

Alberta Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sherwood Park, Alberta – September 22 & 23, 2018

Attendance - Kimberly Natt, Mike Wood, Kim Smyth, Sean Yeaman, Donna Haggstrom, Sean Aggus, Mike Groves, Frank Natt, Tony Reid, Paul Rai, Marcelo Sanguiez, Pauline Hughes, Gregory Hartzler, Rob Matsuoka, Val Miles, Duane Bratt, Dave McGarva (observer), Kevin Murray, Lisa Grant

1. Call to Order at 9:02 am
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Sean A

To accept the agenda with the addition of m) Referee Abuse

SO CARRIED

4. Adoption of Prior Minutes

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Sean Y

To accept the minutes as presented

SO CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Prior Minutes

- a) Lacrosse TV – Warrior videos

- Issues with obtaining through CLA; ALA Office is uploading its own content; ALA Office looking at bringing other MA's on the platform; the goal is to make AlbertaLacrosseTV a revenue stream

- b) Non Sanctioned programs

- This is a growing issue every year in many variations
- ALA members are not covered for liability when promoting unsanctioned events
- Referees are not covered if they officiate unsanctioned events
- LGB need to assist with communication of issues regarding unsanctioned groups/events

ACTION ITEM – ALA office will contact all facilities to verify sanctioning;

ACTION ITEM – ALA office will send a letter to all ALA Members notifying restrictions on non-sanctioned groups as it relates to D&O insurance and promotion of these non-sanctioned groups

ACTION ITEM – ALL ALA sanctioned events will be assigned via ALRA assigning system and officials will be notified of such

ACTION ITEM – ALA will create a Seal for Sanctioned events and event number system

- c) AFLA adhering to boundaries as per ALA Regulations

- List of 2018 registration provided including club and location of registered players; it is difficult for rural clubs to start field when players are registering in the city clubs

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Kim N

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MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Mike G

To Table

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d) ALA Strategic Plan

- Strategic Plan needs to be evaluated in a separate meeting
- LGB should create Strategic plans in line with the ALA Plan
- ALA needs to evaluate league and club Bylaws and Regulations

ACTION ITEM – Set Strategic Planning meeting date

6. Reports of the Executive Members, Directors and Committees

a) President

- As presented
- Canada Games possible in 2021 if funding from government is received; this would be at the Midget and Midget Female age division; Competitive Development Certified for coaches is required; every team must have Indigenous staff

b) Past President

c) Director of Administration

- Ashley resigned in July; Jason Montgomery is in-term; Greg H and ALA Office prepared reports

d) Director of High Performance

- As presented
- asking to bring back U18, Bantam, and Midget Female,
- Strong showing at Nationals with Midget and Senior B
- Minto was a well ran event

e) Director of Marketing and Communication

- As presented
 - 2020 ASG is in Lethbridge
 - Coaches clipboard is being opened about 50%
- ACTION ITEM** – regular communication of changes needs to continue

f) Director of Development

- No report; Rob will follow up Dane

g) President of ALRA

- Manager of Officiating is helpful
- Officials had a good showing at Nationals
- Retention issues with officials and mostly due to abuse

- Val is not running for re-election
- h) President of GELC
 - As presented
 - Changing the game has positive feedback; many new Presidents of clubs
- i) President of CALL
 - As presented
 - CALL holds presidents accountable for volunteer roles
 - ACTION ITEM** – Kim will share her administrative processes with other LGB's and clubs
- j) President of CDLA
 - As presented
 - City of Calgary has included CDLA in a development project in the NE of Calgary
 - Girls only club will start in 2019
 - ACTION ITEM** – CDLA share Girls only club with GELC
 - ACTION ITEM** – Novice like skilled groups to be added to November agenda
- k) President of SALA
 - Dave Welton a great help to SALA; issues with age exceptions in registration; issue with low number of officials
- l) President of Wheatland
 - As presented
 - Issues with competitive discrepancies
 - ACTION ITEM** – ALA to look at online learning to assist rural coach mentorship
- m) President of RMLL
 - As presented
 - Duane is disappointed the LTAD is not being followed in Alberta
- n) President of Masters
 - As presented
 - ACTION ITEM** – Masters and Senior C is required to be compliant with CLA approved equipment. Requirement of compliance will be communicated to clubs and players via the ALA, Masters LGB, and the RMLL. ALRA will notify officials.
- o) President of Field
 - Grande Prairie and Lakeland did not register players
 - Clubs push back on creating boundaries, box clubs running field programs, and issues with coach equity
 - Field provincials needs to be earlier

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Val

AFLA will follow the ALA Regulations including, but not limited to, registration, coach minimum standards, and proper rosters for game play in the 2019 season. If AFLA members do not comply, the 2019 Field Provincials will be cancelled. AFLA Members will be responsible for all costs incurred for such cancellation.

