

**Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2025**

Attendees

Voting Executive

Chair	Tim Frost
Vice Chair	Scott Barillaro
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
Indigenous Development	Bryan Baxter
BCLCA Representative	Kelly Fines (absent)
Commissioners	Greg Toll, Janice Parmar, Adam Gow, Wendy Hall, Cathy Coulson

Association Representatives

Alberni Valley	Darren Mannix
Campbell River	Sarah Thomas
Comox Valley	Chad Robinson
Cowichan Valley	Kim Solecki, Koltin King
Juan de Fuca	Kyla Pedlow, Niki Williams,
Nanaimo	Bryan Norby, Jesse Kemp,
Oceanside	Renee Allan
Peninsula	Rod Senior, Terry Hall, Simon Upshon
Saanich	Scott Barillaro
Victoria Esquimalt	Kate Blass, Bryce Taylor, Lisa Seel-Thompson

- 1. Call Meeting to Order 7:07 pm**
Land Acknowledgement
- 2. Adoption of Previous Minutes, Motion** made by Rod Senior, seconded by Michele Vecqueray, **carried**
- 3. Additions and Adoption of Agenda, Motion** made by Shane Mellish, seconded by Niki Williams, **carried**
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes** none

5. Financial Report: Michelle Vecqueray

Motion to accept the financial report made by Brande Terris, seconded by Shane Mellish, **carried**

Attached please find the bank reconciliation for February 2025. Bank balance is \$17,603.09
I will be sending out the first half association fee invoices shortly.

12:44 PM

3/1/2025

**Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission
Reconciliation Summary
Period Ending: 2025/02/28**

Beginning Balance		17,843.78
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(240.69)	
Deposits and Credits	<u> -</u>	
Total Cleared Transactions	<u> (240.69)</u>	
Cleared Balance		<u><u>17,603.09</u></u>
Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	-	
Deposits and Credits	<u> -</u>	
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u> -</u>	
Register Balance		<u><u>17,603.09</u></u>
Ending Book Balance		17,603.09

VANCOUVER ISLAND MINOR LACROSSE COMMISSION
Approved Budget 2025
As at March 1, 2025

ASSOCIATION	2024 #'S	Fees /player	Notes		Variance
ALBERNI VALLEY	64	\$ 960.00			(960.00)
CAMPBELL RIVER	50	\$ 750.00			(750.00)
COMOX	109	\$ 1,635.00			(1,635.00)
COWICHAN VALLEY	126	\$ 1,890.00			(1,890.00)
JUAN DE FUCA	387	\$ 5,805.00			(5,805.00)
NANAIMO	415	\$ 6,225.00			(6,225.00)
OCEANSIDE	66	\$ 990.00			(990.00)
PENINSULA	164	\$ 2,460.00			(2,460.00)
SAANICH	244	\$ 3,660.00			(3,660.00)
VICTORIA-ESQUIMALT	96	\$ 1,440.00			(1,440.00)
TOTAL INVOICED/INCOMING FUNDS	1721	\$ 25,815.00		\$0.00	(25,815.00)
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		\$ 43,658.78		\$17,843.78	(25,815.00)
EXPENSES	Actual 2024	Projected 2025			
SCHEDULE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$0.00	(2,500.00)
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			(3,200.00)
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	\$0.00	(250.00)
MISC (ADDED AFTER BUDGET APPRV)					
Total Expenses	\$ 22,060.91	\$ 25,190.00		\$1,159.44	(24,030.56)

PROJECTED FUNDS AT YEAR-END	<u>\$ 18,468.78</u>	<u>\$ 16,684.34</u>
Projected Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 625.00	\$ (1,159.44)

6. Zone 6 Reports

A. Chair Tim Frost

The VIMLC executive has appointed Scott Barillaro as Vice Chair for the remainder of the year until the next AGM. Welcome Scott!

We have agreed at our last meeting to allow u11 teams to withdraw from league play to self manage a schedule to play exhibition games with the LMMLC. Associations who choose to do this will need to declare such at the meeting. If you do not withdraw you still may create an all star team (with permission from the MD) for Jack Crosby and set up exhibition games for that team.

Please ensure floor time is submitted to Stephanie as soon as possible and by the March 8 deadline. For Monday's meetings please confirm for each division. To make the meeting effective - please try to submit your declarations today (Sunday) so we can consolidate for review.

