

Central Alberta Lacrosse League

Annual General Meeting

Sunday October 24, 2021, 3:00pm

Dawe Centre Activity Room 3

1. Call to order 3:06 pm
2. Welcome and Regrets Evelyn Hamilton (CALL Secretary/Blackfalds), Alex Wyne (Lacoka), Ang Nygaard (CALL ED), Travis St. Germain (CALL Discipline), Taren Munro (Sylvan Lake), Blake Sutherland (CALL Treasurer), Joe Berreth (CALL Vice President/Olds), Cheryl Geldof (Lacoka), Angie Stewart (Kneehill), Jon Weddell (Innisfail), Cole Smith (RIC), Kim Smyth (CALL President), Ashley Smyth (Stettler), Jessica Albrecht (Red Deer)
3. Approval of agenda John motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Tarren and carried.
4. Approval of minutes was motioned by Travis, seconded by Cheryl, and carried
5. Business Arising from Minutes - none
6. Reports
 - a. President – see attached
 - b. Vice President - nothing
 - c. Secretary - nothing
 - d. Treasurer – see attached. Expenses go up 5% a year, we will increase the league fees \$5 for the 2022 season. Travis and Evelyn will do the audit.
Blake motions to approve the budget as presented with the increase of \$5 per player for the 2022 season, seconded by Joe, and carried.

Alex motions to approve the reports as received, seconded by Jon, and carried.
7. New Business
 - a. Bylaws – see attached, to make the discipline position a voting position. Taren motions to accept the bylaws as presented, seconded by Blake, and carried.
 - b. Election of Officers
President – Kim has left her name stand, after three call outs Evelyn motions for nominations to cease. Kim is President.
Vice President of administration – no one put their name forward, left open until the season but activity looking, Evelyn will fill in until the position is filled.
Discipline – Travis left his name stand, after three call outs Joe motions for nominations to cease. Travis is Discipline chair.
RIC – Cole has been reappointed to the position.
8. Old Business - none
9. Adjournment – Jessica motions to adjourn at 3:33 pm

CALL President's Report

September 8, 2021

Greetings from the Central Alberta Lacrosse League! We know that the last two Box Seasons have been less than ideal, but we are hopeful (I feel that I'm repeating myself each year now...) for the next year, and that a full lacrosse season will be able to be enjoyed by our players, our families and our many fans.

Within CALL, our 2021 season was being constantly interrupted with covid shutdowns, changing AHS protocols and ever changing interpretations within individual municipalities. Some clubs were able to hold practices, while others had their arenas shut down as they were hitting the floor. Frustrations were extremely high, but our Club Volunteers (Coaches, managers, board members and the like) strived to keep sticks in hands, despite the challenges. We salute those members who brought their A games to our B league and hope to see all return for the next season.

As for our 2021 season recap, we saw all teams who were wanting to participate, compete in at least two games on the final weekends of June. It was certainly not the season we had hoped for, but with the help of our ALRA members, we were able to get some game action for these kids before the end of the school year. We also had teams from the Red Deer Orangemen and Lacoka Gators participate in the Alberta Field Lacrosse Association games throughout the summer, and we are grateful for these many volunteers and their time given.

Moving forward, CALL is hosting a Winter Camp in Red Deer starting in October and running into December. We have spots available for players born between 2005-2012, with several of our coaches from NAIG, Summer Games, and Team Alberta on the floor.

Our CALL AGM will be held in late October, where we will be holding elections for all posts, to conform with our new Bylaws, which have received approval from AGLC and Alberta Societies. We will also be making slight amendments, most particularly to our Executive Term length for the Past President position, solidifying it as a "mentorship" role, non-voting, with a one year term expiration. Our hope is to meet in person for this AGM, but we have retained our Zoom subscription, and will hold our meeting online, if need be.

As CALL has always been a proponent of the LTAD models, we will be looking at offering some form of intermediate programming for those players, over the 16U age division, wishing to remain in minor. We always encourage players to move on to the next levels of competition both in Minor and in Major lacrosse, and hope that by having programming available (whether that be a more relaxed opportunity for overage participation, recreational programs, or others), we can keep these players in the game. We are flexible, as a small LGB, and our Club Presidents

usually know all their players by name, so we hope to have all players made aware of the many options available to them within this game.

We also have a great amount of enthusiasm to build the Female Lacrosse game throughout Central Alberta, and are lucky to have several champions of the game stepping up to create programming and opportunities for girls of all ages in our area. We are currently promoting the Fury Lacrosse/Sport Calgary initiative to encourage new players to try Lacrosse for a day. And have had discussions with clubs from GELC about possible day camps and exhibition play,

similar to a “parity plus” type program, aimed at having girls only competition and learning opportunities.

All of these plans are both exciting and terrifying! With Covid still on the minds of us all, there is a bit of a cloud looming over all youth sport, and the exhaustion of our members, physically and mentally, has most definitely been felt. Our total registrations in 2019 were 1055 players (100 of which were female), while this 2021 season saw our participants drop to 729 (70 female). So we most definitely have our work (and cheerleading skills) cut out for us in order to rebuild going forward. But, with our truly cohesive CALL Executive, our ever-vigilant Club Presidents and Boards, we remain hopeful. (there’s that word again.)

Yours in the Spirit of Lacrosse,

Kim Smyth
President-Central Alberta Lacrosse League

Two proposed Bylaws changes listed below

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