

## **BCLA AGM / Senior Directorate - October 19, 2024**

Western Lacrosse Association Report  
Paul Dal Monte, Commissioner

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The Western Lacrosse Association had a great season with the Victoria Shamrocks setting a new WLA record, going undefeated during the regular season, and then going on to defeat the New Westminster Salmonbellies in 5 games and sweeping the Langley Thunder in 4 straight games to capture the WLA championship.

The Shamrocks traveled to Ontario to play for the Mann Cup against a star-studded Six Nations Chiefs, whose roster featured some of the game's best players. The Chiefs, coached by John Tavares, prevailed in five games capturing the Mann Cup for the second consecutive year.

The WLA in general had a good year. While Coquitlam, Burnaby, and Nanaimo missed the playoffs, attendance was up overall, as was webcast viewership, website traffic, and social media engagement.

The WLA draft of graduating junior players will be held in January of 2025; this event will also be streamed live. Stay tuned for details.

Congratulations to all of those teams who won National Championships and League Championships in 2024.

Stay connected with the WLA during the off-season on our [website](#), as well as on our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) pages.



The WCSLA had a successful year with some very competitive games and some phenomenal lacrosse.

We are proud to say that the Victoria Shamrocks Sr B participated in their first ever President's Cup Championship. Many people at the tournament commented that they are probably the most improved team of the tournament. Congratulations to the Victoria Shamrock.

The Ladner Pioneers were league champions going undefeated throughout the regular season and playoffs. They hosted the successful 2024 Presidents Cup. They lost a game in the round robin and the semi finals game went into overtime. They went onto win the third consecutive President's Cup.

I would like to congratulate every player and team of the President's Cup as it was an exciting week of lacrosse. I would also like to congratulate the Ladner Pioneers for their third President's Cup Championship in a row.

I would also like to thank John Burr for an amazing Presidents Cup and thank you very much for all your volunteers for their countless hours of volunteering.

We are looking forward to the 2025 season and we are in the process of working towards a stronger and more competitive league, not only in the mainland, but across Canada.

Thank you  
Jamie Scott  
West Coast Senior B

## Prince George Senior C Lacrosse Association 2024 Annual Report

We had 4 teams make up the Association. BHL/ X-Conditioning Bandits, Mackenzie Lumberjax, Scamp Transport Devils, and the Spryer Industry Assault.

The season consisted of 24 games with 2 rounds of playoffs. Congratulations to the Scamp Transport Devils who were League and Playoff champions once again! The Devils swept the Lumberjax in the best of 3 semifinals. While the Bandits swept the Assault in the best of 3 semifinals. In the finals, the Devils swept the Bandits in a best of 5.

It's been a while but Prince George had a team in the Glen Moose Scott Invitational Tournament this year. Congratulations on the host team Kelowna Raiders by winning a very exciting Provincials!!!

Prince George Senior Lacrosse is hoping to host the 2025 Senior C and Glen Moose Scott Invitational Tournament up in Prince George next August.

Don Wittmeier  
Commissioner  
Prince George Senior C Lacrosse

## **Thompson Okanagan Sr C**

The 2024 season for the TOSLL was a very competitive season that saw a change in the league championship series. No issues at all during the season and all 4 teams had a strong attendance for their home games. Game 3 of the Championship series was played in a full arena at Kelowna Memorial Arena. The fans saw a very entertaining high scoring game. The hard work over the last few years has seen the fans return and supporting their Sr C team in the TOSLL.

In regular season league play, the final standings are as follows;

1st - Kelowna

2nd - Armstrong

3rd - Kamloops

4th - Vernon

In the playoffs;

Semi Finals, Kelowna won in 2 games over Vernon

Semi Finals, Armstrong won in 2 games over Kamloops

League Championship series;

Armstrong 3 - Kelowna 11

Kelowna 5 - Armstrong 6

Armstrong 11 - Kelowna 10

Armstrong finally broke through and captured the 2024 League Championship.

