



Calgary District Lacrosse Association Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting

Date: May 6, 2019

Time 7:00 PM

Location: South Calgary Soccer Centre

Attendees: Executive: Frank Natt, Sheila MacCarthy and Kelly Mantei. **Executive Director:** Kevin Murray, **Hornets:** Jason Montgomery **Knights:** Melinda Bevis **Axemen:** Melissa Nadeau **Rage:** Melanie Burnsed **Venom:** John Peters **Heat:** Steve Hofland **Sabrecats:** Brett McConkey **Fury:** Kelly Foord **Discipline:** Jim Norris

1. Call to Order

2. **Additions and Approval of Agenda** – Added “Looking the other way” Moved: John P. Second: Steve H. Motion Carried

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved: John P. Second: Steve H. Motion Carried.

4. Canada Day Report and Financials

Financial Report emailed by Kelly Mantei and accepted as circulated.

Canada Day – Allocations have been sent to teams. Responses due April 3, Contacts due April 10 and payment due April 24. Female divisions having challenges getting teams in. (2 teams for PeeWee, 2 Teams for Midget. No responses from BC). Planning meeting on April 16.

- Currently 104 teams registered, possibly 2 additional teams one from Houston and one from Phoenix
- all registration fees have been received but two CDLA team that have said they have mailed in a cheque
- only female division is Bantam
- offered additional Novice A spots to CDLA clubs once the female peewee and midget divisions were cancelled. Also added additional spots into Bantam C for out

of town clubs, this year the Bantam C division has 9 teams which is our largest in that division to date.

- assigning sponsor hotels to teams
- working on the team t-shirt information to send to teams for preorder
- SportzSoft has set up the online tournament t-shirt ordering system for teams to order
- working with vendors and a new photographer this year
- waiting for vendor payment to be set up and will start having them pay
- committee meeting tomorrow.

New Business

a. Preseason registration and team roster deadlines for next year – Kevin/Frank

- a number of clubs are using the May 15th ALA deadline for team rosters as the deadline to enter their team rosters into the system; this presents an issue when teams play games as there are no rosters in the system to track penalties to
 - next year we will setup a policy that any team that wants to play a pre-season exhibition game must have their team roster (players and bench personnel) inputted into RAMP before they can play
 - furthermore, all teams must have their team rosters (players and bench personnel) entered into RAMP prior to season start
 - Kevin and Melinda are going to organize a meeting of all club registrars to discuss this point as well as conduct a quick review of how things are going this season
- Action: Kevin Murray

b. Discipline Committee Chair Report – Jim

- alarming number of teams with a lot of penalties
 - a lot of major penalties
 - one week into the season and we already have repeater penalty situations
 - the key message is that the onus is on coaches to discourage their players from playing this way
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- Jim suggested that we need to revisit our 'repeat offender' rule and count each 5 minute penalty as a separate incident, not one incident for multiple 5 min penalties in the same game; we will discuss this at the planning meeting next October
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- Jim mentioned that there are a number of game sheets that aren't filled in properly. He has spoken with Carmen and asked her to follow up with the referees

c. Over Rosters / exemptions – Kevin / Frank

- this issue is being dealt with and was struck from the meeting

d. What Not To Yell Program – Sheila

- sessions were good and well received
- everyone very accepting and excited about code of conducts especially now that we have the WNTY App to rate teams on their conduct
- issue with code of conduct now is how do people report incidents? It was suggested that it has to go through the club and follow the proper chain of command; this needs to be posted on club websites or communicated through age group coordinators so people know the chain of command
- during the What Not To Yell sessions, managers were requesting that they receive a summary of discipline incidents and how they were dealt with so that they are aware that something is being done

- discussed a reward system for teams that are getting good ratings in the What Not To Yell App; these prizes would be by age group

Motion: Sheila MacCarthy / Second: Jason Montgomery - Motion for \$1,000 to cover the cost for rewards that would be handed out to the top teams in each age group.

Sheila and Kevin will look for sponsors as well.

Motion: carried

Action: Sheila MacCarthy

- Kevin and Frank to draft a monthly report/newsletter providing information on news items and events related to the code of conduct.

Action: Frank Natt and Kevin Murray (mostly Kevin)

- New parent information sessions. Several clubs have approached Sheila asking about running 'new parent' sessions discussing rules, equipment and strategies of the game. This is in the spirit of having parents better understand the game so that they aren't as frustrated or questioning referee calls.

Action: Clubs will implement; development committee will collect and redistribute resources and suggestions on how to run these sessions

- Sheila reiterated that all clubs need to remind teams to sign code of conducts and install the What Not To Yell App.

