

# SALA AGM

## Minutes

January 30, 2024 | 7:00 PM @ Taber Green Room

### In Attendance

Members:	Sarah MacKenzie, Acting President Heather Misek, Treasurer Scott McColl, BLA JJ Telford, LLA Jared Capner, TLA	Ben Dyck, Acting Vice President Mike Materi, Past President Chad Chief Moon, CPLA Dustin Ressler, MHLC Meg Hanna, RIC
Guests:	Kris Bower (MHLC) Sean Aggus (ALA) Doris Davis (BLA) Ethan Redpath (BLA/Sting) Kevin Kerkhoff (TLA) John Eng (Field/SALA Lifetime Member)	Danielle O'Brien (MHLC) Keith Berg (ALA) Alisha Johnson (BLA) Rick Kongnenbeit (LLA) Dennis Lebeuf (TLA) Bernie Williams (SALA Lifetime Member)

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

#### 1.1. Introductions/Welcome

- Welcome to all, thank you for joining tonight. A few housekeeping items, as this is an AGM, the meeting will be more formal and only SALA members will be recognized as speakers throughout the meeting through raising of the hand. Only members, member representatives and SALA executives may vote on all matters requiring a vote. The final portion of our agenda is a presentation on the SALA Hybrid Field program, this is for information only and the board will be meeting in the next 30 days to finalize the program guidelines and committee terms of reference. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A specific to field hybrid program open to all.

#### 1.2. Quorum

1.3. Call to Order – Sarah M., President called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

### 2. Action Items

#### 2.1. Approval of Agenda

##### **MOTION**

**Jared C. moved to approve the January 30, 2024 AGM agenda as presented.**

**Seconded by Ben D.**

**Unanimously Carried**

#### 2.2. Approval of Minutes

\*\*Note to revise the 2022 AGM Minutes to Vice President not President.

##### **MOTION**

**Jared C. moved to approve the February 2, 2023, AGM Meeting Minutes, as presented.  
Seconded by Scott M.**

**Unanimously Carried**

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### **3. Reports**

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#### **3.1 President**

- Sarah's report was included in the package. Only additional items to note is that registration for this season is well underway. SALA has recently released information and dates on ALA player clinics (Mar.23 U13 & 24 U11-17), the ALRA clinic on April 13 is being promoted and coaching clinic registration should be opening in the next few weeks. The SALA Sting committee has also been busy planning and should be releasing their dates and registration in the coming days.

- Meg noted that refs can attend any clinic if April 13 does not work

#### **3.2 Vice President**

- No report

#### **3.3 Treasurer**

- 2023 Financials

- net loss of \$2851.88, CPLA now paid up, everything should be paid up shortly, Sting had a loss of \$2169, however there was prior year equity to cover that loss at each division – sting has a carry forward balance of \$3140.53 that can be split between the 3 teams, summer games small profit, provincials a wash

- budget: membership fees based on \$15/player, meetings/clinics up considering no technical director, Sting budget of \$7000/team based on \$350/player

#### **MOTION**

**Heather M. moved to approve the 2023 financials as presented. Seconded by JJ T.**

**Unanimously Carried**

Recommendations:

Get a credit card, Taber and Brooks do not do e-transfers for payments, set up auto deposit, all clubs are to pay for league floor times at their clubs including playoffs, floor bookings must be booked to clubs, not SALA. Only Sting floor is paid directly by SALA.

Thank you to Heather for her time served on the board.

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### **4. New Business**

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#### **4.1. Ratification of membership dues.**

- No conversation from the floor regarding membership dues.

#### **MOTION**

**Jared C. moved to ratify the Annual Membership Dues set at \$15.00 per player for 2024 as recommended and approved by the SALA board of directors at the September 21, 2023 meeting. Fees to be used to cover items such as coaching/officials clinics and equitable player development opportunities. Seconded by Heather M.**

**Unanimously Carried**

#### **4.2. Board of Director Elections**

- President & Secretary are 2 year terms, Vice President & Treasurer are 1 year terms.

