

**Alberta Lacrosse Referee Association**  
**2015 AGM**  
**November 8, 2015**  
**Red Deer AB.**

a) Call to Order @ 10:09 am

b) Roll Call of Executive and Board Members (Attendance)  
Val Miles (President), Alan Shaw, Sasa Licina, Rod Vassueur, Chad Deetjen, Greg Lintz (ALA President), Mike Owens, Cory Owens, Tony Reid, Dean Smith-(VP Ops), Marc André- Filion-(VP Technical), Jay Friesen-(VP Finance), David Westwood-(VP Development), Gregory Hartzler- (ALA Vice President), Gabe Hartzler.  
16 -Total attendees.

c) Reading and Approval of the Agenda; motion: Tony Reid                      Second: David Westwood

d) Adoption of the Minutes from Previous AGM; Sasha Licina                      Second: Rod Vassueur

e) Business Arising from Prior Minutes: Nothing to add

f) Executive Committee Reports

i. Presidents Report:

**ALRA Presidents Report:**

**2015 Lacrosse Season**

The Number of games throughout the province went down this year slightly when using our system 5529 in 2014 compared to 5261 this year. Our number of officials this season also dropped by 9 across the province. We continued to struggle with LGB's to ensure that all schedules are submitted in the **appropriate format** and on time. We also need to work to ensure that games are not all happening on the weekends. Our officials are being run down by demands on two days of the week, especially when tournaments are added into the mix. We are also looking to implement a form to be used for all game changes. This will hopefully help our person inputting to arbiter ensure all games are changed and handled appropriately.

**Evaluations and Development:**

The ALRA used money provided for development in a variety of ways this year.

- There were 43 evaluations done of younger officials in the minor setting  
68 mentorships of new or second year officials
- Tony Reid and Lee Carlyle were put in place in Edmonton to begin evaluating RMLL officials. Tony was also able to travel to Calgary as well in this capacity.
- Bantam A and up need mentors/ short list of mentors need to be done
- Recommended not to call Assignor as they are too busy need mentor's to contact in LGB's.

- Recommended that LGB'S appoint a mentor.
- Teach communications skills to all officials to help with coaches, players.
- Recommended to approach the ALA with format that official's only talk with head coach.

**ALRA Business:**

Need a New RIC for the GDLC, Call and CDLA  
 New dates for Provincials  
 Larry bishop award

ii. **VP Operations Report:**

**VP Operations** – 2015 Report Registrations this year were much smoother again, due to the continued use of online payment. I worked with the assignors this year to ensure proper coverage.

I was able to assist the assignors in moving officials around when necessary.

One member has been made a member not in good standing, due to actions he took at the beginning of the season in regards to payment to the officials.

We reported all officials that did 4 or more games, including Field Lax to the ALA so that our numbers would be accurate on the ALA reporting to CLA.

Inventory Sales were lower this year than in previous years. We supplied the two Nationals (Girls and Founders) referees with golf shirts. This was greatly appreciated by all the National referees.

Provincials was given 26 various golf shirts to sell, to date it is unclear whether they were handed out for free, or if money was received. VP Finance was looking into this.

All inventories were moved to the ALA office, due to my move. The new executive will need to decide where to store the inventory. Lisa Grant from the ALA, assisted Edmonton with their clinics and storage of a stock of items for the clinics, again this year. This worked very well and I appreciate Lisa's help with this.

I would like to thank Dean Smith for taking on this role, and wish you great success.

I have enjoyed my time with the ALRA, both as a referee and as VP Operations.

I would like to thank all of you that have helped me along the way.

I wish the ALRA continued success.

Dallas Lister  
 VP Operations ALRA

iii. VP Finance Report- Arbitrator the biggest issue, multiple referees is an issue, 2013, 2014, 2015 financial statements. Jay to provide.

Jay motions for acceptance of the financial reports seconded: Greg Hartzler – All in Favor.

Financials explained by Greg Hartzler year 2013, 2014, and 2015. Hard copies are available at the individual member's (that were not at the AGM) requested. Can be obtained from the ALRA president.

iv. VP Technical Report- on going rule change clarification ala, cla, not very helpful, tony and marc are working on videos- i.e. positioning, nutrition, will try and get on the web site. Some are on Utube.

Marc André- Filion thanks all who helped in this endeavor

v. VP Development Report-

The following is my report for the 2015 season in the role of VP Development for the ALRA. I am offering a chronological look at the season.

### **Uber Clinic** **Logistics**

The Uber Clinic was held in Calgary at the Delta Bow Valley hotel from Friday, March 13, 2015 to Sunday, March 15, 2015. We had approximately 40 officials attend for the duration of the weekend. The clinic began Friday night with the arrival of officials traveling further than 200 km and the clinician's clinic being held. Saturday marked the beginning of the formal clinic and covered topics in breakout groups including Mentorship and Evaluation, Referee Nutrition and Fitness, and consistency within the RMLL. The Saturday night social event was the Calgary Roughnecks game, which all officials were given a ticket. Sunday focused on the 2015 rule changes, discussion from the breakout groups, and featured NLL Crew-Chief Todd Labranche as the keynote speaker. Todd discussed his experience as a professional lacrosse referee, including the physical and mental preparation that is required. In 2015 the officials working the RMLL were the focus of the Uber clinic. The Uber clinic is a vital part of the ALRA's season, as it provides an opportunity for professional development and a chance to establish a sense of community among the membership.

### **Areas for Improvement**

The downtown location for the event was pointed out as problematic for officials to reach, although parking was addressed by the ALRA paying for the officials attending. The food was mentioned as being subpar. It is suggested that both of these issues be dealt with by the planning committee in 2016. The clinician's clinic only had 5 clinicians attend, which was a point of contention for those who did make it. Active recruitment of more clinicians, and having those clinicians commit to attending is a goal for 2016 season. The short notice resulted in some officials not being able to attend. It is recommended the invitation go out no later than 6 weeks in 2016.

## **Strengths of the Program**

In 2015 the Uber Clinic served its two main purposes: Educating our officials and building comradery within the ALRA. Smaller breakout groups were piloted this year, and resulted in increased discussion, and kept the conversations streamlined. As usual, the discussion arising from the clinic was largely constructive. The Uber clinic is a beneficial program that should continue in the future.

## **Standard Clinics**

For 2016 it is necessary to recruit and train more qualified clinicians. Clinic assignments should be completed at least 4 weeks prior to the scheduled date. Travel should attempt to be limited, but some switching around of clinicians is recommended to make sure teaching practise are shared and a consistent message is received. The distribution of clinic materials should be easier this year, as the ALA has offered to hold our excess inventory, and distribute it as required.

## **Minor Lacrosse Season**

Scheduling again was a busy and difficult for assignors. Efforts should be made to coordinate similar level games with leagues to be schedule back-to-back to limit travel and make games easier to be assigned. Each LGB should only have one RIC in order to avoid any confusion, as was present in the 2015 season. It is suggested that only officials sitting on the Board of Directors be able to refer to themselves as RIC's for the 2016 season.

## **RMLL Season**

The RMLL season brought the typical challenges, as outlined in Warren's report. A targeted approach to recruiting former players with an understanding of the game should be top priority to fill RMLL games. It is suggested that new adult age officials with a playing background be "Fast-Tracked," exposing them to a limited number of higher-end games with experienced partners. Additionally, promoting competent established officials into higher-level RMLL games will be necessary to play all the games as scheduled by the RMLL, as it does not appear the league will be able to

