

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting

Calgary, Alberta – January 14, 2018 – 9 am

Hilton Garden Inn & Homewood Suites Calgary Downtown | 711 4th Street SE | Calgary, AB

Minutes

Attendance – Rob Matsuoka, Ashley Reutlinger, Tony Reid, Val Mikes, Dane Dobbie, Frank Natt, Al Liddiard, Kim Smyth, Mike Wood, Joanne Sundholm, Duane Bratt, Donna Haggstrom, Sean Aggus, Kim Natt, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9:01 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda
MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Val
To approve the agenda
SO CARRIED
4. Adoption of Prior Minutes
MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Ashley
To approve the minutes as presented
SO CARRIED
5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes
 - a) Okotoks Erratic and Okotoks Marauders Membership
 - BOD cannot address until the Body Corporate certificate is received
6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees
 - a) President
 - Attended CLA meeting after ALA AGM; Team Canada announcement came out shortly after; ED on CLA Bylaw review committee where MA representation on the CLA BOD needs to be addressed
 - b) Past President
 - Greg L has shown no interest in BOD; Rob will send an email to see if he wishes to resign
 - c) Director of Administration
 - Hired Tony as Manager of Officiating and Paul as Manager of Development; other positions will be hired in next couple weeks
 - There are 2 appeals from the RMLL
 - d) Director of High Performance
 - No report
 - e) Director of Marketing and Communication
 - Communication is key and all need to communicate what the ALA is doing
 - The AGM had good interaction between all Members
 - f) Director of Development
 - Director is travelling to LGB to promote the Festival and Provincials and communicate the rationale for new programming
 - Provincial qualifying parameters will be sent out once ALA looks at OLA web site and model

- Coaching clinics and coach developers have been reduced and list sent out; there will be 2 free women only CC dev clinics
ACTION ITEM – advertise the Women’s Only Clinics
- Field clubs need to get coaches out to clinics and request a Women’s Field clinic
- g) President of ALRA
 - Manager of Officiating is a helpful addition to the ALRA
 - Executive is all new as well as RIC’s
- h) President of GELC
 - Titans, Rebels, and Warriors have new Presidents
 - GELC is bringing Change the Game in for 2018
 - Team liason program will continue
 - GELC feels contact at Novice will hurt retention
ACTION ITEM – Tony will address the importance of officials calling the contact in ALRA clinics; Paul will address the importance of other skills and how to make contact correctly in coaching clinics
- i) President of CALL
 - Jan 24 next BOD meetings
 - Some Eye Opener floor time is lost
 - There are CALL clubs in financial difficulty
 - Clubs need more technical support from the ALA
 - CALL did not request coaching clinics
ACTION ITEM – ALA office send out facility standards
- j) President of CDLA
 - Hornets, Axemen, High River have new Presidents
 - CDLA created a new bullying and harassment policy
 - CDLA looking at creating one club for Female Box
 - Discipline director will be compensated
 - Midget Nationals Chair will be Darrel Knight
- k) President of SALA
 - AGM tentatively set for February 11
 - John E is doing a pilot of Women’s Field at the U of L
- l) President of Wheatland
 - AGM January 20
 - There are reduced midget teams and the RMLL denying a junior team does not help retention
 - Trying to grow the game in new areas
- m) President of RMLL
 - Graduating midget nights held
 - New teams approved, tier changes and teams folded
 - Drafts are established
 - Combines are organized
- n) President of Masters
 - Edmonton tournament is not sanctioned
 - Junior Masters program went well
- o) President of Field
 - AFLA is working towards league play

- Grande Prairie is a new Member
- They will try to promote field during ASG
- ALA will mandate boundaries in 2019 so AFLA needs to look at now
ACTION ITEM- ALA office to send AFLA a listing of Members by location as it correlates to where they are registered

7. Old Business

- a) Retention Committee
- b) ALA Staff – Ashley’s report
- c) Urban Area
 - “Urban area” can refer to towns, cities, and suburbs
 - BOD will look at Regulation 28.05.04 and its’ implications

d) Body Corporate

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Frank

If the current Body Corporate is not received by February 1, 2018. Clubs must cease operations and will be deemed Members not in Good Standing.