4.2.1. President - Sarah MacKenzie will let her name stand (2 year term)

- Call from the floor for nominations for President, calling once... calling twice... calling three, seeing none Sarah MacKenzie's name will stand

4.2.2. Vice President - Ben Dyck will let his name stand (1 year term)

- Call from the floor for nominations for Vice President, calling once... calling twice... calling three, seeing none Ben Dyck's name will stand

4.2.3. Treasurer

- Call from the floor for nominations for Treasurer (1 year term)

Dustin Ressler nominated Danielle O'Brien – called three times for nomination, seeing none, Danielle's name will stand

4.2.4. Secretary

- Call from the floor for nominations for Secretary (2 year term)

Jared Capner nominated Kevin Kerkoff

JJ Telford nominated Devin Lyons

- Seeing more than one individual has been nominated, we hold an election for the position of Secretary. Each voting member of the BoD has a ballot and can write the candidate of their choosing down. Following that the ballots will be collected and counted.

- Mike M counted ballots, Chad C verified the count
- After the vote Kevin Kerkoff was named as Secretary

**MOTION**

**Scott M moved to approve the BoD slate as presented. Seconded by Jared C.**

**Unanimously Carried**

**MOTION**

**Heath M moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Mike M.**

**Unanimously Carried**

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**5. Presentation**

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5.1 New SALA Hybrid Program

- Bernie Williams (SALA Founding President) & Jon Eng
- Democracy – support one another, give the opportunity to play high level lacrosse if chosen on top of the house league. Only as strong as our weakest member.
- Jon Eng – Sting the pathway for elite level lacrosse, everyone plays club
- Field lacrosse hole in Southern Alberta, approached ALA for funding for field gear for all centers. Start Field as soon as we start Box, introduce long poles and position on field to start, and move towards the actual field game at the end of the season. One in every 4 practices would be field. Suggest to form a committee, one member from each club. Potential to continue and play 7s once the box season is done. U13 as a starting age this year. Equipment – 2 pop up nets, poles, goalie gear for each club. Goalie sticks may be a cost to clubs. Each club needs a member to be a part of a committee to help steer this initiative – next club board meeting, have a discussion and find a person to join.

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**Conclusion**

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Jared C. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM.



## Southern Alberta Lacrosse Association 2023 Year in Review

Total registrations:

Brooks	Crownsnest Pass	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Taber
<b>106</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>79</b>

Overall SALA had an exciting year filled with fun, success, and growth. We welcomed numerous new players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and a technical director to the organization. However, with growth comes growing pains, and we had times of struggle and disconnection. However, I feel confident in saying that we are moving forward collectively with a focus on continued growth, player and coach development, and ensuring minor players in our region have a fair, fun, and accessible opportunity to play the creator's game.

Notable points:

- Overall increase in membership 36.6% from 2022
- New Referee In Charge, Meg Hanna, as well as many new BoD members
- Technical Director visited numerous schools in the region assisting with the growth and provided support to new coaches prior to his resignation in August
- U15 Sundevils and U17 Drillers respectively won Provincial banners
- 5 SALA members earned roster spots and played on the U17 Team Alberta
- SALA Sting A teams were rostered in U13, U15, and U17 divisions with each team seeing success throughout the season

Moving forward:

- The SALA BoD has begun work to strengthen our governance processes and is implementing new policies and a guidebook to provide tools for success to our community clubs.
- SALA is planning regional Player/Coach Development Camps, as we understand that together we can achieve greater success as when all of our clubs are strong. We believe this provides a greater opportunity for all players to thrive, regardless of skill level.
- Planning sessions are underway to provide meaningful dialogue on topics such as recruitment and retention of officials.

- Recently approved SALA Sting A Committee TOR and framework to provide a transparent and clear path for A level lacrosse within SALA boundaries, ensuring minor players a pathway to play at the highest level afforded to them.

SALA has a solid foundation, one that was built by volunteers who have dedicated countless hours over many years. Through the leadership and vision of many individuals lacrosse has become a household topic of conversation. Many thanks to all those past and present who dedicate their time and share their passion for the game.

***“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” - African Proverb***

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah MacKenzie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah MacKenzie, SALA Acting President