## **Provincials**

Minor Provincials saw officials from all of the LGB's attend, with the largest numbers coming from the GELC, CDLA, and CALL LGB's. Two officials attended from Wheatland and four from SALA. We also utilized 3 officials from northern British Columbia, who had previously officiated at the Canada Day tournament. The targeted officials were those who were primarily working minor lacrosse, and were either unexposed to the RMLL due to geographic location, or were not quite ready to be given games in the RMLL due to age or inexperience. There were close to 70 applicants to take part in the Grand Prairie tournament, and when selecting officials to participate, age and opportunity to use the tournament as development opportunity was considered. During the tournament, officials were assigned day-by-day based on their

performance on floor. Their performance was jointly evaluated by RIC's, myself and Raymond McCarthy, along with the leadership team of Jon Bennett, Bernie Williams, Kim Smyth and Greg Hartzler, along with Lee Carlyle working on behalf of the ALA, and the ALA provincial committee. Many officials have been identified as being capable of officiating RMLL games in the 2016 season. Additionally, the tournament should continue to be run with a roster of officials that is set from the beginning of the tournament provides an immersive development opportunity, a chance for exposure to high level feed-back, and serves to establish a provincial standard, while being a sense of familiarity and comradery between officials from across the province. The ALA supports the festival format in future years. A development stream should be developed for our up-and-coming officials, and provincials should be the first step in this process. Additional tournaments should be looked at as opportunities, as well as Summer Games. Improvements need to be made in transportation, communication in expectations with the officials and leadership, and location of lodging.

The major RMLL provincial tournament in the 2015 season was the Tier III provincials. The tournament was not without its challenges, and should be looked at as a chance to develop officials currently in the RMLL.

### **National Selections**

We had two officials attend PeeWee/Bantam Boy's Nationals in Whitby, one official attend Bantam Nationals in Saskatoon, four officials at Female Nationals in Calgary, two officials at the Founders Cup in Calgary, but no one attended Presidents Cup. There were few applicants at each level, so increasing competition is a goal for 2016. A reformed process where the CLA, ALA, and ALRA have clear expectations of what qualities are needed in a referee so officials can be successfully selected and be successful at their respective tournaments. This should be looked at as the next step in the development stream.

### **National Playdowns**

The Jr B Tier I, Jr A, and Sr B leagues send provincial champions to inter-branch national competitions. Jr B Tier I has the top two-seeded teams in the North and South Divisions attend a provincial championship tournament that takes place over a weekend. This tournament was officiated by some of the top referees at the Jr B Tier I level, including those who would go on to attend Founders. The weekend had an RIC, and was assigned based on performance for the semi-final and final days, and provided feedback for the referees attended. This weekend should be used to identify future Jr A referees, and those who should apply for Junior and Senior National tournaments. Saskatchewan and Manitoba sent their Founders representative officials to the weekend as well. The Jr A Provincial champion plays a best-of-five against the champion from BC, hosting on alternating years. This year Alberta hosted, and four officials officiated the three games. In the future, sending an official to BC in years BC hosts, and a BC official to Alberta in years Alberta could be examined. Presidents Cup did not have a referee represent the province was a second straight year. This is of great concern, as it does our Presidents Cup team a disservice, as they don't have an official they have pre-existing report. The Founders Cup had two Alberta officials attend, and another two officials who officiate within the RMLL in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

David Westwood  
VP Development

vi. Executive Director Report-None -this position has been eliminated

vii. Remaining Appointed Executive Reports- None at this time.

g) Referee in Chief's Reports:

SALA – Bernie Williams

Pre-season Clinics

Five senior officials from SALA attended the Uber Clinic in Calgary and two senior officials participated in the clinician's clinic. A total of four clinics were offered – a level 1-2 in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, and a level 3-5 in Lethbridge, and then a make-up level 1-2 was offered early in the season to catch some of the stragglers. For the third season in row, there were ongoing issues with officials not receiving the ref jerseys and whistles that were ordered on-line. It is our understanding that a new system for ordering and delivering ref gear will be implemented for the 2016 season.