Armstrong will be representing the TOSLL as the league winner in the 2024 Sr C Provincials.

Kelowna will be the 2nd TOSLL team in the Sr C Provincials as the league finalists.

Good luck to both Armstrong and Kelowna in the Sr C Provincials.

Joe Wong

TOSLL Commissioner

## Sr C Provincials

August 8 - 11, 2024

The 2024 Sr C Provincials was held in Kelowna August 8-11 at Memorial arena. The last time the Thompson-Okanagan hosted a Sr C Provincial was in 2015 in Armstrong. The Sr C Provincial consisted of 10 teams in which all 4 Sr C Leagues was represented. This has not happened in a very long time. Teams attending are as follows;

### Pool A

Armstrong Shamrocks - TOSLL League winner

Kelowna Raiders - TOSLL League finalist

Victoria Blazers - Island League winner

Victoria Jokers - Island League finalist

Prince George

### Pool B

Maple Ridge Burrards - West Central League winner

Port Moody Express - West Central League finalist

Ladner Pioneers

Mission Cedar Kings

Port Coquitlam Hitmen

Each team played 3 round robin games from the other pool. This was done so teams would not have to play against teams from their own league in round robin. Pool winners advanced directly to the semifinals, Kelowna & Port Coquitlam. The 2nd & 3rd place teams played a quarter final with the winners advancing to the semifinals.

Game 17 quarter final, Victoria Jokers 13 - Armstrong Shamrocks 10

Game 18 quarterfinal, Port Moody Express 5 - Maple Ridge Burrards 4

Game 19 semi-final, Kelowna Raiders 11 - Port Moody Express 8

Game 20 semi-final, Port Coquitlam Hitmen 8 - Victoria Jokers 7

Game 23 Championship, Kelowna Raiders 14 - Port Coquitlam Hitmen 13, 2OT

Game was tied at 11 in regulation time with the Raiders scoring the tying goal in the last minute of regulation time, tied at 13 in 1st OT with the Hitmen scored the tying goal also in the last min of the OT period, 2nd OT was sudden victory with Kelowna score the winning goal to repeat as Sr C Provincial Champs and also winning the Glen Moose Memorial Trophy. This is the 3rd straight year that Kelowna and Port Coquitlam have played each other in the Provincial Championship Final, with Kelowna leading 2 to 1 for the gold medal and bragging rights.

Thanks to all the Senior Officials for an outstanding job throughout the tournament. Special thanks to Riley Lo for being in charge of all game allocations and bringing up a great crew. The officials were; Conner Black, Craig Baldrige,

Matt Newlove, Jamie Graham, Josh Jaramillo, Nick Dos Santos, Braden Wilkins,

Curtis Gulliford and Spencer Pollock. Great job by the bench officials for being quick and accurate with game sheets and stats.

Special thanks to Jules Morris and his great crew of volunteers for being a great host. Shout out the the City of Kelowna staff for their fantastic service and the extra work of cleaning the playing floor before every single game to help keep it dry.

Thanks to our BCLA Convenor, Terry Kirstiuk for being at the arena everyday along with Joe Wong for running a smooth tournament with no major issues at all.

Joe Wong

TOSLL Commissioner

Sr C Provincial Technical Chair

August 31, 2024

Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League  
2024 Yearend Report

We had a good season with a slight increase in player registrations. One team suspended operations, Wsanec Arrows, while another team was resurrected, Victoria Tugmen. That allowed the League to stay eight teams. The returning teams were Greater Victoria Firefighters, Cowichan Thunder, Victoria Jokers, Victoria Blazers, Cowichan Rats, Westshore Aces and Saanich Express. All had full rosters.

We finished off the season with the finals going the distance with some very close and exciting playoff games. The playoffs were well attended by many lacrosse fans. The Saanich Express finished first in League play but were eliminated in the semi-finals. The Victoria Blazers went on to capture the Championship final over the Victoria Jokers. All teams displayed great competitiveness throughout the entire season.