SO CARRIED

Clubs Effected

- Senior B Mountaineers, Okotoks Major, St Albert Drillers, Lloydminster Xtreme, Vermilion Senior, Triads, Calgary Masters, Edmonton Masters, Bandits, Cougars, Razorbacks Chaos, Brooks, Strathmore, Wheatland

ACTION ITEM – ALA office to send a letter to all clubs effected; notify these clubs members and post on ALA Web site

8. New Business

a) Calgary Mountaineers 4 on 4

- this is a non-sanctioned event ran by an ALA Club; no officials are used
- all non-sanctioned events ran by ALA Members MUST state on waiver that the program is not sanctioned; clubs must notify facility this is not an ALA sanctioned event; ALA is to receive copy of waiver and communication to facility

ACTION ITEM – ALA office notify all clubs running non-sanctioned programs of this requirement

b) Lacrosse TV

- ALA Office to pursue the Warrior Fun with Fundamental DVD’s to be cut and uploaded; copywrite may be an issue

ACTION ITEM – ALA Office to pursue permission to use videos

c) U19 Women’s Field 2018

- Calgary Field declined hosting last week
- AFLA will assist with hosting

MOTION by Dane; 2nd by Sean

August 17-19 will be a black out weekend for all ALA sanctioned events due to Midget Nationals, U19 Women’s Field Nationals, and Minto Cup being held

SO CARRIED

Mike voted No

d) Members not Registering in past 2 years

2.01.9 b) The Board may, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors, expel or suspend any Member who has failed to register teams for two consecutive years, pay registration fees, or membership dues to the ALA.

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Mike

To expel the following Members for not registering for the past 2 years. Camrose, Edson, Hinton, Jasper, St. Paul, Vegreville, Whitecourt, Yellowknife, Pincher Creek, Edmonton Men's Field, Athabasca, Southwest Alberta Lacrosse, Calgary Women's Field, Okotoks Masters, Edmonton Women's Field, Triads, Badlands, Hobbema, Kitscoty, Apex, Jr A Eclipse, Spruce Grove Slash, Innisfail Yetti

SO CARRIED

- e) 2019 Ross Victory Cup Hosting
 - ALA will give up rotation as there is no Senior Field registration
- f) 2019 Minor Nationals Hosting – Feb 28 deadline
 - Any LGB's interested in Bantam Female or Midget notify ALA; Bid will be due May 1
- g) Tier 2/3 – 3 Man System
 - development project between RMLL and ALA - purpose is to transition officials into the RMLL; supervisors are required

MOTION by Ashley; 2nd by Duane

To approve project as outlined

SO CARRIED

ACTION ITEM – list of officials participating is to be sent to Manager of Officiating

- h) RMLL Coach reports for Officials
 - RMLL will send reports to the Manager of Officiating
 - this will assist in development of officials as well as aid in selections to Nationals

ACTION ITEM – RMLL Send coaches Reports

9. Policy Change Recommendations

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Ashley

To accept Policy change 14.06 camp sanctioning

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim N; 2nd by Mike

To accept Regulation changes as presented

- 2.02 In Major Lacrosse, the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League may establish its' own regulations in regards to tampering which may be in addition to ALA Regulation 2.01.
- 6.17 The mandatory fields for all registrations are: first name, last name, DOB, address, city, postal code, province, gender, home phone or cell number and primary e-mail address. This is for all executive, bench personnel, players and Alberta Lacrosse Referee Officials.
- 7.07 ALA Members participating in non-ALA sanctioned events are not covered by ALA insurance.
- 8.05 All Members notify the ALA office of Winter Camp/Drop In dates, location, divisions participating. All Winter Camps/Drop In must have CLA Minimum Standard coaches on the floor.
- 10.05 When a party applies for a travel permit the Executive Director checks all credentials and confirms that everything is in order. If everything is in order, the Executive Director, then gives conditional approval. The Director of High of Performance then sanctions the travel permit. If the Director has any issues he/she must refer the issue to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