League Play

During the 2015 box lacrosse season, the Southern Alberta Lacrosse League included the following teams:

Tyke, Novice, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget: **Total**

Brooks **6**

Claresholm **3**

Crowsnest Pass **4**

Elk Valley **3**

Lethbridge **11**

Medicine Hat **8**

Nanton **2**

Swift Current **5**

Vulcan **1**

**TOTAL: 43 Teams**

League play was comprised of 12 games per team, played over an eight week period, which included a one-week break over the May long weekend. Assigning through Arbiter was done by Dean Smith, Bernie Williams and Chris Aarden.

Tournaments:

Tournaments were held in Swift Current in April, Lethbridge, in May and Medicine Hat in June.

Play-offs and League Championships:

Play-offs were held in a tournament format during the weekend of June 20 -21. The seeding for

the play-off tournament was based on the league standings. As in previous years, different clubs hosted different age divisions:

Midget: Brooks

Bantam: Lethbridge

Pee-wee: Medicine Hat

Novice: Lethbridge

A senior official was appointed as RIC for each tournament to supervise officials and oversee the play in their assigned arena. There was some controversy during the Novice Play-offs due to a misunderstanding of the tie-break formula. Medicine Hat Lacrosse has provided a list of suggestions to avoid problems of this nature in the future. The recommendations will be discussed and voted on at the SALA AGM to be held in January, 2016.

#### SALA Referee Development:

we continued to struggle with having enough officials, with the bulk of the officials (24) being based in Lethbridge and having to travel to the other centers on a weekly basis. Younger referees were trained in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Brooks, but many of these officials were unable to officiate as they are also players and there were often schedule conflicts. This has been discussed by the SALA Board and a proposal will be taken to the AGM in January suggesting that Midget games be played on a day that is different than the younger divisions in order to allow midget players more opportunities to referee.

In terms of referee development, SALA sent four officials to the Provincials Championships in Grand Prairie and two officials to Nationals. There were also some senior officials who travelled to other centers to officiate higher level games (Tier I and Jr A).

#### SALA Growth and Development

This season Cranbrook withdraw from league play and opted to play a tournament schedule rather than participate in the league. Elk Valley, which is comprised of the communities of Sparwood, Fernie and Elkford, BC, joined our league as an affiliate member. Prior to and early in the season there were a number of contentious issues with BCLA and significant frustration by local organizers. There were also some issues with defaulted games by their Bantam team. Vulcan participated in the league for the second consecutive year and there appears to be potential for future growth in that area as well as in Nanton and Claresholm.

#### Referee Payment

About a month prior to the season, SALA was informed that the ALRA would require that all referees be paid by electronic funds transfer through Arbiter. This policy was opposed by SALA on the basis that our association is organized around a decentralized model wherein funding for referees and floor time is handled at the club level and not by the LGB. This created a substantial increase in both the workload and the liability for our LGB. It also seems that there is a double standard in that the RMLL was allowed to continue pay game fees by cash or cheque at game time and SALA was not. While we appreciate the tremendous amount of work done by Jay Friesen and Greg Hartzler to implement the new system, SALA would prefer to revert to the old system of the home team paying refs at each game. SALA will be urging the ALRA to revisit this policy for the coming seasons.