SO CARRIED

7. Old Business

8. New Business

a) ALA Outstanding funds

- Invoices are required to be paid in a timely manner as this is becoming evidence of fraudulent behavior.
- Flagstaff and Edmonton Blues are in bad standing

b) Major Registration and RAMP

- Registration fees needs to be charged for players who play a few games and quit or get cut

ACTION ITEM – RMLL will follow same registration process as all other ALA Members in 2019

c) Provincial Competition 2018 & 2019

MOTION by Pauline; 2nd by Sean Y

Minor Box Provincials and the David Fehr Festival will be held July 10-14 at the Calgary South Soccer Center

SO CARRIED

ACTION ITEM – ALA office to contact Calgary Sport Tourism for hotel rates and create an information package for Members

ACTION ITEM – GELC to look for an appropriate facility for 2020

- Junior B provincials is not a true provincials
- Field Provincials – Director approved affiliations and flood gates opened; there were many other issues of field clubs not complying to ALA regulations; two complaints received regarding Calgary Field;

ACTION ITEM – Going forward Field provincials will be run by the ALA with staff support

ACTION ITEM – AFLA required to set LGB Regulations with the assistance of the office

ACTION ITEM – ALA Office to respond to complaints as all clubs could be sanctioned for violations of regulations

d) National Competition 2018 & 2019

- ALL Minor Nationals is August 18-24 in Coquitlam
- Alumni Cup in Manitoba – August 30 – September 1
- Women's Field in Peterborough – dates tbd
- Team Alberta programming will stay status quo for 2019

ACTION ITEM- LGB's to communicate status quo programming for 2019 Team Alberta

e) Minto Cup 2018 hosting

- Successful event; BCLA and OLA comments on hosting; event worked well with Midget

f) Parkland 4 on 4

ACTION ITEM – Paul and Tony will bring a program proposal forward to ALA BOD at the November BOD meeting

g) LGB releases

- This is an LGB issue as individuals and clubs are not following regulations

- h) Graduating midget lists
 - GELC has issues with affiliation from Minor to Major as it relates to the safety of players; GELC has concerns with BOD liability as it relates to operations of RMLL and protection of Minor players
 - Major clubs need to be engaged with minor lacrosse
ACTION ITEM – Rob will meet with Sean A and Duane to resolve issues between the groups

MOTION by Sean A 2nd by Sean Y

The GELC graduating midget list will not be released to the RMLL until the GELC Council agrees to release the list

DEFEATED

- i) Pincher Creek Membership
 - Players participated in Crowsnest Pass in 2018
 - LGB issue to resolve
- j) ALA AGM Breakout Meetings
 - RAMP, Mavis Snider, Field, Manager of Development, Tournaments, Best practices, Lacrosse TV, ALA Development Plan
- k) Body Corporate required
ACTION ITEM – RMLL is assisting three groups below to comply with requirement

Olds Junior Teams
Vermilion Senior
Rebels Jr B

- l) ALA Awards
 - James McFall
 - Ekke Loo
 - ACTION ITEM** - ALA BOD to provide names and resume October 5
 - Team of the Year – coaches and captains will be invited from Team Alberta Midget
- m) Referee Abuse
 - GELC has initiatives to curb abuse; other leagues have suspension in place
 - There is concern that the RMLL has “guidelines” for suspensions and policy is not being followed; concerns with disrespect shown by league officials towards referees
ACTION ITEM – RMLL is to communicate discipline ruling to the RMLL RIC ALRA President, and Manager of Officiating.
ACTION ITEM – Manager of Officiating to coordinate recruitment of hockey and basketball officials throughout the province.

9. Policy Change Recommendations

- a) Bylaws

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Val

To accept the proposed bylaws with the exception of 6.02c) and 6.03.3

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Val
To accept proposed bylaw change 6.02 c) as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike G; 2nd by Sean Y
To accept proposed bylaw change 6.03.3 as presented
DEFEATED

