

Central Alberta Lacrosse League

Tuesday September 9 2025

7:30pm Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82174294518>

Call to Order at 7:35pm by Kim Smyth

Attendance and - Kim Smyth (CALL President), Angela Nygaard (Executive Director), Blake Sutherland (CALL Treasurer), Stacey Christensen (Field Rep), Zac Coubrrough (Junior Rep), Travis St.Germain (Discipline), Kari Flaws (Innisfail), Joe Berreth (Olds), Tasha Young (Olds), Krystal Siemens (Red Deer), Martynne Nixon (Stettler), Chris Jervis (Sylvan Lake)

Regrets, Lacoka, Blackfalds, Chargers and Hanna

Agenda: Motion to adopt

Previous Minutes [July 2025 Minutes](#) Motion to Approve Minutes Joe Berreth, Seconded by Chris Jervis; All in favour

Reports

President - CALL AGM is scheduled for October, and the September planning meeting for ALA is this weekend. Kim requested input from attendees on the ALA agenda. Kim highlighted the need to review policies on tournaments, particularly the U9 competitions, emphasizing that they should not be competitive but rather focused on gameplay and development. The group also addressed concerns about electronic game sheets, noting challenges in rural areas with internet connectivity, and discussed potential regulation changes for game times and affiliations. Additionally, the promotion of girls' lacrosse camps and the implementation of shot tracking for U15 and U17 teams were proposed as future initiatives. Kim: Represent Call's interests at the September ALA planning meeting regarding strategic planning, development, and policy discussions.

- Clubs: Gather and submit their most recent organizational filing information to CALL before the ALA planning meeting.
- Clubs: Recruit coaches, especially goalies, for the CALL Camp and inform Zack and Travis.
- Kim: Discuss U9 tournament regulations at the ALA planning meeting to ensure non-competitive format following LTAD guidelines.
- Kim: Address affiliation rules and membership requirements for clubs in good standing at the ALA planning meeting.
- Kim: Address ALRA billing issues and ensure timely receipt of billing at the ALA planning meeting.
- Kim: Advocate for changing U13 game times at the ALA planning meeting.
- Kim: Present concerns about electronic game sheets at the ALA planning meeting, highlighting connectivity issues in rural clubs.
- Clubs: Inform their board members about pending ALRA billing once received.
- Zack and Travis: Recruit coaches for the Call Camp, with a specific focus on finding goalie coaches.

Executive Director - Ang reported on the current registration status for various age groups, noting a high number of waitlisted players, and discussed plans for the Ruckus Winter Camp, with concern on the registration fees and discussion on offering a discount to ensure that female players can attend as many tournaments as possible while being fiscally responsible. Chris Jervis **Motion** to reduce the registration fee of the Female Winter camp to \$75.00 for a runner and \$50.00 for a goalie. Seconded by: Joe Berreth ; All in Favour

4 on 4 Jan 3-4th Fees - **Motion** by: Joe Berreth Registration fee for 4on4 tournament for U11 to U17 to be \$750.00, not including jerseys. Seconded by: Kari Flaws; All in Favour. CALL still has 5 sets of jerseys from years previous that we will hold to lend to teams in need. Officials (do we need to use arbiter?)

ASG - [Technical Package](#) Start the discussion and call out for coaches for the Alberta Summer Games. Concern raised about potential conflicts with other events ie Team Alberta and Prairie Cup.

VP of Administration - Absent

VP of Finance

Financial updates were provided regarding U7 and U9 billing, with Ang waiting for clarification on billing from the ALRA. Email requests have been sent to the ALRA with communication that our year end is approaching the end of this month and the need for these bills to be received.

OIC - Absent - Kim and Ang agreed to explore alternative payment methods for referees at the 4on4 tournament to avoid long payment delays.

Discipline - Travis reported a relatively calm discipline year, noting only six coach suspensions across tournaments, and confirmed that all disciplinary matters were resolved before the season ended.

Junior Rep - Zac reported on the Mavericks' success in the Calgary tournament and discussed hosting provincials next year. Ang highlighted the strong performance of the Central Alberta team and noted the competitive nature of their division. The group discussed the benefits of having Zacs in the community to promote and support the sport

Field Rep - Stacy provided an update on the field rep program, which had a successful all-star weekend despite some challenges. Registration in AFLA has seen more growth and with apx 750 players this season. The conversation ended with a discussion on the need for better field rental coordination among regions, and clarified again the desire for the field days to be spread out across the province. Stacy will provide input on field lacrosse future and sixes programming at the ALA planning meeting.

Club Reports - No Reports

New Business

U9 Camp - The group discussed several camp and meeting logistics. They clarified that Red Deer is considering hosting the U9 camp, with Kim suggesting it start in January due to

previous attendance issues. Request to Red Deer to confirm that registration will be open to ALL CALL U9 players. Krystal Siemens will confirm the request with the RDLA board.

U7 Festival Format - The U7 festival format was debated, with Kim proposing to ask clubs about offering one game at festival and two games during wind up weekend.

ALA U13 and Goalie Development Camp - Floor has been booked March 21 and 22 for the ALA Camp. A request will be submitted to ALA Technical Director to facilitate this camp following the ALA Planning meeting.

Coach and Manager Meetings - They also discussed coach and manager meetings, with Kari suggesting a Zoom-based approach to reduce travel time for Kim and Ang. Discussion around the benefits of in person meetings per club as opposed to North and South meetings. Kim and Ang feel the most benefit for the club was received by attending each club separately, the concern is the travel and time commitment.

Boundary Review - [LINK TO GoogleEarth file](#) - follow up on boundary discussions, with Ang planning to email the group and set a meeting date. The meeting needs to focus on establishing clear boundaries for youth lacrosse teams to improve organization and prevent registration issues. Kim emphasized the need for defined boundaries and ensure proper jurisdiction, while also discussing a grandfather clause for existing players. Joe inquired about junior team boundaries, and B. Sutherland clarified the current tier system and team assignments. Chris highlighted the importance of communication among presidents to make decisions that benefit the children, and Ang stressed the need for implementing these boundaries to prevent registration errors. The group agreed on the necessity of clear boundaries and the importance of maintaining open communication among club leaders.

Lacrosse Planning and Elections Update

The meeting covered several key topics, including upcoming votes on planning documents, a VP of Finance election with Blake confirming his candidacy, and Red Deer's interest in hosting the 2026 Prairie Cup, which received general support from the group. The team discussed the upcoming Alberta Lacrosse Association AGM and planning meeting scheduled for October 26th, with Ang confirming the agenda would be distributed in about a week and a half. The group also noted that Mavericks Junior B Tier 1 will be hosting junior playoffs in Innisfail and will be reaching out to Minor players with various roles to help involve them in the weekend. Kim mentioned she would follow up on hotel arrangements for the November AGM in Canmore.

Old Business - None

Next Meeting - AGM October 26th 12:00pm noon followed by Planning meeting October 26th at 12:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn: Stacy Christensen at 845pm