1. Number of registered players

2. What your declaration is (aligned with bylaws)
3. If you will be releasing players and if so, how many
4. If you will be accepting released players

Please note you must have at least 9 players to declare a team.

Please also note that we need requests for combo teams and rationale in writing.

We will be reviewing the female coop combo requests by default. VELA, JDF, Saanich and Peninsula are requesting combo teams for female in U11 through U22.

You also need to submit in writing requests for oversize rosters and playdown requests.

Finally, we have the following tentative assignments for commissioners.

Nanaimo	Cathy Coulson	Female
Oceanside	Greg Toll	U11 N
Juan De Fuca	Wendy Hall	U11 S
Comox	Chad Robinson	U13 A
Alberni	Christina Poirier	U13 B/C
Cowichan	Janice Parmar	U15
Saanich	Adam Gow	U17
Peninsula	Cory Conway	U7 S
Victoria Esquimalt	Mike Bisgrove	U9 S
Campbell River	Tayner Marks	U9N

B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris no report

C. Vice Chair Scott Barillaro no report

D. BCLCA Rep Kelly Fines

Not a lot to report. I ran a level 1 coaching clinic in Oceanside on Saturday and we may try and have one more in April.

E. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer

The other week I met with a majority of Association Head Officials and Allocators for our pre-season meeting. All associations seem to have Head Official coverage which is great. Everyone seems to have a good grasp on where things are currently at for officials and upcoming items.

In-class clinics on the Island will be running the next two weekends. Currently, numbers seem to be quite good for Entry Level and Level 1. Numbers around Level 2 are concerning, however, there has been a good influx of Level 2's being upgraded into the Level 3 clinics. If associations are able to do any additional recruiting - graduating Jr players, parents, etc. - that would be great. Sometimes we are able to expedite those who have lots of experience in lacrosse much quicker than younger kids.

The on-floor portion of the clinic is currently being scheduled and will be running similar to previous seasons with the inclusion of Level 2's also doing an on-floor session.

The BCLA / Official's Group is utilizing RAMP registrations for clinics. It has had some headaches, but it is mostly a positive change and is a much better process than previous years.

F. Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter

I ran an MCD and a CPI this past weekend. CMD had 25 coaches and CPI had 16. Great weekend of coach training.

G. Female Coordinator Shane Mellish

We have a new two year agreement for interlocked games with the Lower mainland. (Thanks John, Sandra and Tim)

The interlocked games will get a little more complicated this season as there will be teams from the interior involved in travel games.

The details for how this will work out are still being discussed.

Prepare your teams; it may mean more travel or possibly further distance.

The scheduler has been given some templates for female game options depending on the number of teams declared tonight.

John (Female Director) has mapped out all the possible days for interlocked games and they have been passed on to the scheduler.

I will send our declared female teams our scheduler as well as the lower mainland scheduler tonight for them to start to develop the schedules.

I believe both Victoria and Nanaimo have provided their floor time to the Scheduler.

With more teams, further distances, more tournaments, and a shorter season our games will be difficult to complete.

Please start now to prepare your Coaches and parents that the season will be intense and logistically difficult.

H. Web Master Stephanie Prizeman

Webmaster Report:

Commission emails are set up - I believe I have caught up with all association contact change requests (I can add/delete contacts - add whoever you think needs to be on there for your association). If there is other information that various groups would like updated (ie officials, coaches), please let me know and I can make any changes you need. I would like to post other information - good news, tournament info, etc. on the main site once the season begins, so start thinking about things we can highlight!

Scheduler Liaison Report:

Scheduler Jenn will begin as soon as possible after the declarations are received/dates and numbers of games set in stone. It is imperative that we receive the minimum floor time required, as soon as possible. Last year we had to send games back to associations to schedule themselves - we will be doing so again if necessary.

Weeknight game slots are mandatory - there are weeknight game options for all associations, and all associations are required to send options. In addition to floor time, I will be asking for association blackout dates (association wide requests - tournament association host weekend, association fundraiser or photo day, for example) ASAP. I will send these requests to both presidents and floor allocators who I am aware of.

