

Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 11, 2023
7:00 pm via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Voting Executive

Chair	Tim Frost
Vice-Chair	Doug Kampen
Secretary	Krista Gregory
Treasurer	Michelle Vecqueray
Zone 6 Representative	Brandie 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
Commissioners	Wendy Hall, Adam Gow

Association Representatives

Alberni Valley	Stephanie Prizeman
Campbell River	Mark Labowka
Comox	Chad Robinson
Cowichan Valley	Chris Claxton
Juan de Fuca	Niki Williams
Nanaimo	Bryan Norby, Cathy Coulson
Oceanside	Jason Hassey
Peninsula	Jason Alford
Saanich	Scott Barillaro, Katherine Dyrland
Victoria-Esquimalt	Kate Blass

1. **Call Meeting to Order** 7:04 pm
Territorial Land Acknowledgement

2. **Adoption of Previous Minutes** Motion made by Doug Kampen, seconded by Brande Terris, Carried

3. **Additions and Adoption of Agenda**
Motion to adopt agenda made by Chris Claxton, seconded by Doug Kampen Carried

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

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

Attached please find the bank reconciliations for both July & August and the report of expenditures as of today.

I believe that all expenses relating to the 2023 season have been received and paid.

You will notice from the budget to actual report attached that referee playoff fees and travel fees were substantially less than budgeted, therefore our cash account is higher than originally projected.

The BCLA AGM is in the fall and as such any expenses related to it have not been incurred and are still an open item in our current year budget.

12:04 PM

9/9/2023

**Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission
Reconciliation Summary
Period Ending: 2023-07-31**

Beginning Balance		32,074.30
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(6,260.08)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
Total Cleared Transactions	(6,260.08)	
Cleared Balance		25,814.22
Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(3,725.87)	
Deposits and Credits	-	
Total Uncleared Transactions	(3,725.87)	
Register Balance as of		22,088.35
Ending Balance		22,088.35

12:02 PM
9/9/2023

Vancouver Island Lacrosse Commission
Reconciliation Summary
Period Ending: 2023-08-31

Beginning Balance		25,814.22
Cleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(2,504.50)	
Deposits and Credits	<u> -</u>	
Total Cleared Transactions	<u> (2,504.50)</u>	
Cleared Balance		<u><u>23,309.72</u></u>
Uncleared Transactions		
Cheques and Payments	(3,239.20)	
Deposits and Credits	<u> -</u>	
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u> (3,239.20)</u>	
Register Balance as of		<u><u>20,070.52</u></u>
Ending Balance		20,070.52

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
TOTAL INVOICED/INCOMING FUNDS	1379	\$ 20,705.00		\$20,705.00	0.00
CARRY OVER FROM 2022 SEASON		\$ 17,865.26		\$17,865.26	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SEASON		\$ 38,570.26		\$38,570.26	0.00
EXPENSES	Actual 2022	Projected 2023		Actual 2023	
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		\$4,565.00	(1,935.00)
REFEREE TRAVEL	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$1,629.77	(4,370.23)
FLOOR PLAYOFF	\$ 926.10	\$ 2,500.00		\$2,474.84	(25.16)
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	Cheqs ordered & Stamps	\$156.82	56.82
MISC (ADDED AFTER BUDGET APPRV)	\$ 680.93				
Total Expenses	\$ 14,667.51	\$ 26,860.75		\$18,499.64	(8,361.11)

PROJECTED FUNDS AT YEAR-END

\$ 11,709.51

Curent Fund Balance

\$20,070.62

Actual Cleared Balance	23,309.72
Outstanding Cheques	(3,239.20)
Outstanding Deposits	-
Reconciled Register Balance	<u>\$20,070.52</u>

6. Zone 6 Reports:

A. Chair Tim Frost:

It's nice to have had a small break but some ongoing work continues. I have attended August Minor Directorate Meeting and continue to field questions from parents about policies around player movement. With all of our new executive anticipated we have some work to do to make sure parents understand our policy framework and the rules that govern our league and associations.

B. Minor Directorate Rep Brande Terris: nothing to report

C. BCLCA Rep: Kelly Fines:

Referee abuse has continued throughout the year. I'm not sure what the answer is to correct this but we need to figure it out soon or we won't have any refs left. We have had repeat offenders this year. Maybe associations need to revisit why

they are putting these coaches back behind the bench. We had two coaches this year that are suspended for a full 12 month period plus redoing their clinics. Maybe this can be discussed a bit tonight. We do need to come up with some answers.