ACTION ITEM – ALA office to create a policy of Executive Position requirements

b) Policies

MOTION by Mike W; 2nd by Sean A
To accept proposed policies with the exception of Policy 6 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Sean Y
To accept Policy 6 as amended
SO CARRIED

c) Regulations

MOTION by Sean A; Mike W
To accept proposed Regulation 3.02 and 3.03 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; Sean Y
To accept proposed Regulation 4.02 and 5.02 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike W; Kim S
To accept proposed Regulation 5.03.3 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim S; Sean Y
To accept proposed Regulation 5.04.4 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; Sean Y
To accept proposed Regulation 5.05.1 with amended Major Lacrosse
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; Sean Y
To accept proposed Regulation 5.05.2 with amended Senior B and Senior C
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; Sean Y
To accept proposed Regulation 6 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; Mike W
To accept proposed Regulation 8.03 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; Frank
To accept proposed Regulation 10.02 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; Mike G
To accept proposed Regulation 11.05 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; Val
To accept proposed Regulation 12.01 d) as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; Duane
To accept proposed Regulation 15.04, 15.12, and 15.13 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike G; 2nd by Sean A
To accept proposed Regulation 16 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Frank; 2nd by Sean A
To accept proposed Regulation 17 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Sean A; 2nd by Sean Y
To accept proposed Regulation 21 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Pauline; 2nd by Kim N
To accept proposed Regulation 24.01.3 as presented
SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike G; 2nd by Sean A
To accept proposed Regulation 24.02 as amended
Add "Clubs teams without a division below may affiliate to another team in their Local
Governing Body"
SO CARRIED

Sean A departs at 1 pm Sunday and give Donna H his votes for GELC

MOTION by Val; 2nd by Pauline

To accept proposed Regulation 24.03 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike G; 2nd by Sean Y

To accept proposed Regulation 24.04 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Pauline; 2nd by Kim N

To accept proposed Regulation 24.07.1 e) as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; 2nd by Pauline

To accept proposed Regulation 24.08.2, 24.08.3 and 24.09 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Pauline; 2nd by Val

To accept proposed Regulation 25.02.6, 25.03, and 25.04 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Donna; 2nd by Kim N

To accept proposed Regulation 25.07.3 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike G; 2nd by Kim N

To accept proposed Regulation 26 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; 2nd by Mike G

To accept proposed Regulation 27.02 as amended

Add "3"

SO CARRIED

Duane, Kim S and Mike W voted No

Val Abstained

MOTION by Pauline; 2nd by Kim N

To accept proposed Regulation 28.05.02 as presented

SO CARRIED

Duane voted No

MOTION by Kim S; 2nd by Sean Y

To accept proposed Regulation 28.05.03 b), 28.06.06, 28.06.07 and 28.06.08 as amended

28.06.08 change will to “may”

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Kim N; 2nd by Val

To accept proposed Regulation 30 as presented

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike W; 2nd by Pauline

To accept proposed Regulation 25.02.5 to read

25.02.5 Teams may affiliate two players and a goalie up to a maximum roster size of 15 players (including goalies). Any affiliate goaltenders must be dressed as goaltenders, on the bench, and will only be eligible to participate as goaltenders during Provincials. ALL affiliates must be drawn from the same club and in the same division or a lower division. Players may not be affiliated if a conflict with their normal team exists. Affiliates must be identified and listed on the initial roster submission.

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Mike W; 2nd by Pauline

To accept proposed Regulation 26.02.5 to read

26.02.5 Teams may affiliate two players and a goalie up to a maximum roster size of 16 players (including goalies). Any affiliate goaltenders must be dressed as goaltenders, on the bench, and will only be eligible to participate as goaltenders during Provincials. ALL affiliates must be drawn from the same club and in the same division or a lower division. Players may not be affiliated if a conflict with their normal team exists. Affiliates must be identified and listed on the initial roster submission.

SO CARRIED

MOTION by Val; 2nd by Kim S

To accept proposed Regulation 28.01 to read

“May 1” rather than April 1

SO CARRIED

Val Departed

ACTION ITEM – ALA Office to write tournament fees and fines Regulation under 28.03

10. Financial Review

- ALA in a positive position; actuals reflect programs that did not move ahead, extra revenue from development camps, less of a deficit with provincials and increase of teams

ACTION ITEM – Pauline and Paul to provide more information on Midget A League by October 15

ACTION ITEM – ALRA to provide for information on Zone Swap project

- Uber clinic, ALA Office funding, and GELC project approved to move forward under ALRA; other projects are denied for a decrease in requests of \$15,460.00

ACTION ITEM – ALA Office to revise budget and provide at next ALA BOD meeting

MOTION by Sean Y; 2nd by Mike W

To approved revised budget of -\$208,263.08 without Team Alberta

SO CARRIED

11. Review of Action Items

As per listed in minutes

12. Next Meeting

- November 3 in Red Deer

MOTION by Kim S; 2nd by Sean Y

Local Governing Bodies will be fined \$250 for each BOD meeting that a representative is not present.

SO CARRIED

13. Adjournment

MOTION by Kim N; 2nd by Frank

To Adjourn

SO CARRIED