**Alberta Field Lacrosse Association**

Regular Board of Directors meeting

Sunday March 10th 2019 at 10:30am

Alberta Sports Hall of Fame

Attendance: Angela Nygaard, Matt Foley, Lisa Grant, Brooke Huber, Susan Jobb, Ryan Morcom, Wayne McKinnon, Courtney Hamm, Heidi Bates, Jason Schmidt, Don Payne

Call to order 11:14am

Approval of Agenda: Courtney Hamm

Adoption of prior minutes, no revisions, accepted all in favour

Reports:

 **President** – Don wants to make mention so everyone that todays meeting and future meetings are being recorded for the purpose of reference when typing minutes.

Provincials – (Razorbacks) ALA has requested the Trailer as well will require Nets Etc. for this year that were used last year.

Have had conversations with CDLA – They are open to having a Rep Sitting in on Board meetings (Work with Clubs to promote) ACTION: all clubs addition to next agenda look at

Protocol on Date Selections From ALA – “ We try to coordinate with all other events in the province, rotate locations and book as per facility Availability and program requirements” – I would ask of the ALA for the AFLA to be more involved with the Date selection (It leaves a feeling of its being forced on us rather than we are part of the process, which we should be) Also we want to have events throughout the year and make it easy for players to attend, one of the reasons we changed the Level format (Days for levels)

Registration / AGMs are being set up and players are being notified, Please include me on the

notifications of the Reg.. and AGM

An RIC has been assigned to Field Lacrosse – Marty Gaffney

 **VP of Men’s Field** – absent – nothing to report

 **VP of Women’s Field** – Have had so many girls commit to NCAA programs that decided to look into and see what it looks like, and how we compare to the US. May not be exact but look like in 2017, 3 players went to NCAA programs, 5 in 2018, 11 in 2019 so far. It is encouraging to see that our players are in demand. They have all played grassroots field here in Alberta and went on the travel. Heide will start a google doc to keep a running tally of these numbers going forward.

 **Secretary/Admin Director –** RAMP registration site is up, but still missing information. Lisa will reach out to Justin on Monday. ACTION: Angela will email RAMP later in the week to set up a training session before registration opens.

 **Treasurer** – Balance to date is $12300.65

 **Media Director** – is logged into all social media accounts. Added a link tree to the Instagram account. ACTION: All clubs are to send pic and or info that can be posted to media@albertafieldlacrosse.com ACTION: Susan will speak to Dallas Smith about the cross promotion with ALA.

**Club Reports**

 **Calgary** – Absent, no report

 **Mustangs –** AGM set for March 20th

 **Orangemen** – preparing for registration.

 **Gators** – Setting up a table at the active living fair in Lacombe on March 12th to try and generate some interest in the elementary school

 **Razorbacks** – Partnered with Apex and Vimy for coaching in the 2019 season.

 **Chaos** – Looking at promotional material to help recruit. Planning some come and try out times and getting ready for registration.

**New Business**

 **Calgary Field** – AFLA has received email notification that Calgary Field Lacrosse wishes to withdraw there membership from AFLA.

On Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 9:16 AM -0700, "Maria Deitz" <mdeitz@calgaryfield.com> wrote

Good Morning Angela,

Pursuant to the Alberta Field Lacrosse Association, Bylaw 2.01.6 the Board of Directors of the Calgary Field Lacrosse Club, has unanimously voted to withdraw its membership from the Alberta Field Lacrosse Association and hereby gives notice of the same effective immediately.

Kind Regards,

Calgary Field Lacrosse Club Board of Directors

 11:41 am to 12:20 pm - In Camera discussion

MOTION: Heidi Bates 2nd Courtney Hamm

The AFLA Board of Directors does not approve the withdrawal of Calgary Field Lacrosse from AFLA as per ALA regulation 1:11. The AFLA Board of directors is committed to working with Calgary Field Lacrosse to resolve any Calgary Field concerns and provide quality accessible programing to all grassroots field lacrosse players in the Calgary area.

All in favour; none opposed. **SO CARRIED**

 **Boundaries –** Chaos presented proposed boundaries. Noted that they have reached out to Razorbacks since last meeting but did not receive a response. They practice in Terwillegar and Coronation. Chaos had 6 players in 2018 and 21 players in 2017.

 Razorbacks – Concerned with the boundaries as they are proposed as Razorbacks has registrations and board members with in the proposed Chaos boundary. Discussion as to the viability of a club if they have not fielded a team. Chaos was considered to have a team in 2017 as even though some of the players on said team were Mustangs, when registration closed they were registered to the Chaos team. Therefore Chaos had a team with in the last 2 years and is still a sanction club. Noted that fielding a team means having enough players registered in that age group to participate in a game. It has been established that Chaos is a sanctioned club and requires boundaries. Razorbacks does not have a counter proposal at this time.

1:02 pm Don proposes a 15 minute recess for Razorbacks to discuss.

1:23 pm Razorbacks return to table with proposal to follow the GELC boundaries, Chaos would have Westlock Rock, Edmonton Blues and St Albert Rams. If Chaos sees growth then consideration to include Parkland Posse the following season.

Chaos would like to add that Chaos female director is also the female technical director for the Parkland Posse and does go out to all their females practices and mentor their coaches as well as being the only female in all the St. Albert to go and give back to the come try for the girls. Additionally this Thursday is helping host with the Posse come try girls event.

 MOTION: Ryan Morcom 2nd Matt Foley

That the boundaries between Razorbacks and Chaos female lacrosse be defined as per GELC box club boundaries Reg 15 with the exception of Parkland Posse.

