

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sherwood Park – October 5-6, 2019

Attendance – Rob Matsuoka, Duane Bratt, Weston Kendall, Frank Natt, Kevin Murray, Sean Yeaman, Sean Aggus, Mike Groves, Kim Smyth, Paul Rai, Don Payne, Shawn Cable, Jesse Fehr, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9:06 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Mike

To approve the agenda with 5.a) ALA Accounts Receivable; 7. g) ALRA/ALA Agreement; h) Commissioners at Nationals; i) Presidents Cup travel fund; j) Minor Box Provincial location and date

SO CARRIED

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Frank

To approve the prior minutes as presented

SO CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes

- a) ALA Accounts Receivable

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Frank

To place the following ALA Members in bad standing until the invoices are paid in full - Beaumont Raiders; Calgary Irish; Camrose Lacrosse; Claresholm Lacrosse; Crowsnest Lacrosse; SALA

SO CARRIED

Sean Yeaman is unable to vote at the ALA BOD meetings until the SALA invoice is paid in full

- b) GELC Major Box Committee

- This committee was struck earlier this year but has not met; there are issues with retention from minor to major; relationships in North teams; lack of alignment between clubs; survey should be sent to all junior player and graduating midgets to determine why they are not playing at the highest level and why they quit

TASK – Sean, Duane and ALA Office will create a survey for junior and graduating midgets to gain insight into issues; Major teams' coaches and club executives will be surveyed as well to determine perceived issues in major lacrosse

- c) RMLL circulate alcohol policy – complete
 - d) RMLL communicate affiliation process - complete
 - e) Regulation changes as per minutes – complete
 - f) “Sanction” pending legal advice – Strategic Planning recommendation
6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees
- a) President
 - As per ALA BOD package
 - There will be no further exceptions to ALA bylaws, Regulation and Policies. LGB Presidents need to deal with local issues and support the direction of the ALA BOD.
 - b) Director of Administration
 - Erin to provide tomorrow
 - c) Director of High Performance
 - As per ALA BOD package
 - d) Director of Marketing and Communication
 - No report
 - e) Director of Technical Development
 - As per ALA BOD package

TASK – ALA AGM to have a breakout regarding developing a developmental pathway for the selection of officials to national competition.

- f) President of ALRA
 - Raymond officiated the Gold game as Presidents Cup; Joe did the first two games of the final round at the Minto Cup;
 - There are scheduling issues that result in excess mileage charges; monthly bills to the LGB’s would be beneficial; leagues have concerns of double dipping; concerns with conflict of interest in game assignments;
 - ALRA feels a contract would improve relationship with ALA
 - ALRA needs to respond to concerns more quickly and meet deadlines

TASK – ALRA is to provide detailed travel invoices that cross reference leagues

TASK – ALA/ALRA meeting at ALA AGM to discuss improving the relationship; both parties must have their decision makers in attendance

- g) President of GELC
 - No report, to be provided at AGM
 - Many new presidents and will have arena issues in 2020
- h) President of CALL
 - As per ALA BOD package

- i) President of CDLA
 - No report, to be provided at the AGM
 - ALA/CDLA collaborative meetings are beneficial
 - CDLA looking at running a development program over winter
- j) President of SALA
 - Brooks suspended a coach for 4 years for referee abuse
 - Claresholm and Nanton combined in 2019; Nanton will be a new club for 2020
- k) President of Wheatland
 - As per ALA BOD package
 - Lloyminster is growing; cross over weekend with SALA beneficial
- l) President of RMLL
 - As per ALA BOD package
 - RAMP worked better in 2019 for players
 - Social Media issues in 2019 – negative attention to lacrosse rather than positive
- m) President of Masters
 - As per ALA BOD package
- n) President of Field
 - As per ALA BOD package
 - AFLA focused on having a presence in the community
 - Moving to league play on 2020 and having a senior program

7. New Business

- a) Registration inconsistencies for Head Coach votes at ALA AGM

MOTION by Mike; 2nd by Kim

Votes for the ALA AGM will only be permitted as per ALA Bylaws. Head coaches must be duly registered

(42) “Voting Member” means any amateur lacrosse team within the boundaries of the ALA represented by its’ registered Head Coach as per the ALA registration system.

SO CARRIED

- b) What Not to Yell
 - Session will be held at ALA AGM for information purposes of Members
- c) Strategic Plan

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Don

To approve the ALA Strategic Plan Framework as presented

SO CARRIED

- d) Canada Games
 - The pool of coaches for the Midget and Midget Female team has been determined due the coaching level required and commitment to the program; a pre-event will be ran in 2020 followed by the Canada Games in 2021
- e) ALA break out meetings
 - Safe Sport; Strategic Planning; Midget A league; Female Box Lacrosse; Engaging Female athletes; Coaching
 - Send further ideas to the ALA office
- f) James Mc Fall and Ekke Loo Awards
 - There were no nominations for the James MC Fall award

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Sean A

To accept the nomination of Melinda Campbell to receive the Ekke Loo award

SO CARRIED

- g) ALRA/ALA agreement
 - ALRA looking for ALRA Executive Director funded by the ALA and LGB's; Tournament definition; revised regulation for selection of officials to attend Nationals; new policy on Referee fee increases

TASK - ALA BOD needs to support all decisions of the ALA BOD and communicate decisions in a positive manner

- h) RMLL Commissioners to Nationals

TASK – Lisa and Christine to Develop a job description for ALA Representatives at National Competition. This is to include selection process of representative if the representative is not the commissioner as well as the cost sharing between ALA and RMLL. Once complete this job description is the be sent to Jesse Rob and Duane to approve.

