



Calgary District Lacrosse Association Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting

Date: January 8, 2018

Time 7:00 PM

Location: MacLeod Trail Co-op

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Motion for Approval of the Agenda – Moved, Steve H., Seconded Natalie. Motion Carried.**
- 3. Motion for Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting - Moved, Don P., Seconded Steve H. Motion Carried.**
- 4. Old Business – Nothing Arising**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Female Lacrosse Presentation by Don Payne**

Don Payne on the outcome of the meeting of the Female Lacrosse Committee. Don reported that the committee meeting was well attended. The Committee agreed that the goal of the committee was to present opportunities to females of all abilities to try and improve their skills and participate in lacrosse in the way that was the most fun for them. The Committee also recognized that one of the primary current obstacles to all organizations being able to provide that opportunity was the geographical boundaries of the CDLA which made it difficult for some clubs to assemble enough girls of the same age to participate in a team with similar skill levels. The geographic boundaries also reduce flexibility in setting up teams with players who may have other social connections that would improve their enjoyment of the sport.

The Committees recommendation was that a CDLA wide female lacrosse club be created to organize and operate all female lacrosse in the CDLA.

The association would operate 4 "A" level teams in each of the PeeWee, Bantam and Midget age groups and parity teams for the remainder of the players. Novice would be an all parity model.

The Board resolved to take this proposal back to their clubs to implement this recommendation for the 2019 season. Following subsequent discussions the proposed motion for the next Board meeting will be:

"Motion to create a new club in the CDLA that will be responsible for the delivery of all female lacrosse programs and leagues."

b. Discipline Director Compensation – Steve Harlowe

That the CDLA adopt a stipend payment structure to be paid to the CDLA Director of Discipline. The stipend to be structured as follows:

The first year would be \$5,000 paid 50% at the start of the season; 25% June 1 and 25% at the completion of any/all disciplinary actions at the close of the Provincial Tournament. The second year would be at \$6,000 paid out at equal increments of \$2,000 at the beginning of the season, midway through the season and at the end of the season. The third year on would be paid out at \$7,500 in equal increments of \$2,500 at the beginning of the season, midway through the season and at the end of the season. In order to reach the \$7,500 plateau, the Discipline Director would have to be the same individual serving in that capacity over the course of a three-year period.

Moved, Darrel, Seconded, Keith B. Motion Carried.

c. Ramp v. Sportzsoft discussion – Kelly M. and Kevin M.

Following a resolution from the prior Board Meeting, Kelly provided a report on the capabilities and pricing of the Ramp product offering. She also provided a report on the OneClickIce product capabilities and pricing. Discussion ensued comparing the products to the SportzSoft product that is currently in use and the current experience of using Ramp for the current registration period as per the ALA requirements.

No resolution to modify CDLA's existing products in use was reached. Clubs are requested to gather further information on their experiences with these products. Further consideration will be given to the creation of a committee to evaluate the best option for next season, most likely following this season.

d. Midget Nationals – Frank N.

Frank reported that following discussions with ALA a facilitator for holding Midget Nationals may be required. Discussion ensued on the role of such a facilitator and Frank undertook to make further requests to ALA for further information to better understand the role.

e. Numbers Meeting – Frank N.

The annual Numbers Meeting will be held March 14, 2018.

f. Risk Management – Frank N.

A discussion was held regarding how CDLA would resolve to implement the ALA Risk Management guidelines, particularly relating to the implementation of the "Rule Of Two". It was generally agreed that the rule to have female coaches on the bench for all female lacrosse would be implemented as required, although Frank would double check on female only coaching clinics. It was also recommended that all team volunteers simply obtain Vulnerable Sector Checks in order to allow compliance with a Level 3 implementation of the Rule of Two, as recommended by Don P.

There was no resolution, clubs were asked to discuss it with their Boards for clearer guidance and a future determination.

g. Canada Day Report – Kelly M.

Kelly advised that she had received a request from the Canaday Day Tournament organizer to arrange with Lace up with Lax as the charity of choice for the tournament. Lace up with Lax asks teams to bring new shoes which can be donated to a homeless family. The Board agreed there were no concerns and Kelly was asked to let the Canada Tournament organizer know that the Board supported the partnership.

h. Coaching Clinics – Kevin M.

Kevin M. advised that ALA had changed the structure of coaching clinics for 2018 such that new "Super Clinics" with a target of 60 participants would be held. As part of facilitating this change, clinics at the Community Initiation level would not be held and only Community Development level clinics would be held. Coaches needing certification at either level could take the Super Clinic.

However, ALA has not yet scheduled sufficient Super Clinics to cover CDLA's typical number of clinic slots used for both Community Initiation and Community Development certifications.

The Board requested Kevin M. to contact ALA to request a sufficient number of slots to cover CDLA's typical number of certification participants.

i. Financial Committee

Frank N. recommended that a financial committee be struck to provide additional oversight to CDLA's financial matters. Board members were requested to go back to their member clubs and seek out volunteer's for the committee with the idea that a formal motion to appoint the committee could be made for the February meeting.

7. Recap and action items

Brent R. read a recap of items from the meeting. No additions or changes.

8. Next Meetings

It was resolved to hold the next meetings as follows:

February Board Meeting – Monday, February 5, 2018, 7:00 PM at McLeod Trail Co-Op

March Board Meeting – Monday, March 5, 2018, 7:00 PM at McLeod Trail Co-Op

Numbers Meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Time and location TBD

8. Motion for Adjournment – Moved, Jason, Seconded, Ashley. Motion Carried.