**Alberta Field Lacrosse Association**

Regular Board of Directors meeting

Sunday June 16th 2019 at 10:00am

Alberta Sports hall of Fame – Red Deer Ab

Attendance Don Payne, Angela Nygaard, Mat Foley, Courtney Hamm, Ryan Morcom, Marty Gaffney, Greg Bradley, Susan Jobb

Call to order: 10:15 AM

Agenda approved unanimously with the addition of ALRA rep Marty Gaffney to be added to the beginning of agenda.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes – accepted as is

Approval of May teleconference Meeting Minutes – accepted as is

**President**

Report attached

 Reminder that all coaches are to be certified in order to be on the field (bench). ACTION: All clubs are asked to reach out to there perspective coaches and have them sign up for clinics by the end of June. Please encourage all coaches who have there CC Development to sign up for Competitive Intro. Coach Clinic course fees will be billed by Lacoka lacrosse directly to the attending coaches home club.

**ALRA Field Lacrosse RIC**

Umpire clinic during Lacombe field days, requires registrations. Susan has couple names she will reach out to. Marty will not be assigning for women’s field, hoping “Justin” will fill that role. AFLA would like to discuss and look further into the possibility of helping to subsidize officials clinic fees, to be addressed again when we have an idea of what the officials pay for said clinics. Marty will get back to us with the information.

Issue of officials receiving minimal game assignments in previous years was addressed by Marty. Struggles to fit all new officials into game slots when the younger age divisions are on the same day of the weekend.

2019 Clinics – Not yet on the website no one is able to register for any clinics at this time. Marty confirmed there was an email sent out previous to have this information uploaded to website and anticipates registration being available very soon. Clinician for women’s umpire clinic is being flown in from BC, Marty has spoke to Lisa about getting one or two people in Alberta certified to teach the Umpire clinic.

Marty excused from meeting due to other obligations at 10:40am

**President**

 **CLA Meetings May 23-24**

* FIL – Now Just - World Lacrosse
* 2019 Field Nationals - Kelowna – Sending U 15 Team / U19 Women’s – Peterborough
* 2020 Field Nationals – Terrebonne Quebec (20 Min from Downtown Montreal)
* 2021 – P.E.I.
* 2022 – Alberta

**Ross Cup (Senior Men’s Field Nationals)**

* 2020 – Alberta
* 2021 Quebec
* You must send a Team to the Year Prior to be eligible to host the Event….. Alberta did not send in 2018 and not sending in 2019.
* Alberta have any Sanctioned Senior Men’s Teams? (NO)
* All Clubs to look into starting Senior Men’s Teams?
* Recruit Existing Teams?
* Where are Existing Teams?
* Ross Cup in Serious jeopardy, Consider adapting Blue Sky (Olympic) FIL Rule Changes 6V6 Etc.

C**LA Considering Rotating Nationals**

* 1 Year Box – 1 Year Field – To allow for increased participation
* Field Sector Voted on and Approved formation of Team Atlantic (PEI/NOVA SCOTIA/NEW BRUNSWICK) Now with CLA Directors
* CLA Field Sector Disappointed in Alberta (U15Mens / U19 Women’s Field Team to Nationals)

**Female Lacrosse initiative**

* Consider ½ Price Registrations for 2020 Season to boost numbers?
* Other Ideas?

**Team Alberta**

* U15 Field - 70 Plus Boys Try Out
* Bantam Box – 84 Plus Girls Try Out

**Team Canada**

* Considering using Nationals as a Recruitment Event
* Possibly holding separate event for Tryouts / Exposure for interested individuals
* Attempt to make event more than just a Medal

**Blue Sky Report**

* 6V6 – Modified Rules (For Olympic participation)

**Field Sector**

* Voted in Favor of CLA paying all Ref Expenses to travel to Nationals
* before CLA Directors

**Possible Revisions in Age Groups**

* before CLA Directors

**Increased Social Media Coverage Code of Conduct**

* Now includes employees / Contractors Etc. – to follow CLA Code of Conduct for National Championships.

**Tent / Flags / Stickers Ready**

* ACTION: Request a Uniform (Pinnie / Shorts) from each club to hang inside Tent @ Events.

**Large Box Tournaments**

* Have Tent Set up and AFLA Present
* Information from Clubs

**Field Days**

* All Clubs to Rotate in Tent, for Duration of Event. Tent to be Main Registration/ Check in Site – Would be great to have alongside Club from Event…
* All Clubs have Small Nets for New Rules?

**Coaching Clinics**

* Lacombe – Men’s Field Community Development - Only 4 Registered (Frank and I are 2…)
* Edmonton – Women’s Field Competitive Introduction – None Registered

**ARLA**

* Umpire Clinic – July 19-20 in Lacombe
* Required for Women’s Field
* Every Club should have Umpires for Field Days.

**VP of Men’s Field**

Still struggling understanding the role he is to fill as VP. Greg will fill the role of an active presence at field days, being seen ensuring rules and procedures are followed. Requested via President that the VP of Mens field fill the roll of attending the CDLA monthly meetings.

**VP of Women’s Field –** Absent, report attached

**Secretary/Admin Director -** nothing to report

**Treasurer**

Profit and Loss attached

 Balance Sheet attached

 Will add to our planning meeting a discussion around player fees to help supplement our income. Suggested we need someone who may be able to look into grants.

**Media**

Ask that all teams populate the drop box with club pictures. Will start hash tagging the box clubs when posting to social media. Will create a AFLA flyer for Canada Day tournament, Courtney will first touch base with CDLA on what the opportunities are for AFLA at the CanadaCup

**Club Reports**

 **Registration** – At 437 registrants too date. Still some confusion on releases and tracking players. It is up to the individual clubs register to be checking that all there registrants come from there boundary.

**Mustangs** – Too date has teams in all division but men’s U19 (but very close), Female U19, U15 or U8. Has incentives to register going on

 **Orangemen** – At 52 registrations. Struggling with Peewee and bantam boys. Has recently updated there AFLA club page. Starting the process of getting coaches certified.

 Gators – Registration numbers very low. Are ot seeing a lot of returning players in our tyke and novice divisions. Still hearing rumblings of the disappointment in the 2018 provincials.

 **Razorbacks** - absent

 **Chaos** – 3 registrations too date. Some concerns that new field players with in there boundary are registering elsewhere.

 **Jesters** – Building teams, hoping to field at least one in older age groups and two in the younger age groups. Struggle this season is operating at two fields, one in Calgary and one in Airdrie

**New Business**

**Air Quality –** Air quality policy drafted and dispersed by email. ACTION: All board members are asked to review and reply with any suggested revisions before finalising

**Uniform Policy –** We have previously come to agreement on some loose guidelines for the 2019 season. Will circulate via email the draft of a uniform policy for review and revisions come AFLA planning day

**AFLA brochure** – need to look at creating a AFLA flyer/handout to be available to all clubs and available to handout at various lacrosse events.

**Drop Box** – Consensus is to have all of our information and files consolidated into one main drop box. ACTION: Angela will add the information from the google drive.

**Field Days Updates:** Mustangs and Gators have fields booked and have started organizing😊 Gators are looking to hire someone to paint the lines to alleviate volunteers. Concerned about all the moving parts with the coach and ref clinics and little information on what clinicians need booked as far as facilities.

**Old Business**

 CDLA Liaison – Discussed previously under VP of men’s field and asking that Greg take on this role

 Discipline chair- Still in need of someone to fill this role.

Next meeting date: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm