



RVLA February 2022 Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 TIME: 7:00pm

LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Meeting, Rockyview County

Attendance of BOD Members: Keith Berg, Todd Weisgerber, Melanie Burnsed, Heather Dobson, Brittany Oliver, Shannon Stiefel, Jordan Lypchuk, Brad Foote, Don Logan, Shane Viste

Absent BOD Members: Nick Thain, Michelle Anhorn, Jon Cullen

Call to order: 7:13pm followed by board introductions

Approval of the January 2022 Minutes: Motioned by Brad, 2nd by Heather. Motion carries.

Additions or deletions to the February 2022 agenda: No additions.

Approval of the February 2022 Agenda: Motion by Brittany, 2nd by Todd. Motion Carries.

President Report: Last CDLA meeting they set the numbers meeting for March, numbers are low across the board but numbers have picked up in the last week. We are targeting to hit 300 this year. CDLA has scheduled a week of referee development in the first week of April. No health check for players are needed, we can use the ALA one in Ramp but it would be out of pocket. We've completed 5 interviews for the ALA technical director. ALA is going over the budget again after looking at numbers across the province in the 55% mark. ALA exec will review budget before hiring tech director. Lots of school boards reaching out which is what the tech director would be in charge of. Floortime is still an issue across the province, ice is staying in longer which is putting pressure on clubs to run their evaluations early enough.

ED Report: We have about 203 registrants as of today:

6U - 27

8U - 39

10U - 36

12U - 39

14U - 31

16U - 31

Floor update, evals, preseason and regular season floor is all booked. We'll be having preseason floors booked in Calgary and Cochrane only since Genesis fields will be closed and ice is coming out late in Plainsmen and Crossfield.

Treasurer Report: Sent off the latest reports to the accountant, Brittany asked how often we'd like to see a financial report. Keith would meet with Kim quite often over the last two years because of Covid. We would like to see something quarterly or every other meeting. Brittany will set up a meeting with the accountants a week before each meeting to get an update.

New Business:

- **Non Parent Coaches - Shane**

- Thoughts on how we attract non parent coaches
- Would love to see some Jr players or Sr Knights help out
- Kids from the Bert Church program would be more suited for younger age groups
- Kids in Jr can't commit to full time but better to help at younger levels.
- We have a lot of Sr Knights and Sr Mohawks in Airdrie, they have much younger kids in 6U and 8U.
- Worried that after 2 years off parents might be checked out.
- Shane will draft a letter to circulate to Jr and Sr teams and will post on social media.

- **Vulnerable Record Checks - Keith**

- ALA wants to make sure board members and coaches and managers all have their checks
- Don said that Cochrane RCMP asked to go online, it was \$10 and no place to put in a code. Submit a receipt and the club will reimburse you.

- **Evaluations Schedule**

- It's up on the website.
- Each group 10U-14U is broken into 2 groups except 16U

- **Evaluation Concerns**

- No refs this year, they don't have enough refs and cost is high. Keith told Knights that they will have to do that so an extra person is already scheduled and can run the floor.
 - Melanie to email about wifi availability at arenas, Todd to look into getting one from work.
- **Evaluation Software/evaluators**
 - Team Genius reached out to see if we are still interested. Brad said he was waiting to chat with the board. 137 registered in 10U and up so far, have to purchase in groups of 50 (license fee \$5 US/kid). Let's go ahead and order 200 to start.
 - Shane to send out a "how to" to Todd and Todd will download a free trial to play around with it.
 - Floortime has been circulated to the Sr Knights players, all seem to be filled except for 2 nights that were added late
- **Evaluations-Board Member Roles**
 - Melanie talked about board roles at evaluations. Division directors need to attend their divisions as well as Eval directors. Brittany can help out whenever, Heather as well
 - Need someone to run on floor drills, it's nice if the Knights don't have to and only evaluate
 - Melanie to send out a sign up schedule for board members
- **16U A Division**
 - Was supposed to have its inaugural season in 2020, last year it was not implemented due to Covid. ALA is not running it as previously envisioned, CDLA and GELC will be in charge of it, discipline, scheduling, etc. Kids will play in their region, and 1 crossover game with GELC turns into a 15 game season. 2 blackout weekends for travel tournaments in BC or SK, no 16U tournament in Alberta except Canada Day and Provincials. Playoffs will finish off the season before the Canada Day weekend. There will be a website (Wild Rose Lacrosse League) with standings and info. Same 6 teams for CDLA, 4 teams in Edmonton. ALA will be sending out a press release later this week and posted to the website.

Adjournment: Shane motions to adjourn, Todd 2nds. Motion carries.

Next BOD meeting: Keith to look at eval schedule, will probably postpone March meeting.