issues with rosters.

**C. Comox Valley: T**hings are wrapping up for our non-competitive divisions this week and a good time was had by all. Thanks to the commissioners for Tyke and Novice for looking after this group. Our program engaged the kids at both levels and we are going to reach out to the families to see how their experience went and how to engage them for next season. Looking forward to continuing on with our working group on player attraction.

Competitive divisions have worked hard with their respective managers to arrange a good number of exhibition games and really appreciate those associations reciprocating floor and travelling to keep the kids engaged.  Again thank you to the commissioners in PW, Bantam and U16 for accommodating and approving games so quickly.

Planning is well underway for the U16 tournament and thanks to those teams who were able to meet our commitment deadline of Monday and based on the teams who have come contacted us this is a go for sure so look forward to seeing you southerners up in the valley for the 16, 17 and 18th of July.

COVID restrictions are easing and lots of big circulating fans are going to make for a super fun weekend.

**D. Cowichan Valley:** All Good in Cowichan.  We have wrapped up our Tyke and Mini Tyke seasons with a visit from the ice cream truck on Sunday. Our bantam group has faded some and we will wrap up this week. U16 has played a game and will try to play a few more.  We have just decided to attend the Comox tourney.

**E. Juan de Fuca:** Mini tyke to novice are finished playing games for this season. We held a mini tournament for the lower divisions and fun was had by all teams. A few of our lower division teams will remain practicing for the month of July but no exhibition games will be played but there may be scrimmages. The peewee teams have been challenged to an exhibition game by Maple Ridge where we will be creating an A team for that game. We are sending teams to the end of year tournaments in Campbell River and Comox.

**F. Nanaimo:** As decided earlier in the year, the NDLA season came to a close on June 27th.  All of the teams participated in scrimmages of some form and for 95% of the association, they are thrilled and enjoyed their strange Covid season, happy to get on with their summers and looking forward to a more normal 2022.  I would like to thank the Presidents and Commissioners that passed into on to their teams that Nanaimo was staying in house, unfortunately some teams have been receiving emails, calls etc from other teams on and off the island looking for games in July. As we have over 350 players, the board did have to consider the players as a whole, not just the few that want to play longer and have finished as scheduled.  All teams were advised of the rules of no roster changes after June 27, no mixing and matching for games etc and I hope that if any choose to go on and play a game even after NDLA has completed the season and collected equipment, they follow all policies.   If any commissioner has a request for a Nanaimo game, please let me know so I can ensure the correct roster information is sent to those commissioners.  It has been a very trying and difficult season for myself and many of our Executive spending 90% of our time on emails from 5% of the association. We wish all the other associations luck with their games in July.

**G. Oceanside:** Tyke and novice season is done and peewee and U16 still playing. Seems like everyone was happy to get back to playing games.

**H. Peninsula:** There have been some challenges with having most of the south island games at panorama. Have certainly struggled with parents not following the covid rules which has turned into complaints by the facility staff. I think that’s behind us now that spectators are approved.

For Panorama they have only approved 50 spectators per rink. We are still going to rely on our Covid Safety team to ensure that the rules are being followed as we have been given our final warning by panorama about covid violations. (It hasn't helped that the Ball hockey group isn't following any covid rules)

Our Mini-Tyke, Tyke and Peewee have wrapped up for the season. Novice, Bantam and U16 are still playing games. Bantam is NOT able to attend Campbell River. U16 is attending Comox.

**I. Saanich:** Saanich played games in all divisions. The games went well and the balanced model has been good for this season. The desire to play into July has fallen off and unfortunately we do not have any teams committed to the Bantam or U16 tournaments.

**J. Victoria/Esquimalt:** VELA has finished the season now. Tyke and Mini Tyke got a couple games in each.  Novice stayed and practiced only.  Peewee players were released and able to keep playing games, Bantam played a couple of games, and the 16U have been released since the start of the season. Players were very appreciative to play what they did.  Thanks to all that worked so hard to get games going at the end of this season. With Covid - numbers for next year are the biggest concern.  We will need big increases to field proper teams at each division.

**10. New Business:**

 **A. Year-end tournaments:** Bantam: Campbell River may not have enough teams committed to attending and may have to cancel. Registration deadline is July 2

U16: Comox has 6 teams confirmed. The registration fees are not enough to cover costs (about $10000 shortfall), so Tim has asked BCLA for financial assistance but has not yet received a response. Significant costs include bottled water as there are no water fountains available at the arena, and referee travel costs.

 **B. Free Agent Players:** Ryan Hyland (with the support of the BCLA and MD) has been leading an effort to have as many players as possible attend year end tournaments. He has received interest from some Island presidents and needs to know by July 5 if there are any other interested players. Every effort will be made to find spots for those who want to play, but it isn’t yet known if there will be a spot for everyone. Players will either be placed on to existing teams or another team may be formed.

 **C. BCLA Return to Play**: Gerry Van Beek is waiting on written instructions from ViaSport, then BCLA will release new level 3 guidelines. Please remember to check with local facilities as they may not yet be fully open.

 **D. VIMLC Fees:** Will VIMLC be collecting fees this season? No, but we will be invoicing associations next season.

**11. Next meeting:** September 2021, TBD

**12. Motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm** made by Phil DiBattista, seconded by Stephanie Hopkins **Carried**