



RVLA 2024 AGM Minutes

DATE: Sunday, November 17th, 2024 TIME: 6:45pm LOCATION: Genesis Place, Airdrie & Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance of BOD Members: Shannon Stiefel, Rene Reutlinger, Michelle Anhorn, Melissa Frazer, Lisa Horsley, Gareth Barley, Cody Thompson, Gerald Warriner, Kim Vogel

Absent BOD Members: Christina Wesner, Todd Weisgerber

RVLA Member Attendance: Ryan Monk, Spencer Evans, Sarah Mickalko, Ashley Reutlinger, Rick Wathen, Debra Wathen, Jeremy Luterbach, Meghen Boehmer, Amelia Ressler, Tim Ogilvie, Mac Southgate, Justine Southgate, Jeremy Schmidt, Laura Longmire

- **Call to Order** - 6:47pm
- **Approval of the 2023 AGM Minutes** - Melissa Motions, Michelle 2nds. All in Favour. Minutes approved.
- **Additions or deletions to the 2024 AGM agenda** - None
- **Approval of the 2024 AGM Agenda** - Melissa motions, Gerald 2nds. All in favour. Agenda Approved.
- **Board Member Reports:** Reports posted on RVLA website and sent via email to all members
- **Financial Reports:**
 - \$75,000 in bank account as of August 31, 2024. Motion to approve year end financials - Melissa motions, Lisa 2nds. All in favour. Motion Carries.
 - 2025 budget - will not have David Fehr but having the development camp this fall helped with funds.
 - U9 Jerseys - approx \$10,000 needed to purchase new U9 jerseys now that they will be playing with CDLA again.
 - ALA increased their fees so we will have to look at increasing ours next year
 - Could expect a deficit of around \$15,000 this year

- Question from membership: Jeremy Luterbach - With not having Plainsmen this upcoming year, how are the floor time costs compared to last year?
 - We have a deal with Crossfield to use their space for the majority of the season, saving us funds since their facility costs less to use. Also using Vivo and Spray Lakes again
- Budget Approval - Melissa motions, Michelle 2nds. All in favour. Motion carries.
- **Special Resolution - Amendment of Bylaws**
 - Sent to membership via email and posted on website prior to AGM
 - Bylaws were too restrictive
 - Re-wrote them to include 11-17 board members, allowing the board to be more flexible as our needs change, without having to rewrite and submit new bylaws each year.
 - Executive committee now in place - President, VP of Admin, VP of Development, Treasurer, Discipline Director and Executive Director(non-voting status)
 - Amendment Approval - Gerald motions, Melissa 2nds. All in favour. Motion carries.
- **Elections:**
 - ***Rene turns floor over to Gerald***
 - President - Melissa nominates Rene Reutlinger. Sarah Mickalko 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Rene wins by acclamation.
 - ***Gerald turns floor back over to Rene***
 - Vice President of Administration - Melissa nominates Gerald Warriner. Ashley Reutlinger 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Gerald wins by acclamation.
 - Vice President of Development - Melissa nominates Gareth Barley. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Gareth wins by acclamation.
 - Treasurer - Melissa nominates Kim Vogel. Michelle 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Kim wins by acclamation.
 - Discipline Director - Gerald nominates Melissa Frazer. Michelle 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Melissa wins by acclamation.
 - Evaluations Director 1 - Melissa nominates Todd Weisgerber. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Todd wins by acclamation.

- Evaluations Director 2 - Melissa nominates Greg Bradley. Michelle 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Greg wins by acclamation.
- Coaching Director - Melissa nominates Spencer Evans. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Spencer wins by acclamation.
- Fundraising – Melissa nominates Christina Wesner. Michelle 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Christina wins by acclamation.
- Marketing - Melissa nominates Lori Skelding. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Lori wins by acclamation.
- U7/U9 Division Director - Melissa nominates Michelle Anhorn. Lisa 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Michelle wins by acclamation.
- U11 Division Director - Melissa nominates Rick Wathen. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Rick wins by acclamation.
- U13 Division Director - Melissa nominates Lisa Horsley. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Lisa wins by acclamation.
- U15 Division Director - Melissa nominates Ryan Monk. Gerald 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Ryan wins by acclamation.
- U17 Division Director – Melissa nominates Cody Thompson. Michelle 2nds. Second call for nominations - none, final call for nominations - none. Cody wins by acclamation.
- Rene thanks all returning board members for their dedication and welcomes all new board members.
- **Open Discussion:**
 - Discussed the plan for RageDays to be held in Crossfield and having our association photos taken that same weekend
 - Discussed U7/U9 teams will be playing with CDLA again. Practices will still be held on weekends and games will be TBD.
 - Question from Tim O. - Could we consider using school gyms for practices?
 - Unfortunately, no due to lacrosse balls and potential damage or injury.
 - Question from Ryan M. - Are we still getting floor surfaces in Cochrane?

- As of now, we will be using Totem 1 again but that is subject to change.
- U7/U9 division - RVLA is working on creating local Airdrie and Cochrane teams.
- Question from Sarah M. - Are we forming a RageDays committee?
 - Yes, we will be doing callouts for a couple of different committees this year, including RageDays.
- Question from Tim O. - Would we consider increasing our fees since we are on the lower end compared to other sports, like hockey and soccer, which are 2-3 times higher?
 - No, those associations run longer seasons than lacrosse.
- Comment from Jeremy S. - We need to increase sponsorship in Cochrane.
 - With Cam Clark no longer being a sponsor, we are looking for more sponsorship for jerseys. Could be potential for sponsorship by division, giving more opportunity for local companies to sponsor.
- Comment from Sarah M. - Reminder for the board to go back to talk to Graphnix.
 - Cody has a meeting set for Nov 20
- Question from Jeremy S. - Wondering about "A" tryouts and evaluations?
 - Can't hold "A" tryouts early this year. All tryouts/evaluations will be held between March 5-24. Will be held between Genesis, Spray Lakes and Soccer Centre. 3 sessions each, including "A" tryouts.
- **Adjournment:**
 - Melissa motions. Michelle 2nds. Motion carries at 7:32pm

Next BOD Meeting: November 20, 2024, 7pm.