Razorbacks boundaries will include, South Edmonton Warriors, North Edmonton Warriors, Sherwood park Titans, Fort Saskatchewan Rebels, Leduc Crush and Beaumont Raiders.

Chaos Lacrosse boundaries will include West Edmonton Blues, St Albert Rams and Westlock Rock.

The residents of Parkland Posse, may choose to become a member of either Edmonton Razorbacks or Chaos Lacrosse.

**RAZORBACKS**

i) The South Edmonton Warriors shall be responsible for the area south

of the North Saskatchewan River, to the City of Edmonton limits on the

west, south and east sides.

ii) The North Edmonton Wizards shall be responsible for the area north

of the North Saskatchewan River to the City of Edmonton limits on the

east side of St. Albert Trail, and the northern limits of the city. The

boundaries of the Wizards shall include the military housing at Namao.

iii) The Sherwood Park Titans shall be responsible for the County of

Strathcona.

iv) The Fort Saskatchewan Rebels shall be responsible for the City of

Fort Saskatchewan and the communities north such as Gibbons and

Redwater, and Bon Accord.

v) The Leduc Crush shall be responsible for the City of Leduc and

surrounding area, including the communities of Calmar, Thorsby and

Millet, and the rural municipalities surrounding Leduc.

vi) Beaumont Raiders shall be responsible for the area from 41 avenue

SW (TWP 512) east to RR221, south to Highway 21 following highway

21 northwest to Airport Road (TWP 502), west to the QE II highway,

and then back north to 41 Avenue SW. (TWP

**CHAOS**

i) The West Edmonton Blues shall be responsible for the area north of

the North Saskatchewan River to the City of Edmonton limits on the

west side of St. Albert Trail and northern limits of the city. As well, the

boundaries of the Blues shall extend to highway 60 north of the North

Saskatchewan River.

ii) The St. Albert Rams shall be responsible for the City of St. Albert and

such communities as Morinville, Riviere Qui Barre and the rural

municipalities surrounding St. Albert.

iii) The Westlock Rock shall be responsible for the communities of

Westlock, Barrhead and surrounding municipalities.

iv)The Parkland Posse shall be responsible for the communities of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain, and the rural municipalities surrounding them.

All in favour; None opposed. **SO CARRIED**

**Cross Promotion (with CDLA, GELC and CALL)** – discussed in president report.

 **Nationals (Heidi)** – U19 team going to nationals. Discussion on sending AFLA reps to the female and male national events. ACTION: Heidi will prepare a micro budget for the board to review the estimated cost associated with sending AFLA representation.

 **Single field day options –** Possibility of having league games through out the seasonoutside of the field days.ACTION:All clubs to prepare a proposal and date suggestions to present at next meeting

 **VP of men’s contributions**- Suggestions put forward for the VPs roles and responsibilities

 Attend CLA Semi annual meetings

 Attend nationals

 Track where are players are

 Tracking payer movement with in the province

 Facilitating/Helping with evaluations (Team Alberta)

 Organising Coach clinics, ref and umpire clinics

 VP of Mens field possible rep to attend the CDLA meetings

**Old Business**

 **Jesters update** - response from government regarding societies papers. The papers have not yet been examined, can expect it to be done in 2-3 weeks.

 **Provincial Apparel –** Provincial apparel will be organised by ALA

 **Strategic Plan** – Heidi spoke to facilitator and the main question going forward is setting the date as the yare booking quite far down the road. ACTION: Heidi will speak to Lisa about the AGM dates and then go back to Alberta Community Development and see if they are available the same weekend.

 **LGB Discussion on recruitment** – Discussed previously in regards to a liaison with our box lacrosse LGBs

 **Corporate and Advertising policy** – Ensuring that the advertising is not overpowering the Club. To be added to next agenda uniforms and coaching apparel. ACTION: Courtney will write something in regards to advertising on uniforms and coaching apparel, to be reviewed at next meeting.

AFLA advertising/promotional material, AFLA tent for field days and AFLA field flags to mark the fields. ACTION: All clubs to bring back to next meeting some potential companies to order tent (with walls) and field flags with pricing.

 **Alberta Field Lacrosse RIC** – Field RIC is Marty Gaffney. Marty hopes to attend our next meeting. Angela has referred Marty to the rule changes with in ALA and AFLA. Marty will speak to ALRA in regards to the timelines required for the 2019 season in regards to when we need to have our games sent to Marty to have refs assigned. At this time Marty is not aware of anyone able to facilitate an umpire clinic, he will touch base with Lisa Grant on where this stands.

Next meeting date to be determined and emailed out to Bod .

MOTION: Matt Foley 2nd Angela Nygaard

To adjourn meeting at 3:06pm

All in favour; none opposed. SO CARRIED

Amendment to include email vote on Jesters AFLA membership approval

Motion: Ryan Morcom 2nd Courtney Hamm

I would like to motion for AFLA to accept the Jesters Lacrosse Club as new members to Alberta Field for the 2019 season. I would like to make a second motion for AFLA to approve the Jesters Lacrosse Club boundaries to be the same as the Rockyview Rage Box boundaries as outlined in the previously attached document.

All in favour; None opposed. **SO CARRIED**

 Courtney as per discussion - Obviously we don’t object to this but would like to go on the record in discussion as concerned about the number of clubs in the Calgary area. With Elev8/Calgary Field we are unofficially at 4 clubs and 700’ish players. Not great for all of us fighting for full teams, in any age discussion. With girls it’ll be much, much more ominous. We’d much prefer to see just the Jesters and us in Calgary alongside Elev8/CFL

Email thread regarding the above email vote was sent to the ALA Executive Director

The ALA has added this to the May 10th Meeting for Discussion.

The ALA will not be holding an Email Ballot.