

**ALA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes–February 22, 2015**  
**Delta Bow Valley – Calgary**

**1. Call to Order 9:15 am**

**2. Introductions** – Greg Hartzler, Val Miles, Sean Aggus, Donna Haggstrom, Lorae Couchman, Mel DeGirolamo, Rioth Jomha, Al Liddiard, Ekke Loo, Greg Hart, Pauline Hughes, Greg Lintz, Lisa Grant

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

- Add 8. New Business l) Aaron Bold; m) 2015 Tournaments; n) Men’s Field and Women’s Field Chair appointment; o) Mavericks
- Add 10. Policy Changes a) Regulation Changes – Regulation 30.04

**MOTION** by Greg Hartzler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ekke

To approve amended agenda

**SO CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of the Prior Minutes**

**MOTION** by Greg Hartzler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ekke

To approve minutes of November 9, 2014 as presented

**SO CARRIED**

**5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes**

- In agenda

**6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees**

**a) President**

- o Greg is on CLA Equipment Review committee; Greg will be attending CLA Meetings in May; Executive has hired a Technical Director

**b) Past President**

**c) VP of Administration**

- o 7 applicants for Technical Director were received; narrowed to top 4 for interviews; then to top two resulting in Andrew McBride being hired; there are registration issues that will be discussed later in agenda; Begg final appeal letter was sent
- o Lisa to create a [coach@albertalacrosse.com](mailto:coach@albertalacrosse.com) email

**d) VP of Provincial and National Competition**

- o Team Alberta coaches have been selected – Junior Ladies is Kevin Murray; Midget Female is Glen Roberts; Bantam Female is Jordan Cornfield; Pee Wee is Gord Henry and Dave Welton; Bantam is Gord

Henry; Midget – tbd; Senior Ladies – tbd; U15 Field is Jim Weller; a press release will be coming out this week

- Pauline to create a FAQ for Team Alberta to be circulated

**e) VP of Organizational Development**

- Greg has been working with NOCP to revise program; looking at the international development of officials

**f) VP of Technical Development**

**g) President of ALRA**

- Numbers are down except for SALA; want arbiter used in all of Alberta; an accelerated program is required to progress officials quicker to higher levels of officiating; uber clinic is March 13

**h) President of SALA**

- As presented

**i) President of CDLA**

- So far numbers look to be increasing; novice development weekend will be held; Canada Day will all be at the South Soccer Centre

**j) President of CALL**

- Sylvan Lake is currently at 138 registrants for its first year; referee info sessions will be held at eye opener; Red Deer to share the slide show they use with other LGB's

**k) President of GELC**

- Floor costs are increasing by 24%; there are issues with Major lacrosse working with the GELC to keep an arena open in August;
- Lisa to set up Teleconference with Donna, Sean, Rioth, Christine, Lisa and Greg L to resolve this issue

**l) President of Wheatland**

- Andrew is visiting March 6; issues with Cold Lake and Bonnyville remaining together; Lac La Biche may wish to join Wheatland

**m) President of RMLL**

- there are financial issues with Senior B teams but these issues are being resolved; Tomahawks have moved under the Warriors

**n) President of Masters**

- Calgary Tournament permit and check needs to be submitted; issues with the new facility and the City of Calgary

**7. Old Business**

**a) Heretics Committee Update**

- Duane and Greg Hart were to outline the process to follow but they have not met to discuss; the composition of the committee with representation from the LGB's needs to be formed

- LGB's are to supply names for the committee and original members of Heretics committee should be included
- Duane and Greg are to create a document to recruit the appropriate volunteer for the committee; volunteers need to be in contact with the grassroots;
- Cost of the parity plus model needs to be included for the 2015 AGM presentation
- Some aspects such as coaching, officiating and leadership can be implemented now

**b) ALA Technical Director** – Andrew McBride hired

**c) Field as an LGB**

- As an LGB field lacrosse will be given more attention and have co-ordinated efforts to develop the discipline; bylaws and regulations need to be developed;
- GELC will not support field as an LGB
- Draft of bylaws will be shared for input
- ALA BOD directed the field LGB in March of 2014

**d) BOD Disclosures** – all received

## **8. New Business**

**a) Presidents Cup Bid 2016**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al

To accept the Miners bid to host Presidents Cup 2016

**SO CARRIED**

Rioth Abstained

**b) Alberta Sport Connection Conference April 23-25**

- Lisa and Andrew to attend

**c) ALA Registration 2015**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Add Regulation 9.06 Minor Box registration shall not close before the last day of February of any given season.