Bernie Williams  
SALA RIC

### **CDLA RIC Report:**

2015 this year we had more first year referees, than ever before. This was in part to the CDLA sending out an email scouting for referees for us. Calgary and Okotoks/High River shared in the 40+ new referees. Strathmore still remains at only 1 referee, Cochrane has 3, and Airdrie has 5. We MUST start to recruit in these areas. I have asked at the CDLA meetings for help from the respective clubs. Development Day CDLA, once again, hosted a referee development day, prior to the season starting. This was met with great success. We were able to put one senior official one each of four floors, to oversee and mentor, as well as two 3 rd – 5 th year referees to be on floor with our new officials. With this format we were able to get more bodies on the floor, the new officials were there to learn mainly floor positioning, the younger mentors learned just by teaching. The day was an overwhelming success and I encourage both the CDLA and the new RIC to help make this day grow. Referee Abuse this year, more than ever, we had the backing of the CDLA when it came to inappropriate behavior by coaches and/or parents. Any issues were dealt with promptly and severely. I big thank you to CDLA and Dean Smith in the process, I do believe this will help in referee retention. Referee Assistance by Clubs some of the clubs have continues to assist the referees in regards to fees or equipment. This year the Hornets stepped up after we became more aware of the need for helmets for our referees. They assisted the referees in the NW area by supplementing the cost of a helmet and visor. As this issue is near and dear to my heart, I want to person send a HUGE thank you to the organizers and the club itself. You have made a difference! Last but not least, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as both CDLA RIC and assignor for the last 5 years. The referees both senior and junior have made what I had to do much easier. I wish all referees in the CDLA area continued success.

Dallas Lister

CALL- Ray McCarthy-

### **CENTRAL ALBERTA LACROSSE LEAGUE REFEREE IN CHIEF REPORT**

The 2015 season was a successful one with having 62 officials Registered within call. Over 500 games were played with only one missed game by the official's fault. We have seen growth in many of our young officials and they will be moving up into the RMLL in the 2016 season. Over the past 5 years between the RIC, Development Coordinator and Assignor we have worked hard to create a development stream for young officials and we are starting to see it payoff. David Westwood and I took over the Minor Box Provincials in Grande Prairie with only 2 weeks to plan. We would like to thank all the officials from our area take took part; we had approximately 20% of the officials from our area at provincials. It was a successful weekend with a few errors along the way. Alberta Lacrosse was happy with the success and we will continue to run a similar program for years to come at provincials. We have been asked to come up with a development stream plan for the province, which will be presented at the ALA AGM in Banff,



AB in mid-November. The session is called “Thriving not surviving”. We welcome everyone to come out and see how CALL’s ideals are being used at a provincial level; it is something we all should be proud of. I am currently looking for a replacement as RIC for CALL, once a suitable replacement is found I will stay on for one year with that person to help them learn the ropes then I will be passing the duties on.

Thanks,  
Raymond McCarthy  
Central Alberta Lacrosse League Referee in Chief

GELC- Mohamad Jomha-  
**GELC RIC REPORT**

With the 2015 GELC campaign bringing both success and great challenge there are many who need to be commended for all their hard work and commitment. There was great work done by our assignors all summer with every game being assigned and often well in advance. Inevitably there were a few no shows and scheduling mix ups but they were rare. Thankfully due to the diligent work of our assignors and the willingness of many of the senior officials to make themselves available, a solution was always found when emergency arose.

Prior to the season there was significant talk regarding the minor provincials and having Grand Prairie as a host. The concern was largely based on the ability to provide enough officials to the tournament and the logistics of travel. However the ALRA was able to recruit a healthy number of referees to make the trip and I think overall the endeavour was a success. There were many younger officials who took the opportunity to gain experience and place themselves in some very important games. This only bodes well for the future of both the ALRA and GELC with so many committed younger individuals motivated to take the next step as officials. Additionally the amount of officials who stepped up during tournaments, when options were extremely limited, was incredibly impressive. The sacrifice and selflessness required to do so is something that doesn’t go unnoticed.

As was the case last season, the GELC and ALRA partnered in running the mentorship program for younger officials in their first seasons as lacrosse officials. The funding for the program saw an increase from a year prior and a larger focus was placed on providing less experienced referees with insulation as they were paired with a senior official for their first couple games. Overall the concept seemed to work allowing many of the officials with minimal experience to ref in a less stressful environment with the opportunity to learn from a senior official. Many of these officials were then able to quickly make a smooth transition into calling games in a standard setting and in some cases even taking part in Peewee Games right away without issue. Thanks again to all the tenured referees who provided such excellent support and guidance throughout this program.

