

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – January 23 & 24, 2016

Sherwood Park Alberta

Minutes

Attendance – Nick Thielen, Greg Hartzler, Bernie Williams, Val Miles, Lorae Couchman, Evelyn Hamilton, Al Liddiard, Dane Dobbie, Kim Murphy, Donna Haggstrom, Sean Aggus, Wil Hamilton, Ekke Loo, Christine Thielen, Rieth Jomha, Greg Lintz, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9:03 am

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Add k) Communication Policy; l) Field LGB Funding; m) Calgary Lacrosse Facility; n) Cam Wengreniuk

MOTION by Al; 2nd by Sean

To approve the amended agenda

SO CARRIED

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke

To approve the Minutes of November 13 & 15, 2016

SO CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes – in agenda

6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees

a) President

- There are Minto issues; appeals for expansion; at CLA Ethnic diversity needs to be addressed;

b) Past President

c) VP of Administration

- Staff have contracts; Nick Thielen has been hired as new staff

d) VP of Provincial and National Competition – in package

Comments from Paul Rai are inappropriate for the report. There is misinformation being communicated by a number of parties.

ALA will communicate correct information on the draft process and CLA Transfer process. This information will be distributed to all midgets and graduating midgets in the province.

e) VP of Organizational Development – in package

f) VP of Technical Development – in package

- RMLL Junior Ladies dates need to be moved to allow for the success of the U19 women's field project

g) President of ALRA

- ALRA made helmets mandatory for officials under 18 years

h) President of GELC– in package

i) President of CALL – in package

j) President of CDLA

- Tiering formula changed to one "A" team per club; smaller clubs will be merged for "A" teams; Provincial hotel rooms are booked for teams

k) President of SALA– in package

l) President of Wheatland

- Mel resigned and Kim Murphy is interim President

m) President of RMLL

- Economy may hurt RMLL teams; teams need to make sure they are collecting fees to cover RMLL and ALA fees

n) President of Masters

- Junior Master is starting ages 22 to 35

o) President of Field

- Meeting in January went well and the next meeting is planned for March.
- Field group is demanding payment of \$50,000.00 in "allotted" funds be paid immediately.

7. Financial Review

- Deficit of \$244,000 which is typical for this time of year; cash of \$341,000 AR \$40,000; deficit includes restricted funds

8. Old Business

a) Marketing Plan

- Currently, ALA does not have a marketing plan; ALA needs to approach Members with a consolidated plan; A questionnaire will be sent Members on where, how and what they advertise; VP of Organizational Development will be tasked to follow up

b) Junior Recreational League

- Programs will be LGB specific; no travel, no tournaments, no provincials, minor rules

c) Sabrecats Discipline

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Evelyn

To quash the complaint against the Sabrecats Girls program for not attending the 2015 provincials due to failure to observe the discipline timelines.

DEFEATED

GELC complaint to be sent to Tim Foster

d) ALA BOD Disclosures – complete

e) Provincial Host Application

- Midget Female and Midget A Provincials to be held in conjunction with Canada Day in Calgary
- Lloydminster applied for B provincials; there is no request for A, C and Girls

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Wil

ALA will keep provincials in a festival format except Midget A and Midget Female which were moved to allow for Field travel

SO CARRIED

ALA Office will request Lloydminster to host all provincials.

If they do not wish to host then the package will be edited and resent to ALA members with Request to host all divisions.

9. New Business

a) ALA Waiver

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Sean

Keep the waiver previously used

So CARRIED

New Waiver will be introduced in 2017

ALA office to verify wording regarding coaching standard

b) ALA BOD Authority to deal with Member Appeals on Non-discipline issues

- Consider ALA bylaws 5.01, 5.04 e) i) j) and bylaw 11;
- Consider if Bylaw 11 applies to discipline and not to all appeals and in particular to appeals of policy
- The appeal is to decide if the RML followed its Bylaws and Regulations

c) Raiders Titans Appeal of RMLL Decisions

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Al

The Raiders/Titans appeal and the Bandits appeal will be dealt with by the appeals committee on the basis that the RMLL followed RMLL Procedures in the RMLL Bylaws and Regulations and not on the merits of expansion.

