

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Hall of Fame Red Deer, Alberta – November 3, 2018 – 10 am

Attendance – Rob Matsuoka, Duane Bratt, Mike Groves, Sean Aggus, Donna Haggstrom, Kim Smyth, Ryan Morcom, Jason Montgomery, Kevin Murray, Raymond McCarthy, Pauline Hughes, Sean Yeaman, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 10:10 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Mike
To approve the agenda as presented
SO CARRIED

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Ryan
To approve the minutes as presented
SO CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes
 - a) Liability Letter to Facilities
ACTION ITEM - CALL SALA, and WL send lists of arenas to ALA office
 - b) Liability Letter sent to ALA Members - **completed**
 - c) ALRA process for assigning and ALA sanctioned events
ACTION ITEM -ALRA to completed in next 2 weeks
 - d) Sanction seal – **completed**
 - e) AFLA Boundaries
-meeting Tuesday and at ALA AGM
 - f) ALA Strategic Planning Meeting Date
- January 19 & 20, 2019
 - g) Communication letter following AGM
ACTION ITEM – ALA office to send letter following ALA AGM
 - h) Kim S sharing best practices – scheduled at AGM - **completed**
 - i) CDLA share with GELC Girls program ideas – **completed**
 - j) CDLA Like Skilled groups

MOTION by Kim S; 2nd by Kevin
ALA BOD approves CDLA running the like skilled groups at Novice for 2019
SO CARRIED

- k) Coach Webinars – project in budget – **completed**

- l) Masters and Senior C bulletin on Equipment - **completed**
- m) 2019 David Fehr Festival and Provincials booked – **completed**
- n) Hotel rooms package for provincials
 - ALA Office is working with Calgary Sport Tourism
- o) AFLA Regulations
 - AFLA meeting at ALA AGM; ALA Office to assist
- p) ALA office to respond to AFLA regarding 2018 provincials – **completed**
- q) LGB's communicate 2019 programming to Members - **completed**
- r) Parkland 4 on 4

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Jason

To approve the 4 on 4 proposal supplied by Tony and Paul

SO CARRIED

ACTION ITEM – ALA office to add this program in Regulations

ACTION ITEM – ALRA to supply proposed rates to be approved by ALA BOD and added to ALA Regulations

- s) Rob Duane and Sean meeting
 - ACTION ITEM** – Rob to set a date and time to meet
- t) RMLL teams Body Corporate – Rebels Olds Membership

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Sean Y

To accept the application for ALA membership from Mountainview Lacrosse (Olds Major) and Ft Saskatchewan Major Lacrosse

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- u) Ekke Loo award
 - ACTION ITEM** - Names to be supplied by Wednesday for ALA BOD consideration complete with resume
 - ACTION ITEM** - Names for Honour Of Game Award to be supplied by Wednesday complete with resume
- v) RMLL discipline rulings communication - **completed**
- w) Manager of Officiating recruitment with other sports
 - ACTION ITEM** - New Manager of officiating to complete
- x) Executive Duties policy
 - ACTION ITEM** – ALA Office to complete policy
- y) 28.03 regulation regarding fees and fines
 - ACTION ITEM** – ALA office to draft regulation to fine the team that withdraws from the tournament
- z) Midget A League
 - GELC and CDLA do not support; RMLL supports
 - Look at implementation for 2020
 - 2019 will use proposed funding for a Midget A showcase event ran by the ALA office
 - ACTION ITEM** – Midget A league will be added to Pauline's AGM break out
- aa) ALRA Zone Swap

- Smaller LGB's will not be left with out officials as ALRA will ensure officials are sent to cover games; this is an ongoing program for 2019
- SALA and Wheatland are target areas
- Focus is on Midget A, Junior B Tier 1

bb) Revised Budget to ALA BOD – **completed**

6. New Business

- a) Canada Games – coach identification – male female indigenous
 - ALA office has started a list;
 - Issue is dedication to complete required coaching certification

ACTION ITEM – LGB's so supply names of possible coaches to the office
- b) Insurance claim concerns
 - LGB's need to hold clubs responsible as this is becoming an ALA BOD liability as it relates to financial accountability
- c) ALA Registration Gender Categories
 - Male – Female – Another
- d) GELC proposal

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Kevin

Minor lacrosse players rights are to be aligned with major lacrosse geographically throughout the province

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- Vertical alignment needs to be defined
- Alignment exists at Junior B Tier 2
- All concerned parties need to be brought together to discuss
- Major lacrosse needs to assist with minor lacrosse development; benefits of mentorship and role models
- Retention in the north is an issue
- Calgary and Edmonton have varying issues by location
- Lack of cooperation between major and minor lacrosse at this time
- Players need a clear path of where they will play major lacrosse
- There are too many major lacrosse teams in Edmonton as it relates to the number of minor lacrosse players
- Major lacrosse is not represented at minor lacrosse LGB's
- A lacrosse summit is required to look at options

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Kim S

Establish a committee to investigate vertical alignment of player rights geographically between minor and major lacrosse or other alternatives to improve the game of lacrosse in Alberta

SO CARRIED

Duane Opposed

MOTION by Pauline; 2nd by Sean A

Composition of Committee

ALA President, Director of High Performance, Junior A representative from Edmonton and Calgary, Junior B Tier 1 representative from Edmonton and Calgary; GELC representative; CDLA representative; Small LGB representative; RMLL representative; ALA Executive Director

SO CARRIED

7. Policy Change Recommendations

a) Policies

MOTION by Jason; 2nd by Kim

To accept the proposed policies as presented

SO CARRIED

b) Regulations

MOTION by Kevin; 2nd by Jason

To accept proposed Regulations as presented

SO CARRIED

8. Financial Review

a) Revised budget

- Team Canada U19 Women's Field Tryouts \$2800
- Competitive Development Training \$5000

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Jason

To add \$2800 for U19 Women's Field and \$5000 for Competitive Development coaches to the proposed budget

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Pauline

To approve the 2018-2019 ALA Budget of -\$216,063.08 to present to the ALA Membership at the AGM

SO CARRIED

ACTION ITEM – ALA Financial Statement to be approved by an email ballot

9. Next Meeting

- Sunday following ALA AGM

10. Adjournment

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Kim

To adjourn

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