While most events ran smoothly there still remains a few areas that require attention. As someone who has been around the game since early childhood, the sport needs to take a hard look at its culture. It has become the norm for bench personnel and even spectators to have a

constant dialogue, often of an abusive nature, with both the opposition and officials. It really isn't something you see in minor hockey, soccer, or any other major sport and as the GELC attempts to restore its registration and promote growth, an improvement in this area would help immensely. Although officials are doing a much better job of asserting power and removing offenders from games the problem still persists because coaches and fans still have yet to take accountability and change their habits. There is a definite feeling amongst many, ironically predominantly at the younger levels that verbally attacking a referee is perfectly acceptable, even regarding the most minor of issues. For this to change the consequences must be heightened for these individuals.

Every season brings a new identity and this year will definitely be remembered for the performance of so many of our younger officials. The growth that was shown by many throughout the year was tangible and it was inspiring to see such promising talent improve as the season went along. A definite problem area over the past couple of seasons has been the number of referees capable of covering games at the Peewee A and Bantam levels. However this year demonstrated there are several capable referees that are well on their way to filling the void. Moving forward a continued emphasis should be placed on maintaining a strong relationship with our younger officials in terms of support and providing ample opportunity for advancement within the ALRA.

Muhammad Jomha  
Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council RIC

WLA - Brent Lumayko- No Report Given

RMLL- Warren Renden-

### **RMLL RIC Report**

Last year in my report to the RMLL, I wrote "2014 was easily the most difficult in my 8 year tenure as the RMLL RIC. Fortunately, this did not come as a result of an increase in violent play or schedule disruptions or anything else involving RMLL teams or administration of the RMLL or ALA, but rather due to an insufficient supply of adult referees in Alberta and the impact that this shortage has on the ability of the ALRA to service the RMLL and the needs of its teams.

**Simply put, the ALRA currently does not have a sufficient senior referee base to adequately service the probable RMLL schedule for 2015 within its currently constituted projected parameters.** My hope is that scheduling issues can be resolved and that we are able to construct a schedule for the 2015 season that is workable and amenable to all stakeholders."

Unfortunately I proved to be prophetic as for the first time ever the ALRA had to request the RMLL to move a game because we had no referees to assign to it. Fortunately we did make some strides in altering the actual schedule as there were more games played on Fridays in 2015 than ever before. Hopefully this trend can be continued in 2016. Ten to twelve games changed in this manner can be significant to the ALRA.

### **Referees to Nationals**

over my term as RMLL RIC the selection of a list of referees by the ALRA for submission to the

ALA to referee in the major CLA nationals has been a regular source of controversy and in my opinion unnecessary conflict. I would suggest that this process needs to be reformed. The ALRA first needs to know what specific requirements are mandated by the CLA in order to referee in each of the major nationals we send referees to. Secondly, the ALRA needs to concur with those standards and work with the ALRA to vet the list of candidates so that individuals unacceptable to it are advised of their unacceptability well ahead of the evaluation process. Thirdly a realistic timeline for evaluation must be established so that the ALRA can properly fulfill its obligations in the process. Hopefully the selection process will become more orderly with these protocols in place.

### **Junior A**

This division is never easy to find adequate referees for. The games are fast paced, very aggressive and fairly skilled and the referees adequately able to officiate these games are few. The players are anxious to perform and the coaches are almost all Type A personalities. That being said, 2015 was particularly difficult for many reasons but the upshot is that this division of four teams playing 46 league and playoff games, accrued 9 game misconducts to non-playing personnel and thus accounted for **57% of the game misconducts** handed out to coaches in the RMLL in 2015. By contrast, Senior B had zero and Tier 1 Junior had one. The Western Hockey League, with just as many Type A full time coaches, had 3 game misconducts in 792 games. This scenario is a stain on Alberta lacrosse and particularly on the RMLL. Obviously this is a league with little concept of its public image and change will have to come from the outside. The RMLL needs to take action here.

