

ALA Board of Directors Meeting – March 26, 2019

Attendance – Rob Matsuoka, Kim Smyth, Jesse Fehr, Shawn Cable, Erin Oor, Sean Yeaman, Frank Natt, Kim Natt, Don Payne, Mike Groves, John Tyrell, Al Liddiard, Lisa Grant

- Background: The ALA BOD met last weekend to approve AFLA Boundaries and consider Calgary Field Lacrosse Club's (CFLC) request to be Members only of the ALA. This request was rejected by the ALA BOD
- Calgary Field Lacrosse Club withdrew Membership from the ALA on Thursday March 21, 2019
- It is in the best interest of the ALA for the group to stay within the ALA
- Rob, Erin, Lisa, Maria Deitz and Geoff Snider had a teleconference on Saturday. Erin suggested that CFLC reapply to the ALA for Membership and work with Erin and Rob for 60 days to resolve issues. CFLC issues centre around Boundaries and weighted vote in AFLA
- Monday March 25, 2019 Maria requested the ALA's proposal in writing by end of business day Wednesday March 27, 2019
- The ALA BOD needs to decide whether to continue to attempt work with CFLC or review other options based on the proximity of registration deadlines
- Registration opens April 1
- CFLC took 4 days to notify ALA of CFLC BOD decision after their meeting
- The boundary discussion has been going on for a couple years. The matter was reviewed and addressed at AFLA as per the ALA's direction. All agree boundaries are essential to AFLA and the growth of field lacrosse. May issues in prior years due to boundary concern.
- AFLA feels everyone needs to follow the same rules and regulations. Their goal is to be a strong LGB
- The ALA BOD cannot assume the direction the talks with CFLC and ALFA will go
- All AFLA clubs need to be included in the discussions as CFLC has not always been cooperative with other field clubs
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- It is doubtful all CFLC members understand what is going on and ramifications associated with the withdrawal
- CFLC Members need to be informed of the positives of staying with the ALA
- CFLC bylaws allow the BOD to decide to leave the ALA without membership input
- Registration needs to open for the zone April 1 as many parents have questions and AFLA's planning for the season is on hold
- If the ALA waits 60 days, they are that much farther behind planning the season which affects all field players in the province
- ALA BOD needs to look at the conflict of the CFLC President working for Elev8 and the conflict that exists. There was consensus that for-profit group involvement in not for profit clubs should be a topic of further discussion as it is happening with other clubs. The status of Elev8 as a contractor was discussed
- Elve8 has stated they are a contractor to CFLC
- CFLC can keep the name as they are a registered society with an elected BOD
- Is it the ALA mandate to set up clubs or accept membership of clubs when requested

- AFLA needs to provide an alternative program to CFLC; ALA can receive registrations on behalf of AFLA and send to a group to run the program in the current CFLC boundaries
- Jesters does not have membership at this time so is not an option to take over territory at this time
- Separation of not for profit and profit companies needs to be looked at within all groups of the ALA
- Communication piece for parents is required to recruit players
- Simple communication for parents as they are confused
- Players need to be registered with an ALA field club to register for Team Alberta
- Committee of Don, Lisa, Angela, Kim, Erin and Rob will work on launching registration and creating a program for the CFLC boundary. The ALA BOD does not feel that it wishes to make a proposal to the CFLC BOD to have further discussions with staying within in the ALA at this time.

MOTION by Don 2nd by Kim S

To send the Calgary Field Lacrosse Club Board of directors (Maria Deitz, Richelle Gorst, Eric Contreras, Johanna Kortshyln Allan, Jessie Motiuk, and Tanya Korenda) to ALA Discipline as per ALA Bylaw 10.01.2

10.01.2 CODE OF CONDUCT

All Members, Members of Members, Lacrosse Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, and Officials shall:

- (a) attempt at all times to work toward the goals and objectives of the ALA and the game of Lacrosse, and towards the betterment of its members;

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MOTION by Erin; 2nd by Frank

James Finkbeiner and the Calgary Chill will be placed back in good standing immediately. The outstanding invoices to Alberta Coach must be paid in full by April 30. Failure to do so will bring this issue back to the ALA BOD.

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