We sent two teams to the Senior C Provincials/Glen Moose Invitational in Kelowna, Victoria Blazers and Victoria Jokers. The Victoria Jokers lost in the bronze medal game, however, the teams enjoyed the tournament and competed hard.

As with any successful organization, you need many committed people to help ensure a strong and successful season. With that, I would like to thank all the team reps for attending the meetings and organizing their respective teams. Tyson Leies and Shirley Bains for all the work they continue to do. Thanks to Gina Jung for organizing the bench officials in Cowichan. A special thanks to all the other volunteers in helping make the League the success that it was. I would be remiss to not recognize our appreciation to all the referees, many new to our League, with another great season of officiating and Serena Boyer for all the seamless referee allocations.

I look forward to the 2025 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Bains  
Chair/Commissioner,  
Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League



The 2024 BCJALL season commenced on May 11<sup>th</sup> with 18 games per team in a 9 - week schedule for 72 total league games played.

The Coquitlam Adanacs came in First place and the Port Coquitlam Saints came in Second place at the conclusion of the regular season games. The first playoff series best of 7 games were both swept by Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam respectively. This set up the best of 5 Championship Series with the Coquitlam Adanacs and the Port Coquitlam Saints, Coquitlam Adanacs defeating the Port Coquitlam Saints 3 games to 0 in the Championship round to be the 2024 BC Junior A Provincial Champions. Coquitlam Adanacs Ty Banks was selected as the BC Jr A Provincial Playoff MVP – The Jack Crosby Award.

The Coquitlam Jr A Adanacs and the Port Coquitlam Jr A Saints both went to the 2024 Minto Cup in Coquitlam, BC as the British Columbia representatives.

Congratulations to the Coquitlam Adanacs for winning the 2024 Minto Cup, sweeping Orangeville 2 - 0 in the best of 3 Final Series and bringing the Minto Cup back to BC.

Congratulations also go to the Jim Bishop Award (deemed to have the highest qualities of Leadership, Sportsmanship and Outstanding Play) awarded to Ty Banks – Coquitlam Adanacs and the Jim McConaghy Award (2024 Minto Cup Tournament MVP) awarded to Jack Kask – Coquitlam Adanacs.

I would also like to recognize the Port Coquitlam Saints for their performance in the event with a 2 - 1 record in the round robin, tying for first place and placing second place. Unfortunately, they lost to Orangeville in the semi-final in a hard-fought contest.

I would also like to acknowledge the Coquitlam Adanacs Jr A Association for hosting the 2024 Minto Cup. It was an outstanding tournament, well organized, well attended event. I received lots of positive feedback from the visiting representatives, the Orangeville Northmen of the OJLL and the Calgary Raiders of the RMLL. It was enjoyable to watch some fantastic lacrosse over the week.



A great way to cap off the 2024 season and congratulations to all, looking forward to the 2025 season.

Best of luck to all teams in 2025.

Respectfully,

*Dirk Rachfall*

Dirk Rachfall  
President and Commissioner  
BC Junior A Lacrosse League

## Junior B1 Commissioner Report

This year we had a request from two clubs about adding teams to our league.

As we didn't have anything written in our league agreement all governors agree to hold off allowing them into our league this past season, but would add information into the league agreement and they could apply for this coming year.

Our season started 26 April and we had a 10 week schedule with Play downs starting 6<sup>th</sup> July. 1 week later.

We had a few suspensions, but no carry overs.

We had a few games cancelled due to not enough officials, also our official cost went up as we approved a \$10 across the board for Lower main land officials, which we accounted for, but what we didn't account for was the extra for officials travelling from Island to do games on mainland cost were nearly \$300 for 1 game and we had a few like this. We will need to revisit this for next year.

We ended up having to hold off 1 week due to an issue with one team and an appeal. The league won the appeal, but because of the timing we had teams who had now qualified for play downs drop out as they had players away prior to the appeal decision. The team who lost the appeal ended up now playing in play off but lost in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. We did ask the Interior if they could move the Provincials 1 week ahead since Founders was later. They couldn't. So we had to shorten our final playoff series from 5 games to 3.