Motion to accept reports made by Greg Toll, seconded by Darren Mannix, **carried**

7. Association Reports

A. Alberni Valley

Morning! I just held lacrosse clinics at various Alberni schools over the last few weeks and also a full day in Ucluelet at their elementary school which had a great reception from kids and parents so hopefully we will grow the game From the west coast!

U7- 3

U9- 7

U 11- 1

U13 - 15

U15 - 10 (possible combo with Oceanside)

U17 - 9 (possible combo with Oceanside)

Our 1 U11 registration is a first year female player who I will discuss with her parents about 3 options for her 1) play down @U9 with her brother upon approval 2) play up @ U13 which I feel would hurt her development 3) be released and she joins Oceanside U11 ! I can't see our numbers growing enough for U11 to declare a team this year, and I know each other division has 2-4 former players that for whatever reason haven't registered yet so number may increase a bit !

B. Campbell River

Total registrations: 43

U7/U9 - 18 - 1 or 2 teams based on tonight

U11 - 15 - 1 team

A breakdown of our reshuffle:

- 15 brand new players
- Our u7s will play up in u9 division
- 2 withdraws (1u7 and 1u13)
- 1 play down approval

•5 u13s who want to develop this year but cannot commit to travel to play in another association. 2 of which are brand new players. Will continue to explore options with the families and our association for best chance at success to continue with lacrosse

•We have released 1 u15 and 2 u17s and they were placed in Comox

•We have one more u13 release in process of an email voting that will be sent out as soon as possible.

C. Comox Valley

Our numbers have increased over the past month, but we are still below last year's registrations.

We will take releases for all divisions.

Total registrations - 88, plus one U15 and two U17 releases from Campbell River that have been approved

U7 - 7 - we would like to postpone declaring at U7 and U9 to try and increase numbers

U9 - 10 - if we can't postpone declaring we will have 1 combined U7/U9 team

U11 - 26 - 2 balanced teams

U13 - 19 - 1 team - B

U15 - 13 (one play down request) - 1 team - B

U17 - 16 - 1 team - B

We had two coaches trained at CPI level and one at CMD this past weekend.

D. Cowichan Valley

1. **Number of registered players** - CVLA total player registration is 91 with 3 registrations revoked
2. **What your declaration is** - U7 - 1 team, U9 - 2 Teams, U11 - 1 Team, U13 - 1 Team, **U15 - No Team**, U17 - 1 Team, **U22 - No Team**
3. **If you will be releasing players and if so, how many** - U22 - 6 releases, U15 - 5 releases. The majority of these have already been sent to the island, we are still waiting to hear back from 2 families I believe to obtain release forms.
4. **If you will be accepting released players** - We would be happy to accept Players at U9 (both teams), U11 and U17. I would be open to accepting U7 players, but this would change our declaration of 1 team to 2, so I want to be mindful of this.

Our numbers are low again this year, and financial strain is a huge component of this as I have spoken to a lot of non-returning families. I also have gotten wind that the local hockey clubs are telling parents their kids should not be playing lacrosse, but rather focusing on spring hockey, so that has been another large challenge as many new players last year were from hockey. If any of the other clubs have navigated this, I would love input.

We are finalizing the floor contract with KP and will have this over ASAP.

E. Juan de Fuca

Registrations - 328

U7 – 32 players
U9 – 73 players
U11 – 85 players
U13 – 60 players
U15 – 36 players
U17 – 42 players

Declarations

U7 – 4 teams*
U9 – 8 teams*
U11 – 5 teams, 1 A team & 4 B teams (*A team will be withdrawing from league play*)
U13 - 3 teams, A1, A2 & B
U15 - 2 teams, A2 & B (*This division will be accepting released players*)
U17 - 2 teams, A1 & B

*JDF will be requesting an extension for U7 and U9 declarations to allow more players to register.

We are in the final stages of most of our assessments, with the exception of U11 that we are about midway through. Our goal is to have U13, U15 and U17 teams all formed prior to Spring Break. U11 to be determined during Spring break, and possibly U7 and U9. We have a Try Lacrosse session this Thursday evening at Eagle Ridge Arena, along with a Girls Lacrosse session on the same night. We have arranged for The Upside with Chek News to be on site for both of those events to bring some awareness to lacrosse and the girls program.

