

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Calgary, AB – January 18, 2020

Sheraton Eau Claire – 9 am

Attendance – Raymond McCarthy, Mike Groves, Kevin Murray, Duane Bratt, Darrel Knight, Don Payne, Frank Natt, Kim Smyth, Donna Haggstrom, Sean Aggus, Deb Rhodes, Rob Matsuoka, Jesse Fehr, Shawn Cable, Sean Yeaman, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9:03 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Don P; 2nd by Mike G

To approve the agenda with the additions

8. a) ALRA regulation

7.f) Tournament Sanction

SO CARRIED

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

MOTION by Sean A 2nd by Mike G

To adopt the prior minutes as presented

SO CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes

a) “Sanction” pending legal advice – Strategic Planning recommendation

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Don

To accept the new Policy 10 Advertising and Promotions Policy as presented

SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA office to create an approved list and circulate to ALA BOD

b) Questionnaire for junior and midget players – complete

- Coaching rated fairly well; referees did not receive a great review; playing with friends still important; knowledge of draft and vertical alignment is low

TASK – Jesse, Shawn, and Duane will form a committee to look at the detailed survey results and report back to the ALA BOD next meeting

c) ALRA to provide detailed travel invoices with cross referencing leagues

TASK – ALRA to supply by next meeting

- d) ALA ALRA developmental pathway for officials to Nationals
- ALA and ALRA met at AGM; a follow up meeting will be set for February;
 - Issues are broader than just referees to Nationals

TASK – ALRA will now set their own clinic dates by November 1 independent of the LGB's

- e) Job Description for ALA representatives at Nationals
- Add reports to be in within 30 days of National Event
 - Director of High Performance may add other tasks as required for the applicable National event
- f) Volunteer Roles for provincials
- Remove timekeeper and score keeper; add volunteer co-ordinator
 - Add “entertainment” game operator
- g) Process for Executive approval of overage approvals

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Darrel

To accept the Criteria for overage exemption by ALA Executive with changing the deadline dates to May 1 for Box and July 15 for Field Lacrosse; as well as adding a Club and LGB signoff line complete the approval as per applicable ALA Regulation

SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA office to add sign off lines complete with applicable regulation

6. Reports

- AFLA – hosting U19 Women's Field Nationals in Sherwood Park in August complete with a U15 Festival
- RMLL – information nights had good turnouts
- CDLA – Lax Con was great source of information and each LGB should send representatives

7. New Business

- a) Rockyview Silvertips Membership

MOTION by Darrel; 2nd by Frank

To accept Rockyview Silvertips as ALA Members

SO CARRIED

- b) Coach Training Achievement

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Darrel

ALA to recognize the ALA Clubs who did well on meeting coach requirements for 2019

SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA BOD will be advised of the specifics of the recognition

- Move to formal recognition at AGM in the future
- c) Virtual Hall of Fame

TASK – ALA office to pursue options and inform ALA BOD of progress

- d) Midget A League - Mandatory Provincials
- Concerns with GELC coach threatening to boycott provincials; concern with NAIG the same time as Box provincials
 - Midget A should be where not all teams qualify; possibly top 4

MOTION by Darrel; 2nd by Sean Y

Paul, Shawn and Jesse to form a committee and draft a mandatory provincial format complete with regulations to be approved by the ALA BOD by February 15

SO CARRIED

- e) Sanctioning of Tier 2 teams
- Rural areas with large number of graduating players do not have teams to play on; November 1st is too early to declare

MOTION by Mike G; 2nd by Sean Y

ALA Members are permitted to register a Junior Tier 2 teams outside the RMLL, as approved by the ALA BOD, if they already have a RMLL Registered Tier 2 teams who are permitted to play exhibition games

SO CARRIED

Sean A and Duane Recused

- f) Tournament Sanction
- Removal of divisions was communicated to tournament representatives
 - Rams feel they are mistreated because the female divisions were removed; communication is two way and Rams could have asked for clarification
 - Other tournaments had divisions removed with no issues arising

8. Policy Change Recommendations

- a) Regulations

MOTION by Darrel; 2nd by Sean A

To Accept Regulation 5 as amended to change 5.04.4 dates to May 1 for Box and July 15 for Field Lacrosse

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Deb; 2nd by Jesse
To accept Regulation 9 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Raymond
To accept Regulation 11 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Sean Y
To accept Regulation 14.03.4 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike; 2nd by Jesse
To accept Regulation 15 as amended with
15.17.4 removed and referred to ALRA as a point of emphasis
SO CARRIED

TASK – Refer 15.17.4 to ALRA as a point of emphasis

MOTION by Deb; 2nd by Jesse
To accept Regulation 16.04 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Darrel; 2nd by Don
To accept Regulation 17 as amended with
17.03 “ Declaration” to replace Application and date changed to February 15.
17.07.2 League playoffs/provincials will be as per the league operating policy
SO CARRIED

TASK – LGB Presidents are to circulate information to their Members prior to
ALA BOD meetings so informed decisions and voting can occur

MOTION by Darrel; 2nd by Sean Y
To accept Regulation 24 – Discipline as amended
24.02 Coach suspensions must be served on the team that offence occurred on
and coaches are not permitted to coach on any other team until the suspension is
fulfilled unless the coach is suspended the last game of the season or has a
suspension carrying over to the next season.
24.03 Coaches suspended in the previous season must serve the suspension
on one team that the coach is assigned to in the following season.
SO CARRIED

TASK – ALA Office to create a suspension list for the ALA to be circulated

MOTION by Sean Y; 2nd by Mike
To accept Regulation 26.02 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Deb; 2nd by Shawn
To accept Regulation 28, 29 and 30 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Darrel; 2nd by Mike
To accept Regulation 31 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Frank
To accept Regulation 32 as amended with 32.06.4 d) removed; 32.08.02 remove “
Major lacrosse playoff weekends are a black out period for officials travel.”
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Raymond; 2nd by Sean A
To increase scheduling fee in 32.06.04 to \$6.00
SO CARRIED

- Scheduling fee increase will be used to hire an executive director; officials registration fees will be increased by approximately 13% even with scheduling fee increase

b) Policies

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Sean A
To accept Policy 5 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim; 2nd by Sean A
To accept Policy 6 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Sean A
To accept Policy 16 as amended to “lower CRA rate” remove dollar value
SO CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

- February 29
- BOD to attend Roughnecks game that night

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Jesse

To Adjourn

SO CARRIED