SO CARRIED Put in vote count

Lorae, Dane and Rioth Abstained

d) Bandits Appeal of RMLL Decision – as per 9.c) above

e) Minto Cup Agreement

- There are 2 cost sharing agreements presented in your package.

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Bernie

If there is a Minto Cup agreement signed, at the Minto meeting in February, Greg L has the authority to accept the cost sharing agreement as per the Minto Contract at the CLA meeting

SO CARRIED

f) Rod Payne – Team Alberta U15 assistant coach for discussion only; no action taken.

g) Heretics Committee

- 2014 Heretics committee concepts were passed for further consideration; 2015 AGM Heretics committee recommendations were rejected in their entirety
- Details, communication lead to its downfall
- ALA to focus on ALA Strategic Plan

h) Alberta Sport Connection Update – in package

i) ALA Provincial Trophies

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Sean

Provincial trophies not be given to the winners. Picture opportunity will be given and trophies returned to ALA representative at the Championship

DEFEATED

ALA office to create a letter for winning team to sign with acknowledgement of returning the trophy by the deadline as per ALA regulations

j) ALA Strategic Plan

- ALA Executive to task goals and create projects for 2017 and future years

k) Communication Policy

- ALA Office to create a communication policy for mass emails – format content etc

l) Field LGB Funding

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Ekke

ALA to issue a check for \$25,000 to the Alberta Field Lacrosse Association for start up costs as per the list provided. The Field LGB is to provide a detailed profit and loss statement at the September ALA BOD meeting

SO CARRIED

m) Calgary Lacrosse Facility

- Project will start in 2016;
- Letter from ALA required for commitment of the \$100,000 in restricted funds

n) Cam Wengreniuk

- Medical release and consent form to release medical information has been received; insurance broker advises no objection to allowing the player to participate in 2016 season

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Kim

The ALA will allow Cam Wengreniuk to participate in the 2016 season with the conditions as requested by Warren Hill - should he receive any injury in playing a game or in practices for games approved by the ALA, he will be immediately required to suspend any practice and/or play until a full medical examination and clearance certificate is provided before he is permitted to return to any sanctioned ALA event

SO CARRIED

10. Policy Change Recommendations

a) ALA Regulations (regulations will be reformatted and renumbered)

- **Regulation 8.04** - Exceptions to Registration in Competition Age Groups
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke
To accept change of regulation as presented
DEFEATED

- **Regulation 8.04.3** (listing of exceptions)
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Kim
To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 8.05** - Playing in a Higher Age Division as Affiliates
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean
To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 9.02** – Registration Deadline
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean
To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 9.10** (bench personnel)
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean
To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 9.11** (officials registration)
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean
To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 11.07** – Privacy of Personal Information
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean
To accept change of regulation as presented

MOTION to amend by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke
To remove office information and replace with ALA Executive Director

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke
To approve amended motion
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 14** – Minor Exhibition Games

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

To accept change of regulation as presented

MOTION to amend by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke

To add Minor to Title and change email to info@albertalacrosse.com

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke

To approve amended motion

SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 15.06** - Travel Permits

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke

To accept change of regulation as presented

DEFEATED

- **Regulation 16.02** – Tournaments

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

To accept change of regulation as presented

MOTION to amend by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

A tournament is defined as a contest involving a number of teams who play against each other in a series of games and will require ALA sanctioning prior to taking place in the province.

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke

To approve amended motion

SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 16.03** – Tournaments

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

To accept change of regulation as presented

MOTION to amend by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

Change Field to February 1st

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Al

To approve amended motion

SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 16.04** – Tournaments

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Al

To accept change of regulation as presented

SO CARRIED

- ALA Office to send out tournament schedule format and revise discipline log

- o **Regulation 18.04.2** – ALA Safety and Equipment

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke

To accept change of regulation as presented

MOTION to amend by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

Players, coaches, referees, and volunteers (under 18 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to participate) must wear a helmet on the playing surface excluding coaches on the bench during a game.