F. Nanaimo

Total Registration- 443

U7- 41
4 teams- in house
Jamboree style events, same as last season
Other associations welcome

U9- 81
8 teams-in house
Friday night tykes, as well as some Sunday fun days.
Other associations welcome
We will send each of our teams to north island and or south associations. (depending on vote)
Providing 2 home games each, from Nanaimo.

COED	Female
U11	U11
72-4 teams	30- 2 B teams

1- A
3-B

U13	U13
46-3 teams	29- 2 Teams
1 A2	1 A
2 B	1 B

U15	U15
35-2 teams	32- 2 Teams
1 A1	1 A
1 B	1B

U17	U17
27- 1 A2 Team	29- 2 Teams
	1 A
	1 B

U22
21- 1 Team

G. Oceanside

Oceanside's number have grown immensely! We currently have 83 players registered. We are declaring 1 team in each division.

U7 and U9 are happy to join Nanaimo with their Friday night and Saturday jamboree style games. U9's would like to host scrimmages Sunday mornings in Oceanside.

U7-8 players

U9-18

U11-23

U13-13

U15-8 requesting combo with Alberni

U17-13 requesting combo with Alberni

Over size roster request for U11 if more than 25 register as well as requested for combo U15 & U17 teams as we continue to grow LAX in Oceanside and Alberni Valley.

We are still hosting drop ins with incentive for U13-17 with hopes for more registrations. We are accepting releases as well in all divisions.

U9 Shark Attack is scheduled for June 7-8th outdoor box and curling rink.

U11 Shark Bite Tournament is scheduled for May 30-June 1st at Oceanside place Arena.

Here are our available dates for Oceanside Place Arena:

April 22-June 15th

Arena Black out dates

May 8-11th

May 30-June 1- U11 Shark Bite Tournament

H. Peninsula

Registrations = 138

U7-6

U9-28

U11-30

U13-30 (one play down request)

U15-22

U17-22

Team Declarations:

U7- 1 team

U9- 2 teams (possibly 3)

U11- 2 teams

U13- 2 teams (request 2 B teams subject to a vote for approval)

U15-1 B team

U17-1 B team

Would also request pushing out date for U7/U9 declarations.

Released Players:

We will accept released players in U7, U9, U11 (limited) & U13.

Blackout dates:

June 13-15 U7/U9 Father's Day Tournament

Floor contract will be sent out asap as well.

I. Saanich

Registration = 215

U7: 16

U9: 25

U11: 49 (Potentially 50) - Two potential playdown requests.

U13: 32

U15: 43

U17: 36

U11F: 1

U13F: 1
U15F: 3
U17F: 5
U22F: 5

Team Declarations

U7: One Team (Potentially two if we get 5-6 more players) - Agree with Kate's suggestion to push out declaration date for this age group

U9: Two Teams

U11: Two Oversized Teams - Balanced teams that will not participate in MyLax Pilot.

U13: Two teams (A1/B). Room to accept releases.

U15: Two teams (A2/B). The B team will be oversized (23 players).

U17: Two teams (A1/B). Room to accept releases.

I will forward formal requests for oversized teams and playdown requests ASAP. Just need to work out a few details.

I believe we have our signed permit for Pearkes. I will send it over to Steph ASAP.

I will send a separate email with the finalized Business Rules for discussion tomorrow. No big changes from previous versions.

J. Victoria Esquimalt

Coed

U7: 8 (we will get more), 1 team

U9: 10 (we will get more), 1 team

U11: 10 (we will get more), 1 team, VELA will not be withdrawing from league play

We are hoping we can hold off for a bit on officially declaring for the non-competitive divisions just in case we get an influx in the next week or so.

U13: 6 (plus 2 requesting to play down), no team, will release either way

U15: 14, 1 team- B, room to receive releases

U17: 1 (he's new and requesting to play down), no team, will release if denied play down

Female

U13: 3 (they haven't confirmed if they'll play up. They won't play coed.) No team.

U15: 30 (includes 1 call up), 2 teams- A & B

U17: 25 (includes 2 play downs from U22 if approved), 1 team- B

U22: 23 (plus 2 requesting to play down to U17), 1 team- B

U11F- 8 (includes 3 call ups) but we have another 5 coming to drop ins. So close.