Coquitlam ended up being the League champions.

Victoria Shamrocks ended up winning our play downs this year and had to travel over the August long weekend to play the Interior team. Once again our team won the 2 games and once again our governors feel that the Interior teams aren't B1 teams.

As Victoria won the provincials they head off to Founders to represent BC in Hamilton.

We did have some issues with our website, which we got sorted out after we realized it was giving points for a loss during OT.

We already have had a club inquiry about coming into our league for next year, which we will discuss at our AGM.

As of yet we have not set a date for our AGM but it will be sometime in November.

Beth McLucas

BCLA Senior Directorate

OCT 2024

The 2024 season for the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League (TOJLL) there were strong wins and difficult challenges.

Kamloops Venom defended their TOJLL championship and went on to host the Victoria Shamrocks. We congratulate the Victoria Shamrocks on their successes at the Founders Cup in Hamilton.

The TOJLL 2024 season allowed for the expansion of our program to the Kootenays with the inclusion of the Cranbrook Black Wolves on a trial season. The Black Wolves were the BC Junior B Teir 2 winners from the 2023 season.

Though there are distance challenges in regard to the location of the Cranbrook in the Kootenays, 1200KM round trip from the farthest TOJLL team. This was addressed by playing Saturday night and Sunday morning games both as the away team and the home team. With a young team Cranbrook grew stronger throughout the season as more of their older players returned from school. The experience gained for their U17 players given the opportunity to play with the team will speak volumes for the quality of players that they have moving up.

With the success of the season, Cranbrook has now been accepted as a TOJLL member, we look forward to many seasons with them moving forward. Expansion interest has also been expressed by Williams Lake and West Kootenay; at this time no movement has been made to adding them for the 2025 season.

The excitement of adding Cranbrook to expand our league was quelled by the disappointment that Armstrong was unable to field a team for the season. The closeness and intertwining of the boundaries for the minor and junior teams in the region has blurred the lines regards to player registration. With hold outs, misinformation, and miss communication led to unclarity for the participants.

With Armstrong unable to field a junior lacrosse team, Vernon had an oversized roster in which players were signed and unsigned throughout the season to get them playing time. I have been involved with the Thompson Okanagan Minor Box Lacrosse Commission (TOBLC) for 13 years, during that time there has been one (1) request to play from Senior to Minor in 2017, where a brand new 16-year-old player tried Field Lacrosse and then wanted to play a season of Box Lacrosse. In 2024, there were five (5) requests that were brought to TOMBLC by North Okanagan Minor Lacrosse Association (NOMLA) by players that wanted to play down to minor as they had no ability to play Junior. All five players had previous lacrosse experience and only one with extraordinary circumstances was approved for minor participation. Four (4) junior aged players were unable to play on a team for their home region. Speaking with the president for NOMLA there were additional players who's request he did not even bring forward to the TOMBLC for discussion given the previous denial by TOMBLC.

Minor Lacrosse for the area is increasing and U17 teams are growing and increasing, with that the growth and support of junior teams needs to continue. Smaller team sizes, such as South Okanagan and Cranbrook that utilize the development of the U17 players for their Minor teams appear to lead to stronger commitment at the junior levels from the players.

On the floor play was fast this year, with more emphasis on the game rather than the fighting, which was great to see. Less suspensions were issued than in the previous year, a great move forward! Lacrosse is a physical game with big legal hits, the players keeping it within the game play is great to see.

A negative for the season is the failure of the governors/teams to support the officials. Officials are a limited resource in the area, with eight officials for the 70+ games that were played between the Junior and Senior games this season. Many TOJLL games are videoed by the teams and the officials have requested game tape from teams to develop learning and missed calls. This opportunity to develop and increase the skills of the officials is not always supported when the Head Official is not being provided with access to the videos of play. However, the vilification of the officials was shared without hesitancy when errors were made. There is no success in this pathway.