Action: Sheila MacCarthy

- As part of the What Not To Yell sessions, managers were provided with the results of the Parent Behaviour Survey that was sent out to all CDLA members. In reviewing these results, there was almost unanimous agreement that if the CDLA were to change one behaviour that would help with all others, 'Yelling at the refs' would be that one behaviour. As such, we have set a goal of decreasing the rating of the number of times CDLA members see this behaviour at a game by 50%.
- In order to fully monitor these results, we are asking the ALRA to allow us to ask each referee to provide a rating for each team after the game. The ALRA has this on it's next meeting agenda.

e. Junior Affiliates Procedure - Kevin

The RMLL has passed the following regulation as it relates to affiliating players from Midget to Jr.

"Please remind your teams, that in addition to all the RMLL call-up requirements for an Alberta Midget player, as per the new ALA Regulation 5.05.1, before sending to their Commissioner for approval, they must also obtain permission from the Minor LGB President. All call-ups require approval on a per game basis.

5.05.1 Affiliations from Minor lacrosse to Major Lacrosse must be approved by the minor Local Governing Body President."

Because this places such a huge workload directly on the CDLA President, the CDLA board has decided to define what constitutes 'approval by the CDLA President for RMLL call ups'.

The CDLA Policy on this matter will be as follows:

In order to obtain approval of the CDLA for a minor player to play up as an affiliate on a RMLL team, the following procedures must be followed:

1. RMLL team is to contact CDLA team coach or manager and request permission to use a player for a call up.
2. The coach and/or manager must obtain permission from the player's parents.
3. The coach and/or manager can then reply to the RMLL team with permission to use the CDLA player as a call up and will copy their club president or executive director and the CDLA office (results@calgarylacrosse.com) on the reply.

Motion: Brett McConkey / Second: Jason Montgomery – The CDLA approves the policy defined above as constituting 'CDLA Presidential Approval' when a CDLA player is requested to be a call up for an RMLL team.

Motion Carried:

f. Looking the other way – Frank

- if anyone witnesses a situation where parents and players are becoming abusive towards one another or physically fighting, and the situation warrants having the police involved, then parents need to make the call

- if players are on the floor without helmets, then the appropriate coach or team contact needs to be contacted and informed to make the players put on their helmets; as a point of clarification, players can be on the floor between periods without a helmet as long as there is no 'game play' occurring.

g. ALRA / RIC Report

- Presented by Kevin Murray as Carmen Massel was absent
- refer to attached report sent in by Carmen Massel

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Sheila MacCarthy / Second: Melanie Burnstead 8:25pm

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting, July , 2019 at South Soccer Centre

ALRA Report for CDLA – May 6th, 2019

Tournaments:

So far we have completed 2 tournaments.

- Happy with how both tournaments were set up and run.
- These tournaments were of a relatively equal size. We used approximately 50-60 officials for each tournament.
- The biggest thing that has come up from the ALRA end with tournaments is a lack of clarity and continuity between the tournament rules and what the ALA wants for tournaments.
 - o Beyond this, we had a couple issues come up this past weekend regarding exemptions that may come from both the ALA and CDLA. I think it may be helpful if tournament committees are informed of these exemptions ahead of time so the referees can be aware, and we can minimize issues on that.

CDLA Novice Mentorship Program:

- Feedback has been all positive. The mentors we have selected are loving working with the new officials and the new officials are extremely excited about these opportunities. Many have asked for more after their first one.
- Out of approximately 70 brand new registrants in the current CDLA system, 52 have already been assigned or accepted their mentorship opportunity. We still have a lot of open slots left meaning everyone will certainly get a chance and many people will get a second chance.
 - o Something I believe the ALRA end needs to work on going forward is the mentoring philosophy and expectations for how we expect the mentors to conduct themselves.
- The most substantial issue with getting this off the ground was the new officials not having blocks or dark days in and therefore having to decline the assignments, otherwise they would all have had their opportunity by now.
- There are 15 senior officials who were selected to be on floor mentors.

League Play:

- I greatly appreciate all the Club Presidents who are encouraging their coaches to submit feedback reports (can be found on the ALRA website) after their games regarding referees. It is nice to hear when an official has done an excellent job, and it is also helpful to get feedback and data so we can try and assign officials to the best of our ability.
- I had some issues in the first week where I was receiving a lot of emails from parents and coaches asking about specific situations in their games. While I do

want to help educate, I ask that President's please encourage your coaches, parents and managers to follow a proper chain of command and filter everything through the Club President.

- I am currently working to ensure we get all of our officials on the same page regarding the rules of play for the Tyke and Novice divisions.