

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Sherwood Park, Alberta – January 19, 2019

Attendance – Erin Oor, Don Payne, Sean Aggus, Shawn Cable, Kim Smyth, Mike Groves, Kelly Mantei, Duane Bratt, Raymond McCarthy, Rob Matsuoka, Wes Kendall, Joanne Sundholm, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION By Sean A; 2nd by Mike

To approve agenda with the removal of New Business e) ALRA Assignors

SO CARRIED

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Don

To approve Minutes as presented

SO CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes
 - a) Liability Letter to Facilities – Complete
 - b) AFLA Boundaries – Complete
 - c) Communication letter following AGM – send in May
 - d) Hotel rooms package for provincials - complete
 - e) AFLA Regulations – partially complete
 - f) Manager of Officiating recruitment with other sports
 - g) LGB's to supply names for possible coaches for Canada Games – office pursuing
 - h) Committee Names from GELC proposal
Committee Members – Rob Matsuoka, Jesse Fehr, Tony Materi, Jason Crook, Keith Berg, Kim Smyth, Mike Fynn, Lisa Grant, Sean Aggus, JR A North and South required
6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees
 - a) President
 - Canada Games and coaching issues a topic of discussion with CLA; CLA has new executive in place; National Competition Committee proposal should be approved soon; past president has not been active for 2 years so he has been removed from emails
 - b) Past President - none

- c) Director of Administration
 - Appeal of Junior A commissioner has been resolved; 2nd appeal has been received regarding AFLA boundaries; contracts for Manager of Development and Manager of Officiating has been complete; Director will provide financial reports each meeting
- d) Director of High Performance
- e) Director of Marketing and Communication
 - As provided in handout
- f) Director of Development
 - ALA will pilot a school program with Elev8 in Wheatland area; program will include coaching and officiating night to ensure excitement follows into ALA programming; Lacrosse Ambassadors find it hard to fulfill school requests as they have regular jobs during the day

TASK – Approach Vimy and FX to assist with school program in Edmonton

- g) President of ALRA
 - New bookkeeper has been hired; clinicians clinic and clinics are set up; criminal record checks required for all officials over 18 years of age;

TASK – Manager of Officiating to create resources for parents and coaches rather than attending clinics

TASK – Manager of Officiating to remind RIC's of their obligation to attend LGB monthly meetings

TASK – Manager of Officiating with AFLA source a RIC and head Umpire

- h) President of GELC
 - Nine new Presidents in GELC; GELC executive is attending Club meetings to review club operating processes; mandatory coach meeting are April 5-7; presentation for parents “What Not to Yell”; floor rates may increase
- i) President of CALL
 - Registration is open; CALL holds mandatory coach meetings
- j) President of CDLA
 - Re-evaluating boundaries; looking at multisport co=operation with hockey, soccer, baseball; CDLA disallows club executive to sit on CDLA executive; renewed agreement with CDLA; Female Lacrosse club is operational; Sport Hub program illustrated the issue with travel for league play for lower income families

TASK – ALA Office to meet with Roughnecks and discuss financial partnership

- k) President of SALA
 - Looking at Claresholm and Nanton combining as well as Crowsnest and Pincher Creek;

TASK – ALA contact Dave W as it has been difficult contacting him

TASK – ALA ED attend SALA AGM

- l) President of Wheatland
 - AGM Sunday January 27th; promoting in smaller towns with no lacrosse;
- m) President of RMLL
 - North and South info night have been held; combines and drafts organized; schedule is behind
- n) President of Masters
 - 3rd meeting of non-attendance; questions if Masters should remain an LGB
- o) President of Field
 - Regulations are almost complete; new web site 90% complete; Boundaries are set; interest from new clubs

7. New Business

- a) MyLax Rankings
 - Leagues are required to post results including Tyke; Team Names need to be consistent (club – division – level – number); leagues number of teams per division and per club will be requested from ALA office; tournaments will be reminded of requirements as well
- b) RMLL Super Clinic Location
 - Clinic is always held in Okotoks; funding requirement was for the clinic to move north and south; RMLL has difficulty finding facility and volunteers for run if in the North; Wheatland is willing to host; Collicutt is a possibility; mentorship needs to occur in the North as well;

TASK – Duane to go back to the RMLL to discuss moving the clinic

TASK – ALA office to look at other locations and budgetary considerations

- c) RMLL expansion teams
 - Three new franchises granted for 2019 – Westlock Tier 2; Olds and Lakeland Senior C; at the Red Deer BOD meeting it was discussed that Edmonton Major lacrosse was broken and there wasn't enough players for the current number of teams; divisions vote on new teams and the RMLL executive ratify;

TASK – Minor LGB's to be consulted on expansion teams in the RMLL

MOTION by Erin; 2nd by Duane

RMLL is to proceed with the three expansion teams for 2019

SO CARRIED

d) League and Tournament Game Changes

- League and tournament games changes need to be minimized due to amount of administration time spent by Manager of Officiating.
- ALA is looking at Sports Engine and the services provided

e) ALA Strategic Plan

- 1.1 players – 1.1.1 to 1.1.3 complete; 1.1.4 to complete in 2019
- 1.2 could do a better job at retention; need to compare to other sports
- 1.4 ALA has refined clinics and clinicians
- 1.5 and 1.6 referees - hired manager of officiating; respect the ref program
- 1.7 operations - complete
- 1.8 and 1.9 - ongoing issues some out of ALA control
- 1.10 – ALA meeting with LGB's; LGB's meeting with clubs; AgM sessions held for professional development
- 2.1 to 2.3 Expansion – ongoing – clubs and LGB's need to assist; Box needs to assist with field
- 2.4 Operations – more staff required
- 2.5 template for club bylaws will be available end of January; Body corporate required
- 2.6 - ongoing issues some out of ALA control
- 3.1 Quality – Pee Wee camps added; new development programs added; Lacrosse Ambassadors
- 3.2 - Leagues need to enforce; more professional development required
- 3.3 – Lack of support and direction from the CLA; Manager of Officiating added; new evaluation streams for 2019
- 3.4 – ALRA developing regulations and policies for 2019
- 4.1 Leadership – ALA Development Plan in place
- 4.2 – Leagues need to enforce
- 4.3 and 4.4 – Manager of Officiating complete
- 4.5 – ongoing issues
- 4.6 – ALA working with LGB's; LGB's work with clubs; standardized bylaws;
- 4.7 complete

8. Policy Change Recommendations

a) Regulations

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Kim

To accept the proposed Regulations with the exception of 6.08

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Joanne; 2nd by Don

To accept 6.08 New Major Lacrosse Franchises and major lacrosse teams changing divisions must notify the ALA at the time of application to the RMLL

SO CARRIED

Sean A recused himself

b) Policies

MOTION by Don; 2nd by Kim

To accept Policy 18 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Joanne

To accept Policy 12 as amended

Delete 12.01.2

12.01.3 to become 12.01.2 No team official, athlete, game official, volunteer should or should have consumed alcohol with parents of athletes during the time of an ALA sanctioned event while under the care and control of athletes.

12.01.3 Team officials should not consume alcohol in the presence of underage players.

12.02 All forms of Tobacco and Vaping

12.02.1 add "vape"

12.02.2 add "vape"

SO CARRIED

9. Financial Review

- Erin to provide next meeting

10. Next Meeting

- March 23 Red Deer; May 11 Red Deer; Oct 5-6 Sherwood Park; Nov 22-24 ALA AGM Banff

11. Adjournment

MOTION by Shawn C; 2nd by Erin

To Adjourn

SO CARRIED