Sitting at a game where not only the officials were being yelled at for a missed call, but I was also yelled at for not “doing something about it”, “not caring about the players on the floor”. This specific situation the official knew that he had missed an action behind the play but could only make a call based on what he saw. What he missed was my son being hit from behind in the back of the head, what he saw and called was the response that got. If team representatives have no hesitancy on projecting disdain on me as commissioner/parent, I understand completely why officials choose not to return when this is projected to them on the floor. Providing video to the referees after games to learn how they can better position themselves during games so that they are not missing crucial interactions. If they happen to see shady things to watch for, we then are producing a better quality of play.

I have stepped down from the role as Commissioner for the TOJLL and I wish them the best of luck in the future.

Heather Davis

Past Commissioner TOJLL

# WestCoast Jr B tier 2

Overall, the 2024 Season was a positive experience for our League. We had nine teams return from the 2023 season. Many teams demonstrated great flexibility and patience by accepting releases and waiting for the trickle down from Junior A and B1. This continues to be the greatest challenge to our league as we wait for players who are on the bubble to either be released or signed. As the B2 League we are the last bastion for some players, and it is unfair to play with their expectations every year while other leagues jockey for position and wait on college returnees.

The regular season was good though there were some challenges. Rescheduled games were a bit of an issue, usually due to a lack of players. We did have a few suspensions from extreme behaviour. Hopefully clubs will look to hold their players accountable and set expectations moving forward.

Congratulations to our playoff teams; Coquitlam Gold, Coquitlam Purple, Valley, and North Shore. WCJLL was represented by Coquitlam Gold and Valley where they took the Gold and Bronze respectively.

This year we held an awards ceremony at Game #2 of the final Championship Series where we recognized outstanding players and volunteers. I want to thank all those who made the trip out to Abbotsford to attend the ceremony and receive their awards in person.

As a special note, the season was preceded by a tragic loss to the lacrosse community. Chris Baker, a player from North Shore, lost his life in an incomprehensible accident. Chris was an incredible young man who embodied the spirit of the game. With the support of the League and Chris's family an award was created to honour him and recognize those who carry the same spirit both in all that they do in the game. The inaugural winner was Zachary Goulet from the Valley Sturgeon as chosen by the North Shore Lacrosse Club and the Baker Family.

Finally I would like to thank to all the Jr B tier 2 Governors, Managers and Coaches for all the work they do.

Thank you to Terry Kirstiuk for his hard work on stats and scheduling.

Thank you to Angie Wolf our Treasurer and Denise Forlin our Secretary.

David Goulet  
West Coast Junior Lacrosse League Commissioner

## Pacific Northwest Junior Lacrosse League Report

The 2024 season, being my first year as commissioner and despite a few bumps plus learning a lot, was overall successful.

6 teams competed in our league this year: Campbell River Ravens, Oceanside Sharks, Nanaimo Timbermen, Cowichan Thunder, Westshore Bears, and Saanich Express. This season was extremely competitive with 6 regular season games ending in a tie and 3 playdown games requiring overtime to determine the winner.

Teams played a total of 15 regular season games each. First round playdowns was a single game elimination with second round and the Island Champion rounds being best of three.

On June 22, the Oceanside Sharks hosted the Annual PNWJLL Allstar game. Each team submitted 6 players and 1 goalie to participate. Everyone involved had a wonderful time in the fun game.

The Saanich Express won the League Championship this past season. They faced the Nanaimo Timbermen for the Island Championship with Nanaimo winning the series in two games.

The Nanaimo Timbermen hosted the Jr. B2 Provincial Tournament from August 2 – 4. The tournament was extremely well planned and executed, with well received Player of the Game awards and tournament awards. All teams received recognition for their hard work and participation. The Bronze medal game was won by the Valley Sturgeon of the West Coast League beating out the Saanich Express. The Gold medal game and Provincial Championship was won by the Coquitlam Adanacs besting the host team, the Nanaimo Timbermen.