Discussion on referee abuse is Tabled until associations hold their AGMs and new executive are in place.

D. BCLOA Rep Tyler Boyer: nothing to report

E. Indigenous Development Coordinator Bryan Baxter: no report

F. Female Coordinator Lisa Seel-Thompson: nothing to report

G. Web Master Stephanie Prizeman:

Thank you for everyone's patience and help during the season. I have received information on another platform for the VIMLC to consider.

Motion to accept Reports as presented made by Lisa Seel-Thompson, seconded by Jason Alford, **carried**

7. Association Reports:

Thank you to all outgoing Presidents and association executive, a request from the Chair to work hard to find replacements. *Please forward new contact information to Tim and Krista as soon as your AGM is complete.

A. Alberni Valley: Nothing to report, losing 2 executive including president

B. Campbell River:

We are holding our AGM/Awards night on October 25th, many positions on the executive will need to be filled by newcomers as quite a few of the current board members players are aged out. I myself will be stepping down after 4 years with the association in one aspect or another. I am confident we will find good young people to step up & I will do my best to ensure a smooth transition. Thanks to all the volunteers out there, I wish you all the best.

C. Comox Valley:

We are losing two long-serving board members that we will be replacing at our AGM on November 8. They have both stayed involved well past their kids ageing out and we are hoping to replace them with parents of U7-U9 aged players. School visits are planned for November, December and January. We are planning on getting to 12 schools, focusing on grades K-4. The school district phys. ed. director is excited about the program as she had really good feedback from our visits last year.

D. Cowichan Valley:

Things are buttoned up for the year.

We will be losing president, 1st and 2nd Vp's. Working on having some newcomers for the AGM to be elected. Fingers crossed.

From what I heard, the U17 provincials we hosted went off well and were well received.

Usual hiccups but overall I am happy we hosted and it was a great way for our U17 group to wind up minor. It was also great to see the island lacrosse community come together and help out. We had volunteers from our own Jr B team, the Westshore Bears, Sr C Thunder, Cowichan Jr Girls and some past members.

E. Juan de Fuca: No Report

F. Nanaimo:

We are currently planning our agm and getting organized for the bcla agm.

We are looking at solutions to floor time issues, as they will get worse next year.

G. Oceanside:

Our AGM will be held at the end of October. We are actively looking for more volunteers.

We held a week long lacrosse camp with the RDN and had two of our coaches/Jr B player help. The kids had a blast and we hope to do another one next summer.

We are looking at getting gym space for tryit sessions.

H. Peninsula:

I won't be able to make tonight's meeting and my alternate has stepped down for the exec.

Our AGM is scheduled for Nov 5th. We are losing our president, Both VP's and secretary so there will be a big learning curve for the new exec. We only have one position allocated so far so that is also an issue for us.

We saw a huge uptick in having to deal with and manage parents this year and had to suspend several parents for attending events which is unfortunate.

We as an executive are giving some serious discussions to whether it's worthwhile to host tournaments anymore.

We are getting lots of mainland teams registering initially, but once teams start to look at travel costs to get to the island and lack of available hotels, they almost always pull the plug on attending.

We have been losing money, hand over fist and the issues of teams registering and not paying and or dragging their heels, and then no showing has not been resolved, despite some safeguards put in place it is not working for tournaments like ours that are very early on in the season.

I agree with Kelly, abuse if officials isn't getting better.

I believe we should be doing 3 things as solutions

1) Officials Pay

U17 \$75

U15 \$65

U13 \$60

I think this will encourage the officials to weather the storm a little longer

2) Spectator monitors

Just like at Provincials, I believe we should start to consider having either another official at games, and/or having associations responsible to have a spectator monitor, wearing a very clearly marked vest to manage abuse of officials from the stands. It is impossible for coaches to be expected to manage parent behaviour during a game, and in my experience, most team managers, feel helpless to try and manage this as they are also parents and have to see these people every single day. I think if we start to set our expectations with very strict guidelines, this will help provide some confidence to our officials that we are taking these issues Very seriously.

3) Coach / Official Relationships

I believe we need to start encouraging coach and official relationships. Right now the only relationship is at the very start of a game where officials give a coach their one and only warning for abuse of official.