- 11.08 All tournament chairs must supply the ALA office with the Tournament Standing Report within 48 hours after the final game of the tournament. Failure to supply report will result in a \$500 fine to the host organization.
- 12.02 Teams attending Minor Nationals Competition must be managed, organized, and approved by the ALA.
- 15.20.1 Major Box Lacrosse will be conducted pursuant to ALA and RMLL Rules, Regulations, and Policies.
- 20.01 Many lacrosse people perform multiple roles, ie: a person may coach, play (box and field), referee, and/or administer. Therefore, any suspensions apply solely to the role that the person was performing when an offence was committed. For example, a suspension to a box player does not extend to field lacrosse, or a suspension to a coach does not extend to their playing status. In the event that an association believes that the offence was serious enough to warrant additional discipline (ie: a suspension on all ALA sanctioned lacrosse activities) then a request to send the case to the ALA Executive Committee.
- 21.05 All Female only teams must have one registered female coach as per the ALA Registration system.
- 21.07 Coaches who are approved to challenge Community Development must complete their workbooks within two weeks of the approval. Coaches not complying must attend a Community Development clinic.
- 21.08 All workbooks required after attending a NCCP clinic must be completed by March 1 of the following year.
- 27.01 Major box Provincial Championships will be conducted as per ALA and RMLL rules and policy.
- 28.01 **The ALRA**
- All lacrosse officials living within the province of Alberta shall be members of the Alberta Lacrosse Referees Association (ALRA) and registered in the ALA Registration system
 - The ALRA shall be responsible to recruit, mentor and retain officials.
 - The ALRA shall work with the ALA and LGB's to ensure that all lacrosse officials receive the appropriate CLA training as well as ongoing instruction.
 - All ALRA Officials who registered and attended a clinic in the previous season may be assigned to game assignments until April 1st
 - All ALRA Officials must attend a clinic and successfully complete an exam yearly
 - The ALRA are responsible to assign referees to all lacrosse games in the province.
- The ALRA and each LGB shall jointly select a Referee-in-Chief for the LGB and to sit on the ALRA Board of Directors.
- 8.05.03 c) Officials working any league playoff medal game or ALA Provincial medal game are to be compensated at the regular season rate plus 10% per each official's rate per game. Any cancelled games will be subject to a lower assigning fee of \$3.00.
- 28.06 Selection of Referees for National/International Competitions**
- 28.06.01 The ALRA shall notify the ALA Office and the ALA Director of Development its ranked selections of all referees applying to attend the CLA National and

- International Competitions one month before the CLA deadline for Officials to National/International Competitions. These prospect rankings shall be determined based on their suitability to attend a National tournament based on the ALA Nationals Officials Selection Criteria.* (see appendix)
- 28.06.02 The ALRA VP Referee Development and the ALA Director of Development shall then develop a recommended list of applicants for the National Competitions based upon the ALRA evaluations, the Coach/game evaluations, and consultation with the LGB Presidents, the RMLL commissioners and the ALA Senior Manager of Officiating two weeks prior to the CLA deadline for Officials to National/International Competitions.
- 28.06.03 The list shall be communicated to the President of the ALA, via the ALA office, and the President of the ALRA one week prior to the CLA deadline for Officials to National/International Competitions. Should the parties disagree a list from each party will be forwarded to the Presidents of the ALA and ALRA with a supporting argument (using evidence) for why the referee(s) in question should be accepted or refused.
- 28.06.04 If agreement cannot be reached the ALA President will have the final decision as to which referees are representing the Alberta Lacrosse Association. The ALA President will communicate the list of approved referees in writing to the ALRA VP Referee Development & ALA Director of Development.
- 28.06.05 All applicants will be notified as to the result of their application by the ALA Manager of Officiating.

REGULATION 32 – BODY CORPORATE

- 32.01** All ALA Members must supply submit proof of Corporate Filing and Financial statements yearly to the ALA Office as per Bylaw 2.01.6 180 days following the Members year end. Failure to do so will result in the Member being deemed a Member not in Good Standing.

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim N; 2nd by Mike

20.02 Coach suspensions must be served on the team that the offence occurred on and not permitted to coach any other teams until the suspension is fulfilled.

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Kim S

12.03 Teams attending Founders Cup, Presidents Cup, and Minto Cup must be the ALA Provincial Champion other than as per the hosting agreement

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Kim S

12.04 In the event the Provincial Champion cannot attend the ALA Executive will select the ALA Representative to attend.

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Kim S

To accept 27.03 Schedules to determine ALA Representative at a Major National Competition must be the best of three (3) game, five (5) game, or seven (7) game series.

DEFEATED

MOTION by Duane; 2nd by Mike

To accept 15.19.4 as being struck. Affiliation to Junior as per Regulation 5.05.

DEFEATED

Duane Voted yes

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Ashley

28.05.04 to change urban area to municipality

Mileage is not paid in the officials' municipality

SO CARRIED

10. Review of Action Items

ALA Office check with OLA on web site for Provincials	Letter for Body Corporate
ALA Office promote Women's coach clinics	Field clubs registrations as it relates to location
RMLL provide Coaches reports to MO	Novice contact emphasis in official and coaching clinics
Facility requirements sent to LGB's	Notify Members who run unsanctioned events of requirements
Investigate Warrior DVD's for Lacrosse TV	National host intents by Feb 28
ALRA provide a list of officials participating in three man system sent to MO	

11. Next Meeting

- October 20/21 in Sherwood Park

12. Adjournment

MOTION by Sean; 2nd by Ashley

To adjourn

SO CARRIED