

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Office – Sherwood Park - September 16-17, 2017

**Minutes**

**Attendance** - Kim Natt, Val Miles, Mike Wood, Evelyn Hamilton, Donna Haggstrom, Mike Groves, Dane Dobbie, Andrew McBride, Sean Yeaman, Rioth Jomha, Frank Natt, Greg Hartzler, Rob Matsuoka, Pauline Hughes, Sean Aggus, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Move 2018 Provincial dates and location to 9.d)
  - Add 8. g) Camp Sanctioning

**MOTION** by Evelyn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val

To approve the amended agenda

**SO CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val

To approve the minutes as presented

**SO CARRIED**

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes
6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees
  - a) President
    - Successful year on the floor with Midgets winning Gold at Midget Nationals and the Senior Miners willing Presidents for a second year in a row
    - Hoping upcoming proposed changes will lead to more successes
  - b) Past President
  - c) VP of Administration
    - Financial the ALA is above the proposed budget which is good financially but not for programming
    - ALA pulled back some projects when registration numbers were looking low
    - There are liability issues when ALA Bylaws, policies and regulations are not followed
    - Decisions cannot be made via text as there is not record
    - Looking at ALA employees be home based
    - All ALA Members must be Body Corporate by next AGM
  - d) VP of Provincial and National Competition
    - As presented in package
  - e) VP of Organizational Development
    - CLA meetings were informative
    - ALA is gaining a social media presence but more work is needed
  - f) VP of Technical Development
    - Tyke Novice Festival is a developmental priority
    - All kids need to play more – start and end dates of season need to be promoted

- Lacrosse in Alberta seems to be an activity rather than a sport – more commitment is required
- g) President of ALRA
  - 500 plus officials registered but number of assignments vary greatly
  - Some RMLL officials will not be returning
  - Assistance is required to recruit in rural areas
  - Alberta officials had a good showing at National Championships
  - ALRA made an effort to reduce mileage for the leagues
- h) President of GELC
  - As presented
  - Parent liaisons was a good initiative and will be shared with other leagues
- i) President of CALL
  - Novice and Pee Wee's played off on one weekend
  - Looking at assisting struggling areas
- j) President of CDLA
  - Bearspaw Nation is to join CDLA
  - Like skilled Novice groups worked well
- k) President of SALA
  - Sean and Joanne were new for 2017
  - Issues with Novice place and push interpretation
  - Would support only 3-5 coaching clinics per year in the province
- l) President of Wheatland
  - Attempting to grown new centers
  - Affiliations at provincials would assist rural areas
  - Looking at restructuring to assist retention
- m) President of RMLL
  - Miners are back to back champions at Presidents Cup
- n) President of Masters
  - No report
- o) President of Field
  - Numbers decreased in a few associations
  - Looking at league play as there were too many field days in 2017
  - There are many competing programs during field season
  - AFLA focusing on Women's Field growth
  - Exploring school program and teacher conventions
- 7. Old Business
  - a) Marketing Plan
    - SLA Marketing planned shared which ALA Could tweak
    - ALA BOD initiatives need to be pushed down to the club and then down to the coaches and players
    - The ALA BOD need to be unified to support programs
    - ALA needs to create more partnerships with other sport organization and community groups
    - ALA needs to promote lacrosse FITS as the school program
    - Ethnic minorities are difficult due to cultural differences
  - b) Retention Committee

- March meeting three (3) people showed up and all LGB's were to be represented
- Requests for a follow up meeting resulted in non-responses from the group
- Move to a smaller committee
- c) Lawsuit
  - As per Greg H report
- d) Body Corporate
  - Missing Rockyview, Okotoks Minor, Strathmore, CALL, Red Deer, Lacoka, Blackfalds, Stettler, Brooks, Wheatland, St Albert Crude, Senior B Mountaineers, Okotoks Major, Calgary Chill, Edmonton Bandits, Calgary Cougars, Calgary Irish, St Albert Drillers, Lloydminster Xtreme, Vermilion Senior, Edmonton Jr A Blues, Triads, Razorbacks, Chaos, Calgary Masters, Edmonton Masters, Masters LGB

**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim

ALA Members have until October 31, 2017 to provide proof of filing of a Body Corporate to be eligible to vote at the 2017 ALA AGM. If current proof of filing is not provided by the 2018 ALA AGM, the Members will be deemed a non-member.