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Al

To approve amended motion

SO CARRIED

- o **Regulation 21** – Automatic Suspensions – **WITHDRAWN**

- o **Regulation 24.06** – Coaching Certification Requirements

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

To accept change of regulation as presented

SO CARRIED

- o **Regulation 27** – Minor Box Provincials

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

To accept change of regulation as presented

MOTION to amend by Greg H; 2nd by Sean

REGULATION 27– ALA MINOR BOX PROVINCIALS

28.01 General Policy

27.01.1 All participants shall abide by all Canadian Lacrosse Association Rules of Box Lacrosse.

27.01.2 The Canadian Lacrosse Association’s Coaches Code and the CLA Coaching Philosophy for Minor Lacrosse must be adhered to. Adherence to these guidelines will be monitored and interpreted by the VP of Provincial and National Competition or designate. The decision of the VP of Provincial and National Competition will be final.

27.01.3 The ALA will invoice each Local Governing Body by June 1 the total cost of eligible teams based on ALA Regulations 27.01.4, 27.01.5, 27.01.6 and 27.01.7. Each Local Governing Body will supply the name and contact information for each representing team to the ALA Office by June 27. Local Governing Bodies who playoffs finish after July 1 may apply to the VP of National and Competition for an extension to supply contact information. If the Local Governing Body fails to provide representation at the Provincial Championship Tournament then the participation fee will be forfeited and the LGB will be fined \$2000. The fine may only be appealed to the ALA Board of Directors.

27.01.4 "A" Provincials

1st place playoff Champion "A" team from CDLA
1st place playoff Champion "A" team from GELC
"A" team representing SALA if registered in the ALA registration system
"A" team representing Wheatland if registered in the ALA registration system

Other rural based teams subject to the approval of the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition

27.01.5 "B" Provincials

A minimum of 4 and up to a maximum of 6 "B" level teams that have registered and are recognized by the ALA

1st place playoff Champion "B" team representing CDLA
1st place playoff Champion "B" team representing GELC
1st place playoff Champion "B" team representing SALA
1st place playoff Champion "B" team representing CALL
1st place playoff Champion "B" team representing Wheatland
LGB Host

If the 1st place playoff Champion is the host team then the 2nd place playoff Champion is expected to attend

Other rural based teams subject to the approval of the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition.

27.01.6 "C" Provincials

1st place playoff Champion "C" team representing CDLA
1st place playoff Champion "C" team representing GELC
"C" team representing SALA if registered in the ALA registration system

"C" team representing Wheatland if registered in the ALA registration system

Other rural based teams subject to the approval of the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition.

27.01.7 Girls Provincials

1st place playoff Champion Girls team representing CDLA

1st place playoff Champion Girls team representing GELC

"Girls" team representing SALA if registered in the ALA registration system

"Girls" team representing Wheatland if registered in the ALA registration system

Other rural based teams subject to the approval of the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition.

27.01.8 In any case where the minimum number of teams cannot attend, then the ALA Executive, after reviewing the teams that are committed to attending, shall have the discretion to permit the tournament to proceed on such terms as the Executive may direct.

27.01.9 Competition intent fees are due to the ALA office by June 1.

27.02 Team Qualification

27.02.1 All teams participating in Provincial Championships must be registered with the ALA registration system. The rosters for the Provincial Championship will be those that are registered with the ALA, as per the ALA registration system. All changes to the ALA rosters must be submitted for approval 72 hrs prior to the first game of the applicable Provincial Championship at which time the rosters are frozen.

27.02.2 To be eligible to participate in ALA Provincial championships 75 % or a Provincial roster must be made from the teams original ALA registered roster, rounded down.