We faced a number of challenges this season with limited availability of qualified officials, arenas putting ice in earlier to accommodate hockey, and an increase in travel costs. As a league we are continually looking for solutions to the challenges we face.

Everyone with the PNWJLL is looking forward to another competitive and successful season in 2025.

Thank you

Chris Shortt  
PNWJLL Commissioner





## 2024 – Vice-Chair Senior Box Lacrosse - Year-End Report

Sept. 8, 2024

In my year serving in as vice-chair of senior box lacrosse officiating for the BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group (BCLOTSG), I was again humbled by the amount of work our leadership team has and continues to put in each and every year. Of significant note, there are a number of things emerging and being added to this and other volunteer portfolios that are making it increasingly difficult to fulfill the obligations of the role effectively. Due to demands professionally and with other volunteer commitments, I am not seeking re-election as I don't have the critical time required to be effective in this role. I will, however, be happy to support any incoming vice-char of senior box lacrosse as time allows/permits.

I want to extend particular thanks to Doug Wright who took over from me as chair of officiating – it's a particularly challenging role and Doug has done well to help lead our group. I also extend my thanks to Sean Lehman, the outgoing Vice-Chair, Senior Box Lacrosse, for his efforts in this role before me for six years.

In our third post-pandemic season, we continued to face challenges around staffing. This is going to become even more critical in the years ahead. A shortage of officials – particularly at the L3, L4 and L5 (aka senior) levels – continues to create challenges for allocators, schedulers, officials-in-charge, and organizers from all facets of our game. I'm tremendously proud of the smaller-than-normal group of officials who continue to step up to make sure most games were covered. But we were stretched, leading to burnout, stress, impacts to consistency/quality, and teams seeing the same officials consistently. This is not ideal for the health of our sport.

Speaking with other provinces, I can safely say we continue to manage this challenge with innovation and creative thinking that led to fewer games being cancelled relative to what we saw in other provinces (notably Alberta, Ontario and Quebec). In part, this is due to the incredible efforts of our allocators – Ashley da Silva (Lower Mainland and Interior/Okanagan) and Serena Boyer (Island). We had several long weekends in June and July where we really should have cancelled more games but with creative assigning, we were able to miraculously cover games. We were forced to reschedule only eight games (primarily Junior B Tier 2 on the mainland) provincewide (and with minimal impact to travel teams as promised in Whistler). We also only had to reschedule one game in North Shore this season which is a massive improvement on the 10 rescheduled in 2023.

As noted in my chair report last season, we continue to need a long-term solution for referee recruitment and retention. Abuse continues to plague our indoor game, and we also face a labour-market challenge in retaining officials who are lured away by jobs with higher pay, less abuse and more flexibility in hours. Referees are also in a position now where they are trying to create balance in the summer with year-round lacrosse officiating creating the need to recharge during the summer. We continue to seek long- term solutions focussed on ongoing improvements to pay, travel, scheduling and accountability for abusive coaches.

Pay, in particular, is something we're going to need to enhance to continue to keep officials in a spot to prioritize officiating over other hobbies/activities.



While referees are the only people in the sport receiving compensation, this is consistent with what we see in other sports; however, lacrosse officials continue to fall behind what we see in other indoor contact sports and we need to do a full review and adjust to match what we see elsewhere and build in increases to remain competitive. Alberta and Ontario offer compensation gains through travel that helps to bolster game fees. We are still lagging far behind other jurisdictions in this regard.

To help the senior officials pool to grow, we need to work effectively on a graduation program for top-end minor box lacrosse officials. A regional approach (similar to Ontario's Qualifier program) should be considered between Western provinces (B.C, Alberta and Saskatchewan, possibly Manitoba) and venues could rotate (B.C. in Year 1, Alberta in Year 2, Saskatchewan in Year 3) at major tournaments (think the Wingrove) – you could include three-ref mechanics here and on-floor sessions leading into the events. I believe this is crucial to long-term recruitment and retention and I'll be putting a funding proposal together for discussion at the AGM in the recruitment/retention session.