**SO CARRIED**

- Opinion from broker on ALA BOD Liability
- e) Minto Cup Hosting
  - Minto Cup August 16-26, 2018 - Max Bell Arena
  - Two (2) Calgary teams are co-hosting; ground work has been done by the ALA
  - Need the ALA Membership to promote and attend
  - Midget Nationals August 12-19, 2018 – Max Bell Arena
  - U19 Women's Field Invitational August 17-19, 2018 – South Soccer Centre
  - This will be a showcase of lacrosse in Alberta
- f) Tyke Novice Festival Review
  - Timing and “Didn't Know” were common reasons for not attending
  - The goal is to watch novice teams all year and then place them in a competitive division so the season ends on a good note
  - LGB Presidents, Clubs, and Coaches – all need to promote
  - There are opportunities for coach mentorship at the event
  - This will be added to the registration of all Tyke and Novice players with start and end dates of the season
- 8. New Business
  - a) James McFall Recipient
  - b) Ekke Loo Award
  - c) Award for Volunteer 2017
  - d) ALA AGM Breakout Meetings
    - CAC, social Media, Communication, Provincials, LTAD, Body Corporate – Mavis, Discipline and Appeals, Registration, LTAD, Tournaments, Checking Clinic, Team Alberta
  - e) ALRA
    - ALA is looking at creating a staff position to assist the ALRA with administration
    - The staff would assist officials as players and coaches are supported by ALA
    - Assistance with setting up clinics, registration, etc.
    - Preference would be a high level official for the position

- ALRA would still be represented on the ALA BOD
- f) ALA Staff
  - An additional three (3) staff to be hired to provide more assistance in the rural areas
  - Andrew would become Manager of Development, with a north and south technical director under him as well as the manager of officiating
  - The goal is for all ALA members to receive the same concise message in player, coach, and player development
  - This will allow more contact with the grassroots
  - Andrew will be able to focus on Lacrosse TV
- g) Camp Sanctioning
  - Communication or sanctioning issue?
- 9. Policy Change Recommendations
  - a) ALA Bylaws

**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val  
 To approve the amended Bylaws  
**SO CARRIED**

b) ALA Policies  
**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dane  
 To approve the amended policies  
**SO CARRIED**

c) ALA Regulations

- ALA office to collect the requested number of games for a tournament vs requested number of games for 2018
- Checking clinics to be held
- All tournaments will be qualifiers for provincials; all rules will be as per ALA provincial regulations
- Alberta Summer Games July 19-22

**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Y  
 TO approve the amended Regulations  
**SO CARRIED**

- BOD who are Officials requested to leave meeting

**MOTION** by Dane; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank  
 To approve the officials' rates as recorded in the book which is approximately a 10% increase. Assigning fee is reduces to \$3.  
**SO CARRIED**  
 GELC Opposed

- Rates should be reviewed annually

**MOTION** by Pauline; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank  
28.05.04 add – Mileage is not paid in the officials’ urban center  
**SO CARRIED**

- BOD who are Officials returned to meeting
- ALA Office to provide an example of urban center
- d) 2018 Provincial Dates and Location
  - All provincials held in Calgary at the South Soccer Centre, hosted by ALA July 6-8

10. Financial Review

- a) 2016-17 Financial Review
  - 633 K in assets; 182 K in liabilities
  - New restriction of funds of 15K for Minto Cup travel
  - Team Alberta admin errors over past years is approximately 15K
  - Statements from Accountant will be very close to these provided to BOD

**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rieth  
To accept the Financial Report as presented  
**SO CARRIED**

- b) 2017-18 Budget Approval
  - RMLL concerned with fee increase for major box
  - Rieth left meeting at 10:50 am Sunday and 5:30 pm on Saturday
  - Lisa will investigate getting out of office lease
  - ASG Zone representatives required asap

**MOTION** by Sean A; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Y  
Adopt RAMP Interactive as the ALA Registration System for all ALA Members  
**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Greg H; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank  
To approve the Budget as presented  
**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Evelyn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean A  
28.05.03e) Referee In Chief hourly fee will be bench marked to the tyke game fee rate.

**SO CARRIED**

4 Abstained

11. Review of Action Items

Message to ALA Members	ASG Zone representatives
Investigate getting out of lease	Example of Urban Centre

Switch registration program	Job descriptions and postings
Notify Members of Body Corporate requirement	Revise Retention Committee
Opinion on liability as relates to not complying with body corporate	NEW Tournament Form
Notify members of policy changes	NEW Volunteer Award

12. Next Meeting

13. Adjournment

**MOTION** by Sean A; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val

To adjourn

**SO CARRIED**

- Sportzsoft and Ramp will be notified ASAP
- BOD Message to be sent to members in two weeks of changes followed by Bylaw, Policy and Regulation changes
- Information from BOD meetings is to be confidential until that time