Local Governing Bodies who do not have a recognized league must register these teams with the ALA to qualify to participate in the Provincial Championship Tournament. Intent fees are due to the ALA office by June 1.

27.02.3 Box Lacrosse Affiliations

a) Teams may affiliate up to the ALA registered roster size.

b) Teams with registered rosters smaller than 16 may affiliate up to 16 players.

- c) All rosters sizes include goalies. Any affiliate goaltenders must be dressed as goaltenders, on the bench and will only be eligible to participate as a goaltender during Provincials.
- d) Affiliates must be drawn from the same club.
- e) Affiliates must be drawn from a lower age division or same age in a lower tier.
- f) Players may not be affiliated to an older division if a conflict with their normal team exists. All players' first obligation is to their regular club team.

Affiliations from "A" in a lower age division to a higher age "C" divisions will not be approved.

- 27.02.4 Rural teams attending provincials may affiliation from another club in their LGB for missing players on their ALA Registered roster only where there is no affiliation available in your own club.

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Al
 To approve amended motion
SO CARRIED

- o **Regulation 30.01**– Alberta Lacrosse Referees Association

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Bernie
 To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- o **Regulation 30.05.03** (new rate)

MOTION by Val; 2nd by Sean
 To insert the rate for Junior Recreational Lacrosse at \$52 per official
SO CARRIED

- o **Regulation 30.05.04** (mileage change)

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Rioth
 To accept change of regulation as presented
DEFEATED

- o **Regulation 30.07** (date changes for National selection)

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke
 To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- o **Regulation 34** – Members not in Good Standing

MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Bernie
 To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Regulation 35** – ALA AGM Proxy Form
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Bernie
 To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED
- Email proxy process to coaches May 15
- ALA Office will look into uploading proxy to Sportzsoft

- **Regulation 36** – Employment Standards
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Sean
 To accept change of regulation as presented
SO CARRIED

- **Concussion Policy**
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Ekke
 To accept Concussion Policy as policy not regulation
SO CARRIED
- ALA Office to start on Policy manual

- **Volunteer Screening Policy**
MOTION by Greg H; 2nd by Bernie
 To accept Volunteer Screening Policy
TABLED
- New Policy will be sent as an email vote; Greg Lintz will redraft
- ALA BOD to provide feedback to ALA office on the policy

- **Junior Recreational Lacrosse**
MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by Sean
 To accept the following regulation

REGULATION 19 – Post Midget Recreational Lacrosse

- 19.19 Post Midget Recreational Lacrosse
 Post Midget Recreational Lacrosse will be administered by Minor Lacrosse Local Governing Bodies and Clubs
- 19.19.1 Minor Lacrosse Rules apply to the Parity League
- 19.19.2 Teams cannot participate outside their Local Governing Body
- 19.19.3 Tournament and Provincial Competition is not permitted
- 19.19.4 Affiliation to Junior as per Regulation 8.05

MOTION to amend by Rieth; 2nd by Ekke
 To add there will be no more than 12 games per season including playoffs
SO CARRIED
 Wheatland Abstained

11. Review of Action Items

ALA Communication RE: draft and CLA transfer	Marketing Questionnaire
GELC Complaint to discipline – Sabrecats	Change waiver in sportzsoft
Inquire Lloyd host all provincials	Draft new waiver for 2017
Revamp request for provincial hosts to festival	Communication policy
Calgary Lacrosse Facility Letter	Circulate template for tournament schedule
Redraft discipline log for tournaments	Inquire to upload proxy in sportzsoft
LGB submit dates for Provincial Calendar	CLA Standard ceiling height
Policy Manual	ALA BOD availability for March and April
ALA Executive – Strategic Plan	Notify Raiders Titans and Bandits of Motion
Notify Titans of Cam’s status	Referee recruitment – parent and player
Email coaches proxy process May 15	Assure Field officials are registering

12. Next Meeting

- ALA BOD to provide the ALA office with available dates for March and April 2016

13. Adjournment

MOTION by Ekke; 2nd by AI

To Adjourn

SO CARRIED