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

Amend 9.02 Major Box Lacrosse Teams cannot register more than twenty five (25) and not less than twelve (12) players.

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al

Add Regulation 9.03 Minor Box Teams cannot register more than twenty (18 players and 2 goalies) and not less than twelve (12) players.

**SO CARRIED**

Lorae Opposed

- Re-number regulations accordingly

**d) Mandating Sportzsoft Registration**

**MOTION** by Greg Hartzler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pauline

Commencing the 2016 season, ALA will move to centralized registration for all ALA Members.

**SO CARRIED**

Ekke and Sean Abstained

- A Presentation of Logistics will be given at September BOD meeting

**e) Wheatland Xtreme Membership**

**MOTION** by Mel; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

The team cannot use the name "Wheatland" as Wheatland is a governing body.

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Greg Hartzler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

The Team is granted ALA Membership contingent on the Tier 2 commissioner approving the name for the team.

**SO CARRIED**

**f) Vimy Teams travelling at provincials**

- Vimy are not Members of the ALA; there are regulations to deal with teams not attending provincials; ALA coaches could be sanctioned
- ALA BOD will monitor situation

**g) ALRA recruitment of officials for provincials**

- 45 officials will be required in Grande Prairie; it will be difficult to find officials with the conflict of RMLL games and the willingness to travel;
- ALRA to look into hiring BCLA officials
- Possibly add a professional development aspect to provincials; charter a bus
- Notify Grande Prairie to recruit officials

**h) ALA Strategic Plan 2016 onward**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Hartzler

To move \$20,000 from staff budget to Strategic plan in this fiscal year

**SO CARRIED**

- Judy Sutcliff will be considered for a facilitator
- Heretics committee to be included in group
- Look at Sept 19-20 for Strategic Plan and Oct 3-4 for ALA BOD

**i) CLA Meeting attendance**

- o Greg L, Lisa, Andrew, Will and Lesley will attend

**j) Transfer of players between LGB's**

- o Assure ALA transfer forms are complete

**k) ALRA 2015 loan**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ekke

To provide a \$50,000 loan to the ALRA for the 2015 season contingent on the ALRA providing the ALA reviewed financials for the 2014 season.

**SO CARRIED**

Greg Hartzler Opposed

- o ALRA needs to hire a bookkeeper

**l) Aaron Bold**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Hartzler

To place Aaron Bold in bad standing until the outstanding funds are paid to GELC

**SO CARRIED**

Pauline Abstained

**m) 2015 Tournaments** – no issues in sanctioning all tournament requests

**n) Men's Field and Women's Field Chair Appointments**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

To appoint Will Hamilton as the Men's Field Committee Chair and Lesley Hawke as the Women's Field Chair

**SO CARRIED**

**o) Mavericks**

- o Sanctioned by Olds and Innisfail in the past; they cannot hold players back from Team Alberta; other issues of telling players that they cannot play A is an LGB issue

**9. Financial Review** – as per handout

**10. Policy Change Recommendations**

**a) Regulation Changes**

**- Regulation 8.05**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ekke

**8.05 Playing in a Higher Age Division as Affiliates**

Until a Player's regular season, playoff, and Provincial commitment to his/her team is completed, no player may play more than four (4) lacrosse games in a higher age

division without the prior approval of the LGB or the ALA. In the event that this Regulation is breached, the responsibility for the breach is that of the head coach of the higher team and the minimum penalty is a three (3) game suspension for the Head Coach.

**SO CARRIED**

**- Regulation 9**

**MOTION** by Greg Hartzler; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorae

**9.09** The mandatory fields for all registrations are: first name, last name, DOB, address, city, player postal code, province, sex, home phone or cell number and primary e-mail address. This is for all executive, bench personnel, and players.

**9.10** The fine for each missing mandatory field will be \$25.00. The fine is invoiced per player per missing field to a maximum of \$500 per ALA Member at the ALA discretion.

**SO CARRIED**

Sean Opposed

**- Regulation 14**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorae

**14.07** No team associated with a club that is part of the ALA may play or participate outside the jurisdiction of the ALA without first obtaining permission. Permission is obtained by acquiring a Travel Permit from the ALA. No ALA team is permitted to purchase independent insurance and travel outside the jurisdiction of the ALA.