We were asked to hold off on sending female play down requests until this point. I'll send over all play down requests, and the formal oversized roster requests ASAP.

Motion to accept reports made by Niki Williams, seconded by Scott Barillaro, **carried**

8. Commissioner Reports: no reports at this time

Reminder: the commissioners' teleconference will be March 27

9. New Business

A. Team Declarations: associations discussed current registration numbers and team declarations

Motion made by Tim Frost, seconded by Adam Gow, To allow the deadline for U7 and U9 declarations to be extended to March 19, **Carried**

Motion made by Tim Frost, seconded by Bryan Norby, To allow Nanaimo to declare an A2 and two B teams in U13 **Carried**

Motion made by Scott Barillaro, seconded by Adam Gow, To allow Peninsula to declare 2 B teams in U13, **Carried**

B. Season Schedule Parameters

Motion made by Scott Barillaro, seconded by Krista Gregory, To change the number of games to 12 for U11 **Carried**

Motion made by Tim Frost, seconded by Krista Gregory, To have Cowichan participate in the North league in U7, in the South league in U9 and the South league in U11, **Carried**

Motion made by Tim Frost, seconded by Kim Solecki, To have the U13-U17 leagues proceed as presented, **Carried**

Motion made by Niki Williams, seconded by Scott Barillaro, To have the Female league proceed as presented, **Carried**

C. Combo Team Requests

Motion made by Tim Frost, seconded by Scott Barillaro, To allow female players in Victoria area to combine on teams in each age division, **Carried**

D. Referee Travel Fees **Motion** made by Tyler Boyer, seconded by Bryan Norby, To amend the referee travel fees as outlined below, **Carried**

OFFICIAL'S TRAVEL FEES

ADOPTED March 2025

Association (Arena)	Peninsula (Panorama)	Saanich (Pearkes)	Victoria (Archie)	Langford (Q Centre)	Cowichan (Kerry Park)	Cowichan (Island Savings)	Cowichan (Fuller Lake)	Nanaimo (Ice Center)	Parksville (Oceanside Place)	Port Alberni (Multiplex)	Comox (Valley Sports Centre)	Campbell River (Strathcona Gardens)
Peninsula (Panorama)	X	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$45	\$60	\$70	\$95	\$120	\$155	\$165	\$195
Saanich (Pearkes)	\$15	X	X	X	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$80	\$105	\$140	\$150	\$180
Victoria (Archie)	\$15	X	X	X	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$80	\$105	\$140	\$150	\$180
Langford (Q Centre)	\$15	X	X	X	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$80	\$105	\$140	\$150	\$180
Cowichan (Kerry Park)	\$45	\$30	\$30	\$30	X	X	X	\$50	\$75	\$110	\$120	\$150
Cowichan (Island Savings)	\$60	\$45	\$45	\$45	X	X	X	\$35	\$60	\$95	\$105	\$135
Cowichan (Fuller Lake)	\$70	\$55	\$55	\$55	X	X	X	\$25	\$50	\$85	\$95	\$125
Nanaimo (Ice Center)	\$95	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$50	\$35	\$25	X	\$25	\$60	\$70	\$100
Parksville (Oceanside Place)	\$120	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$25	X	\$35	\$45	\$75
Port Alberni (Multiplex)	\$155	\$140	\$140	\$140	\$110	\$95	\$85	\$60	\$35	X	\$80	\$110
Comox (Valley Sports Centre)	\$165	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$120	\$105	\$95	\$70	\$45	\$80	X	\$30
Campbell River (Strathcona Gardens)	\$195	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$150	\$135	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$110	\$30	X

Notes:

- When two officials are traveling from the same city, or are passing through an above-listed location, **it is expected that they will travel together**. In those situations, the driving official will be paid the travel fee and the travelling partner will only be paid travel if they have to drive to another location listed above to meet (i.e. travel from Port Alberni to Parksville to meet someone coming through).
 - **Note:** There are extenuating circumstances in which travelling together is not feasible. For approval of dual travel payment, please contact the Home Association's Head Referee and BCLOTSG Zone Rep **with as much notice prior to the game** to get approval for both travel fees to be paid. If approval is not obtained, only one travel fee will be paid.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7 pm

11. Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 pm