### **2016**

Although the relationship between the ALRA and the RMLL has always been extremely positive I would recommend the following changes be made to ensure a more seamless conduct of operations in 2016.

1. The ALRA assignors will continue to assign RMLL travel and playoff games on a “first priority basis”. Concurrent games between teams located in the same general area, no matter what the level, will be necessarily continue to be assigned as a lower priority in 2016
2. ALRA members will be again be notified to submit only airline tickets and hotel bills for approved travel, through the RMLL RIC, to the RMLL for payment during the season. Mileage and per diems will be submitted only through the ALRA aggregate invoices to the RMLL.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the ALRA this past season. Your time, commitment and passion to lacrosse are appreciated by the members of the RMLL.

H) Presentation of Board of Directors approved Financial Statement and approved Budget for coming fiscal year for ratification by the Membership

I) Notices of Motion  
Bylaw Change – Dean Smith

5.01.3 Each of the Referee-In-Chiefs’ (herein referred to as “RIC(s)”) for the Local Governing Bodies shall also be a Member of the Board with full voting privileges. The RIC’s may either be elected or appointed by the respective LGB, and endorsed by the Executive of the ALRA.

**Change too:**

The RIC(s) shall be selected by the Executive of the ALRA, in consultation with the respective LGB(s). A RIC(s) shall not hold a LGB board position or a Club board position (co-ordinator position is acceptable). In extenuating circumstances the ALRA Executive may temporarily select an RIC(s) outside of these parameters.

Motion by: Dean Smith

Second: Marc André

**Vote: Bylaw 5.01.3 – For 19 against: 1**

**Bylaw 50.01.3 has passed- will be put into 2015/2016 bylaws.**

j) New Business

- Motion by Bernie Williams to add a bylaw change specific form to our regulations.

### **Notice of Motion**

**Submitted By:**

**AGM**

Approved

Not Approved

**Existing Bylaw –**

**Proposed Bylaw:**

**Rationale:** This was discussed with the membership and all in favor- No motion needed this will be added. **Procedural change only.**

K) Larry Bishop Memorial Award: Maybe a service award, to be decided by the executive. Different levels, do some research, family input, and all membership in favor. Once decided membership will be notified.

L) Greg Hartzler discussing dates and why the association can't set calendar dates, A calendar has been started by Greg Hartzler and first draft too val. Uber clinic in okotoks April 1-3, Add as many dates as you can to the calendar. Registration will be open next month to all officials.

Motion by: Greg Hartzler

Second by: Rod Vasseur

That the ALRA make the use of a CSA/NOCSAE approved helmets compulsory for all officials under the age of 18 and that the ALRA highly recommends the use of a proper visor, the same for all ALRA officials.

All in favor: 18                      All opposed: 3                      Motion: Passes

M) Elections:

Vice President of Operations – Acclaimed Dean Smith

Vice President Development – Acclaimed David Westwood

Vice President of Technical – Pat Thalheimer- Val to read email form Pat Thalheimer and will be added.

Rod Vasseur- rod to ask to tell the association about why he wants to be VP of technical, a bit of history from rod and experiences.

Membership to vote - Ballots to Val and counted

Pat Thalheimer: 13 Votes

Rod Vasseur: 8 Votes

Pat Thalheimer voted in as VP Technical by the membership

Motion by Greg Hartzler to destroy the ballots

Seconded: Ray McCarthy

Motion to adjourn by Tony Reid @ 1:30 pm

Seconded: Ray McCarthy

Note:

List of Proxy Votes as presented at the time of the agm.

Val Miles- Pat Thalheimer

Dean Smith – Kris Handley

Tony Reid – Sean Reid

Rod Vasseur- Joe Catalano

Gabe Hartzler- Dallas Lister

Allan Shaw – Foon Der

Jay Friesen- Adam Crow

Sasha Lacina – Warren Renden