

## Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting

Red Deer – May 11, 2019

Saturday 10 am Start

### Minutes

Attendance – Shawn Cable, Duane Bratt, Erin Oor, Donna Haggstrom, Sean Aggus, Mike Groves, Sean Yeaman, Wes Kendall, Al Liddiard, Don Payne, Frank Natt, Kim Smyth, Jesse Fehr, Rob Matsuoka, Lisa Grant

#### Where: Alberta Hall of Fame

1. Call to Order at 10:12 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda

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

To approve agenda with the addition of New Business: “j) Overage exemptions at Tournaments and Provincials”

**SO CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

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

To accept the March 16, 2019 minutes as presented

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Frank N; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim S

To accept the March 26, 2019 minutes as presented

**SO CARRIED**

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes
  - a) Calgary Monarchs Update
    - Two registrations thus far, similar to other club registrations
    - Social media and web pages are up
    - Issue with naming coaches as fields cannot be booked until availability of coaches is known
    - Two options for coaches are Evolve or Jesters
    - There is a time availability issue with Evolve coaches and Jesters coaches are not trained
    - Registration fees include paid coaches
    - Parents need answers on who is coaching and when and where practices are

**ACTION ITEM** – Committee to meet with Jesters to discuss coaching for the Monarchs

6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees

- a) President
  - Calgary Field issue is troubling and will be discussed at CLA as this issue has ramifications for other MA's
  - Acceptance into Canada Games is great but training coaches will be difficult; test run of event is to be in 2020
  - Clubs and leagues need to push attendance at the David Fehr Classic and Provincials
- b) Director of Administration
  - Revenue not in yet; Blues outstanding invoices have a payment arrangement; CDLA paid for Midget Nationals grant
  - Registration looks to be flat for 2019
  - Numerous discipline issues have arisen from the first weekend of play
- c) Director of High Performance
  - Tournament rules need to be approved prior to sanctioning as there is still confusion
  - There is a large number of travel permits issues compared to previous years
  - Scheduling of ALA events is difficult with the large number of conflicts with other events inside and outside of the province
  - Organization of ALA events such as Midget Showcase, Team Alberta and Provincials is well under way

**ACTION ITEM** – Change regulation for tournament application to require inclusion of tournament rules

- d) Director of Marketing and Communication
  - As presented
- e) Director of Technical Development
  - Large number of coaching clinics in 2019
  - ALA camps have been held and will be finished this weekend
  - School program has been good to increase registration in affected clubs
- f) President of ALRA
  - Clinics are complete
  - ALRA needs to focus more on mentorship and development
  - Schedule changes creates issues
  - Limiting the size of tournaments and vetting schedules would be helpful
  - CLA rule of 18 players and 2 goalies cannot be altered by LGB's

**ACTION ITEM** – supply ALRA list of roster size exemptions

**ACTION ITEM** - New officials assigned to Tyke Games

**ACTION ITEM** – Regulation to address “no show” of officials and costs involved

KIM NATT – calls in 11am

- g) President of GELC
  - As presented
  - GELC has purchased shares in South Side expansion which will guarantee floor time
- h) President of CALL
  - Rural club registration numbers are up a bit and Red Deer is flat
  - More education on respect and heritage of the game is required
  - CALL is implementing a policy where there must be one official for each team in a club

**ACTION ITEM** – Regulation to require a club to have a base level of officials if they wish to host a tournament

- i) President of CDLA
  - As presented
- j) President of SALA
  - Crowsnest disagrees with the inability to recruit Elkford BCLA players
  - SALA is not paying fine for missed BOD meeting and are willing to be Members not in good standing. SALA advised of appeal process available.
  - Medicine Hat Midgets playing 19 players and 1 goalie was not intentional in breaking the rules
- k) President of Wheatland
  - Issues with suspensions the first week of play
  - SALA and Wheatland are doing a cross over weekend for Midget teams
- l) President of RMLL
  - As presented
  - Registration is flat

**ACTION ITEM** - RMLL to send out ALA Alcohol policy in light of the Marauders/Warriors issue

**ACTION ITEM** - Duane will communicate to all minor LGB's a streamlined process to approve affiliations from minor to major lacrosse

- m) President of Masters
  - Calgary Masters will be registering with Edmonton Masters for the 2019 season
- n) President of Field
  - AFLA is sourcing soft balls and nets
  - AFLA requests communication be directed through the President and Secretary

KIM NATT leaves meeting

7. New Business

a) ASG Technical Package

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

To accept the 2020 Alberta Summer Games technical package as presented

**SO CARRIED**

b) Calgary Field Lawsuit Potential

- Calgary Field has retained counsel regarding referral to discipline
- Calgary Field lawyer did not show the first 2 scheduled hearings
- Grant Zawalsky is the Chair of Discipline hearing
- ALA Broker is aware of pending issue

c) Tyke affiliation at Festival

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

Tykes will be permitted to affiliate to first year tyke players for the David Fehr Classic within the other affiliation regulation requirements.

**SO CARRIED**

d) Smyth Grassroots Lacrosse Proposal

- As presented for adults, indigenous youth, low income youth, and new Canadians
- Program needs to be branded, advertised, and formalized

**MOTION** by Kim S; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don P

To approve the Alberta Lacrosse Recreational Lacrosse Program at a cost of 25.25 per player per season as per ALA Regulations

**SO CARRIED**

e) You Can Play Project – ALA Support <http://youcanplayproject.org/>

**MOTION** by Sean A; Al L

ALA will Support the You Can Play Project

**SO CARRIED**

f) Calgary Field and Elev8 advertising

- Elev8 provides services to other ALA Members
- ALA Members cannot share personal information of players

**MOTION** by Duane B; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim S

ALA will not advertise and sanction events for Calgary Field and Elev8

**TABLE** “Sanction” pending legal advice and policy changes

**MOTION** by Duane B; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim S

To accept amended motion of “ALA will not advertise events for Calgary Field and Elev8”

**SO CARRIED**

g) Team Alberta Year Round Competitive Program

- BCLA and OLA run similar programs

**TASK ITEM** – ALA office will provide a formalized program for October planning meeting

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

To approve the Team Alberta year round program

**SO CARRIED**

h) Jesters Membership and AFLA Boundary

- Jesters proposed boundary takes away from Monarchs
- AFLA needs to start running smoothly before new members are approved

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

To accept Jesters as ALA Members with boundary of Rockyview as per CDLA Box boundaries

**TABLED**

**TASK ITEM** - Committee established for Monarchs will meet with Jesters to discuss programming and coaching for Monarchs

**TASK ITEM** – ALA office will issue an email ballot to approved outcome of meeting

SEAN YEAMAN departs

i) ALRA High Mileage Invoices

- RIC's will be discussing with LGB's

j) Overage exemption for Tournaments and provincials

- Warriors President was informed of regulations and restrictions of overaged players

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

Sarah Burmeister be allowed to play with Bantam Female team in tournaments and provincials

**DEFEATED**

8. Policy Change Recommendations – closed as per policy

9. Financial Review Presented as part of VP Admin report

10. Next Meeting

- October 5/6 at the ALA office

## 11. Adjournment

**MOTION** by Frank N; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al L

To Adjourn

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Duane; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim S

To amend ALA will not advertise events for Calgary Field and Elev8

To read

ALA and ALA Members will not advertise events for Calgary Field and Elev8

**SO CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Duane; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim

To accept the amended motion

**SO CARRIED**

Jesse F abstained Wes K abstained