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel

**14.08** Travel permits may not be issued for age divisions with players eligible to tryout for TEAM ALBERTA on a Team Alberta tryout weekends

**SO CARRIED**

- Team Alberta weekends to be listed on tournament schedule

**- Regulation 15**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

**15.02** The Tournament Permit Request must be submitted to the ALA Office prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>

**15.03** The host organization of any tournament shall, within 48 hours of the end of its tournament, file with the ALA office and its Local Governing Body a report outlining any discipline problems, accompanied by the corresponding game sheet (if applicable) which resulted in 5 minute penalties and any suspensions of any official, player, coach, manager or other person. Tournament discipline is to be supplied on discipline template provided to discipline chair. Failure to supply discipline reports will result in a \$500 fine to the host organization. If the suspended official, player, coach, manager or other person is not a member of or subject to the jurisdiction of such Local Governing Body (i.e. a visiting

team from another LGB or MA) the Local Governing body shall within 48 hours of receipt of such report forward a copy of same to such suspended parties Local Governing Body or equivalent authority which has jurisdiction over such suspended official, player, coach, manager or other person.

**15.04** All tournaments are to have a Discipline Chair and Referee In Chief.  
**SO CARRIED**

- Renumber balance of regulation 15
- Lisa advise Field groups to submit field day requests by March 15

**- Regulation 16**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

- 16.01** (b) the team has not complied with CLA Policy on coaching certification applicable to the Competition.  
(c) the team has not complied with the CLA Policy on CCES (Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport) training.

**SO CARRIED**

**- Regulation 17**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel

**REGULATION 17 – BIDS FOR MAJOR BOX NATIONALS**

**17.01** In Major Box, the bids for hosting CLA National and International Competitions shall be submitted to the RMLL and one shall be chosen by the RMLL prior to January 31, of the year prior to the competition. The RMLL's choice of the successful bid shall be forwarded to the VP of Provincial and National Competition together with all bid materials for ratification or otherwise by February 15, of the year prior to the competition. The VP of Provincial and National Competition will forward to ALA Board of Directors for ratification.

**SO CARRIED**

**- Regulation 27.02.1**

**MOTION** by Lorae; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

**27.02.1** All teams participating in Provincial Championships must be registered with the ALA. The rosters for the Provincial Championship will be those that are registered with the ALA, as per the ALA registration system. All changes to the ALA rosters must be submitted 72 hrs prior to the first game of the applicable Provincial Championship at which time the rosters are frozen.

**SO CARRIED**

**- Regulation 28.01.3**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorae

**28.01.3** Member teams wishing to participate in Provincial tournaments **MUST** register using the "Provincial Invitational Participation Form" to

participate along with a \$200.00 Provincial Invitational intent fee per team by July 15. Out of Province teams will submit a \$400 fee. If the Member team fails to provide representation at the Provincial Invitational Tournament then the intent fee will be forfeited.

**SO CARRIED**

**- Regulation 30.05.01**

**MOTION** by Ekke; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean

30.05.01 The ALRA invoices LGB's for officials the LGB is required to remit, to the ALRA, a 50% deposit of officiating fees (based on the league schedule submitted to the ALA) within 1 week of the start of the season. The remaining 50% is due 30 days after the start of the season. Any reconciliation of officiating expenses including but not limited to playoffs, travel, assigning fees, and per diem will invoice to the LGB within 30 days of the conclusion of the season. The invoice will be due to the ALRA within 30 days of receipt of the ALRA's final invoice.

**TABLED**

- If ALRA does not pay Wheatland officials in a timely manner then Wheatland will pay officials. If they are paid, in a timely manner, Wheatland will provide ALRA a check in September.

**11. Review of Action Items**

Lisa Create <a href="mailto:coaching@albertalacrosse.com">coaching@albertalacrosse.com</a> email	RMLL/GELC/ALA teleconference to resolve major floor time issue within the week
Pauline create a TA FAQ to circulate	Greg Hart and Duane create a recruitment letter for LGB volunteers on heretics committee
Greg L and Greg Hart to create a draft for mass email to recruit and retain officials	Registration presentation for September BOD meeting
ALRA to Create a FAQ sheet to circulate	Lisa Book Strategic Planning and Sept BOD meeting weekends
RMLL directly approach JR A and JR B players to officiate	Lisa Book CLA meeting travel
Red Deer share officials slide show presentation	Lisa add blackout dates for Tournament spreadhseet
Lisa advise field groups to submit field day requests by March 15 due to regulation change	

**12. Next Meeting – September or October**



**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Sean; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel

To Adjourn

**SO CARRIED**