



**Strathmore Lacrosse Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2025**

Attendees: Travis Gauthier, Stephanie Simeon, Laura Wolfe, Andrea Blackley, Kris Perman, Shawna Feradi, Jessica Harder, Crystal Upstone, Jon Peters

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda made by Travis and seconded by Kris.
2. Approval of March 9, 2025 meeting minutes made by Laura and seconded by Stephanie
3. CDLA/ALA Update
 - There is talk about A team boundaries and possibly removing boundaries. It would be a draft system. Not sure what that looks like. Looking at reassessing the boundaries for B and C. Want to base off areas and playing services instead of geographical area. Venom and Rush should be concerned with that.
 - ALA in need of refs
4. Juniors/RMLL Update
 - The schedule is out now and loaded on the website.
 - We have a fairly big team. I'm unsure if there will be cuts or management with a big team. Not a great turnout at practices.
 - 1st game April 26 in Calgary. Friday, May 23, is the first home game.
7. Financial Update
 - Current bank balance is \$116,601.20
 - Raffle so far: \$8380 – this raffle money is in a separate account.
 - Total expenses: \$11,506.68 – RAMP MasterCard fees \$2300. – Lets look at charging a credit card fee for next year to recoup some of this back
 - Outstanding fee balances for the 2025 season are just over \$7000
 - Stephanie will be working on a more detailed financial report to help with budgeting for next year. Will present this at the AGM.
8. Apparel/Equipment Update
 - Socks and water bottle sales have been great. They are almost gone. We will sell the remaining stock on Picture Day. So far have made almost 1K. \$660 of that from the square.
 - Jerseys have been given to teams. The shorts should be arriving tomorrow. Shorts will be organized ASAP.
9. Facilities
 - All bookings are in CDLA hands now
10. Fundraising Update
 - The cash raffle is going well. We are getting a lot of additional tickets out, which is great. There are still about 30-40 additional tickets sold. We have already reached what we made last year: at least 13K. The goal is 23 K.
 - We do have an incentive team-building competition happening. U15B is in the lead! WHOOP! WHOOP!
 - Need to find a budget for Team Building Activity:

- Jess motions to spend a maximum of \$500 towards a team-building activity for the winning team, which sells the most additional cash raffle tickets sold. Second by Jon. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Michele:** Could we send a reminder to team managers about bottle drives. They need to let Jess know so we reduce doubling up neighborhoods.
- Steph and Jess need to align on e-transfers for the cash raffle. Numbers are not adding up.
- Jess is out of town on May 16. She will not be able to do the draw. Possibly Shawna, or Michele could do the draw in her place.

11. Volunteering Update

- Volunteer Policy Clarification
 - **It has been decided that we will stick to what has been communicated out to families, and managers:**
If you have paid the volunteer bond or volunteered for a job that meets the volunteer requirements you are not expected to volunteer at tournaments. This included the Rumble or Canada Day.
 - Shawna will send this clarification out in an email so that the members of the board are on the same page. **If you are still unclear, please direct all questions to volunteercoord@strathmorelacrosse.com**
- Canada Day Volunteering
 - We are still looking for committee members for Canada Day. **Shawna** will draft up an email to the membership and post on Facebook that we are looking to fill these committee positions.
 - **Michele:** We will need to communicate to team managers who are attending Canada Day that there will be volunteer positions that will need to be filled for those who still need to fulfill their volunteer requirements. This includes HOKS families.
- Policy Revision for next year: Should be team based by splitting out volunteer hours per age group.

12. Tournament Update

- Medals and player of the game awards are orders.
- Still working on the Skills comp and the chits that will record speed etc. Will need Kris help with this. Kris is working on getting the speed gun.
- Super Raffles ate 5 tickets for \$20. If everyone donates who says they will. We have x46, \$1 raffles, and four large raffles. Men's golf bag with golf passes and female bag with passes to and an egg chair are a part of the large raffle items.
- Coloring Contest pictures are printed with 2 Stitch plush toys for the winner.
- \$5 admission and 8pm start for the junior game on Saturday night
- Will be having a coffee and lemonade stand coming Friday and Sunday. Kona Ice on Saturday.
- Vouchers for the volunteers who are here all weekend will get a voucher for a meal at the concession.
- Will need Crystal's help email the volunteer sheet out to teams.

13. Other Business:

- Issue at U13C – A parent liaison has been appointed to the team. We have turned down coaching help from the father of one of the goalies. We have had to speak with the dad and ask him to stop entering the floor during practice. Today, unfortunately, the goalie let in a number of goals and was pulled from the game. The parents are upset now. The goalie is a great kid. The issue seems to lie with the parents. Due to legality and insurance, the father cannot be on the floor during practices or games. Travis plans to

go to practice on Tuesday and assess the situation will keep Kris in the loop in case things need to be escalated.

- Feedback from HOKS players specifically: They feel separate from Venom even though we are their home club. However, they have seen an improvement this year over other years. How do we include the HOKS players more often?
 - o Maybe we include the A players in the Rumble next year?
 - o Continue sharing HOKS posts and schedules
 - o Advertise HOKS upcoming home games
 - o Add them to our website
 - o We need more stakeholders on the HOKS board so that Venom is more involved and “in the know”
- Reminder to coaches and managers. Shamrocks reached out to U9, U11, U13 teams to join the game and shag balls. It is a great opportunity for team building and building a relationship with other clubs. They have also offered players to come out and work with coaches. U15B took advantage of this and it was a great practice.
- Next Meeting: Sunday, May 18, 7:00 pm at Strathmore Arena Blue Meeting Room
 - o Reminder: Moving forward to August, meetings will be held in the blue meeting room at the arena. Shawna will send meeting invites.
- Meeting Adjourned: 8:27 pm