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Duane

The ALA and RMLL will cost share the RMLL commissioners attending National competitions as the ALA representatives. The collaboration will reflect the guidelines established as per the above task.

SO CARRIED

i) Presidents Cup travel fund

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Kim

The ALA Presidents Cup travel funds will be provided if the team attending is over 150 km from the competition in 2020.

SO CARRIED

j) Minor Box Provincials

MOTION by Jesse; 2nd by Don

To hold the 2020 Minor Box Provincials and David Fehr Classic in Calgary at the South Soccer Centre July 9 – 12

SO CARRIED

TASK – Define volunteer roles and post on Sign up genius

8. Policy Change Recommendations

a) Bylaws

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Don

To approve the bylaw amendments as presented

SO CARRIED

b) Regulations

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Mike

To accept the regulation amendments as presented with the exception of the ones removed for further discussion as per below

SO CARRIED

TASK – to update 18.02 and 29.06.1 with World Lacrosse current rules

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Frank

5.04.4 Overaged players are not permitted to participate in provincials/tournaments unless the player has approval by the ALA Executive by May 15. Leagues approving overaged players MUST have parents sign a waiver and witnessed by a league representative confirming they understand participation in tournaments and provincials is prohibited.

SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA office to determine the process for approval.

MOTION by Jesse; 2nd by Sean A
Delete 5.05 and approved 5.05.1 amendment as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Duane; 2nd by Kim
To accept Regulation 19 amendment as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Frank
27.02.2 Teams may affiliate to a maximum of 15 players and 2 goalies. Any affiliate goaltenders must be dressed as goaltenders, on the bench, and will only be eligible to participate as a goaltender during Provincials. Teams may carry a maximum of two goalies. ALL affiliates must be drawn from the same club and in a lower division or lower tiered team in the applicable division competing. Tyke teams are permitted to affiliate first year aged tyke players.
27.02.3 Clubs teams without a division below may affiliate to another team in their Local Governing Body. Players may not be affiliated if a conflict with their normal team exists. All players' first obligation is to their regular club team.
SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA office to work on wording for clubs with no team to affiliate to if all teams attending provincials

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Sean A
ALA office to revise all Box, Men's Field and Women's to be consistent with player eligibility and affiliations
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Duane; 2nd by Kim
To accept 30.02 amendment as presented
TABLED

TASK – Duane to go back to Junior B Tier 1 division to confirm they are willing to pay for the tournament style provincial if approved

MOTION by Wes; 2nd by Sean A
To accept 31.06.04 c) and d) amendment as presented
TABLED

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Sean A

31.08 ALRA Officials Travel

31.08.01 The Officials Travel Permit Request must be filed with the ALA Office for any official travelling outside the jurisdiction of the ALA a minimum of 15 days prior to the departure date.

31.08.02 Approval or disapproval will be given within 7 days after the travel permit has been received. Assigning to ALA games takes precedent over officials travel outside of province. Major lacrosse playoff weekends are a black out period for officials travel.

31.08.03 When an Official applies for a travel permit the Executive Director verifies with ALRA President the Officials credentials and registration is in order. If everything is in order, the Executive Director, then gives conditional approval. The Director of Development then sanctions the travel permit. If the Director has any issues, they must refer the issue to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

31.08.04 Any official traveling without proper authorization, or valid travel permit will be subject to an automatic one year suspension.

31.08.05 All Officials from other Member Associations must receive permission from their Member Associations' Executive Director.

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Don

To accept 31.09 amendment as written

TABLED

c) Policies

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Don

10.02 Non-sanctioned lacrosse events within Alberta may not be communicated and/or advertised by the ALA and ALA members. Violations will be subjected to an automatic fine of \$250.

SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA office to look into lacrosse schools to be included in the ALA Membership

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Sean A

The camp sanction fee will be \$100 per camp

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Wes; 2nd by Frank

To accept Policy 16 amendments as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Frank

To accept Policy 17 amendments as presented with the exception of changing “must” to “may” in 17.03.3 and 17.02.3

SO CARRIED

9. Financial Review/Budget

- Greg Hartzler called in to answer questions as it related to the Statement of Financial position

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Don

To approve the budget with reducing U19 Women’s field host by \$9650; legal fees by \$5000; and increase the ALA Registration fee for all roles by \$5.00

The budget amount with out Team Alberta is -\$181781.12

SO CARRIED

Duane Opposed

Sean A abstained

MOTION by Sean Y; 2nd by Kim

To Un-restrict the 200K and move the 200k to a safe investment opportunity

SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA Office and Director of Administration look into options of investments

10. Next Meeting

- November 22nd at 6 pm

11. Adjournment

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Mike

To adjourn

SO CARRIED