I'm proud of our representation of officials at the national level. I'd like to publicly acknowledge our senior box lacrosse officials for national, international and major events in 2024:

- Mann Cup – Lee Brien, Tim Carlton
- Minto Cup – Cameron Anderson, Nico Beaudoin, Riley Lo, Nick Thomas, Ryan White (OIC Andy Watson)
- President's Cup – Vince Burelle, Nathan Chiasson, Nicholas dos Santos, Jason Syrotuck, Braden Wilkins (OIC Sean Lehman)
- Founders Cup – Josh Beauregard

I'm also proud to note B.C. had the most representation nationwide at national and world lacrosse events in box lacrosse this year (for the World Box Lacrosse Championships in Utica in September, we had 13 officials selected to represent the province on floor: Cameron Anderson, Vincent Burelle, Nathan Chiasson, Nicholas Dos Santos, Keith Gagne, Jacoby Krassman, Angie Reid, Jason Syrotuck, Nick Thomas, Ryan White, and Braden Wilkins (Ashley da Silva and Riley Lo had to decline due to work), and I was named as a deputy official-in-charge with the leadership group.

For 2025, I recommend the following focus areas for the new vice-chair of senior officiating:

- **Retention of officials:** pay, travel and recognition will be focal points.
- **Recruitment of new officials to senior lacrosse:** in particular, how do we recruit adults graduating from senior leagues to be able to help support us (can move them into Senior C and top minor more quickly than a teenager given their transferrable work skills and game-understanding).
- **Recruitment of female, Indigenous officials:** With the growth of the women's game at the international level, we are lacking a pathway for female officials to be successful and must create a plan. We also lack Indigenous officials in our sport and must look at finding ways to recruit and retain officials who identify those officials.
- **Year-round education:** focus on influencing at the national level on training, educational and information resources; enhancing our clinic for L3-5 referees in indoor/outdoor lacrosse.



- **Centralized provincial assigning:** There needs to be better alignment with all leagues year-round to help with assigning. There were some gains made this year but a new assigning software (Ramp) took away the ability to do this effectively with many gaps found in the software.
- **Professional development and recognition:** We must build more reciprocal relationships with non-BCLA leagues to allow for long-term officials – this includes the ALL, World Lacrosse, the National Lacrosse League, US Lacrosse and the National Collegiate Box Lacrosse League. These leagues offer year-round development opportunities which can benefit our officials and give them additional exposure and opportunity for recognition outside of B.C.

A special thanks to Deb, Dave, and Jill at the BCLA Office (along with Shannon who was great in her short time in her role). We are incredibly grateful for the support and coordination from our PSO team. Like the volunteer portfolios building up, the office has way more on their plate (this will continue to shift in years ahead as the Olympics are on the horizon). The office could use additional staffing support and I am hopeful there are funding opportunities to assist them in this regard. We could benefit from oversight of administrative tasks (more hands on support at weekend clinics; payment collection; support with systems etc...) but the staff is already stretched too far and it would be unfair of us to ask for additional support. Next time you see these folks, say thank you. They are critical to the functionality of our group.

I'm looking forward to seeing some new ideas and momentum come to fruition for the 2025 senior box lacrosse season with a new vice-chair of senior; I will be there to support them in transition.

I am confident in the leadership group that will be in place to continue to move things forward. In particular, since taking on this role, I'd like to thank Doug again for his advice, patience, guidance and candor.

Yours in lacrosse,

Andy Watson, Vice-Chair, Senior Box Lacrosse, BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group

Hello

My first year in the VC-Sr role was very quiet; there were no hearings for coaches during this time. I want to thank those who helped me to familiarize myself with the required duties during this time. I do look forward to opportunities to become more involved and helpful in dealing with Sr Directorate coaches in the next year.

Thank you

Dan Chetner  
BCLCG Vice Chair-Senior