Well, I don't object to this we have to be very mindful that this sets the tone for the game that officials are already expecting to be abused.

I believe we need to encourage constant dialogue and communication between officials and coaches.

Nothing is worse as a coach when you have a question for the official and you get the talk to the hand motion in your face. Or being told to send over your captain. Let's be honest this never resolve the issue and only makes it much much worse for everybody. We also need to be very mindful that as a coach to ask your 13 or 14 year-old captain to go ask unofficial a question is absolutely worthless dialogue, as there is no way we should be expecting those players to have fruitful conversations with a meaningful outcome.

There are a lot of games where there is already animosity between teams because of previous experiences and officials are going into these games blind without any warnings or any conversations prior to the game? I believe we should be encouraging officials and coaches to talk even before they take the floor so they can be aware of any potential issues that may arise. This is going to set us up for success rather than trying to manage these mid game .

Discussion on referee abuse is Tabled until associations hold their AGMs and new executive are in place.

I. Saanich:

We are doing a Strategic Plan, thanks to a viaSport grant that has allowed us to bring in an external consultant. We are hopeful this can build a road map for the association.

Our AGM is set for Sunday, September 24th.

My son has graduated from U17 and after 5 years as President I will be stepping down at our AGM. One of our VP's Scott Barillaro has indicated he will put his name forward for election at the AGM. James Scott, our VP and Treasurer for the last 5 years, also has a graduating U17 player and will be stepping down.

It has been a pleasure working with everyone on the Island Commission. Wishing everyone a great 2024 season.

J. Victoria/Esquimalt:

VELA is heading back into schools for lacrosse visits in October and November. We've partnered with the PowerPlay program, which works with Kidsport, for a huge opportunity to grow female lacrosse in the area. VELA will host 4 box lacrosse sessions in October for girls ages 9-11. There are already 30 girls registered to participate. The coaches will be some of our veteran female players.

We are only looking to fill one role on our board so we can move that person into a position that suits her better. Thankfully it seems our executive is in it for the long haul as most of us have young players. Our AGM will be held in October. Lastly, I have some plans for supporting our local referees. I'm just waiting for our neighbour associations to elect their new presidents so we can work together since we currently share officials.

Pray for the south island since I am now the default "veteran" president down here.

Motion to accept Reports as presented made by Lisa Seel-Thompson, seconded by Bryan Norby, **carried**

8. Commissioner Reports: no reports at this time

Those who are stepping down from Association roles are perfect for commissioner position, please consider continuing to volunteer.

9. New Business:

A. Call for volunteers - committee for hiring a new scheduler

Last season the VIMLC put out a call for interested applicants for the scheduler position, and a committee chose and negotiated with the scheduler. A new committee needs to be created with representatives from ALL associations. This is the opportunity to influence how the schedule is created and managed.

Scott Barillaro will head this new committee.

B. Call for volunteers - committee for evaluating electronic score sheets

A committee needs to be created to evaluate feedback and solicit information from appropriate stakeholders.

Tabled to AGM

C. BCLA AGM and MD policy changes

Proposed Policy Changes have not yet been published by BCLA. Most are fairly simple and straight forward. Most are in regards to grandfathering of Female players. There may be other proposals from outside the Minor Directorate as well.

If anyone would like to discuss the proposed changes once they are published please reach out to Tim Frost.

D. AGM travel fees budget changes

Historically the VIMLC has paid for 4 attendees (chair, zone rep, coaches' rep, officials' rep) at the BCLA AGM in Whistler. This was not accounted for in the original Budget.

Motion: To Amend the 2023 Budget to allow for the Officials' Representative and the Coaches' Representative to attend the BCLA AGM, including hotel cost and \$75 dinner ticket, made by Tim Frost, seconded by Niki Williams **Carried**

10. Next Meeting: VIMLC AGM Monday, November 27 at 7 pm

Reminder: There are 4 positions up for election at the AGM as per VIMLC policy. They are Chair, Secretary, Female Coordinator and Web Master/Scheduler Liaison. Please reach out to Tim Frost with any nominations. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the AGM.

Any proposed changes to Bylaws or Operating Policy must be submitted to Tim Frost and Krista Gregory by **October 15** so that they can be reviewed and distributed by the 30 day deadline.

11. Motion to Adjourn at 7:26 pm made by Jason Alford, seconded by Bryan Norby **carried**