



Calgary District Lacrosse Association Monthly Meeting

Date: 2 February 2026
Time 7:00 PM

Location: Calgary Soccer Centre
Main Boardroom

ATTENDANCE

CDLA	PRESIDENTS	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
President: Wade Bowley	Axemen: Kyle Little	Axemen: Crystal Kleutsch
ED: Melinda Bevis	Foothills: Charmaine Dautremont	Fury/Sabrecats: Kelly Mantei
Treasurer: Kim Croisdale	Fury: Eric Contreras	Hornets: Debbie Goodfellow
Secretary: Tanya Leukefeld Knights: Tanya Leukefeld	Hornets: Amy Levie Hornets: Ryan Sims	Fury: Ashley Reutlinger
VP Marketing: Ty Pilson	Raiders: Ian McDonald	
Discipline: Robin Latajka	Rockyview: Rene Reutlinger	
	Sabrecats: Jason Hardy Sabrecats: John Cassell	
ALRC CDLA RIC: Branko	Strathmore: Travis Gauthier	

1. Call to Order
 - a. Wade called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda
 - a. Floor sizes for U17
 - b. A Team designation/numbers
 - c. Tournaments
 - d. Central Floor Booking
 - e. Coaches & Required Courses
 - i. Motion made by Kim C
 - ii. Seconded by Travis G
 - iii. Approved by the majority of those in attendance
3. Approval of December Minutes
 - a. Motion made by Rene R
 - b. Seconded by Kim C
 - c. Approved by the majority of those in attendance
4. Financials
 - a. A couple timing differences from this time last year – most notably:
 - i. Equipment: U7 sticks purchased
 - ii. Floor time – U&/U9 festival floor time has already been paid
 - iii. CDLA floor time with city not yet paid but those invoices are coming right away
 - b. Other housekeeping:
 - i. Financial Audit has been completed
 - ii. AGLC reporting complete – ready for sign off and submission to AGLC
 - iii. Societies filing due soon, but has already been submitted (Dec)
5. Referee Report – Branko



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- a. New LC Rule updates are in affect
 - b. ARLA will be running a Coach Clinic this year
 - i. Q: If there is interest, will there be more than one?
 - c. Comment made to see if the Coach Clinic could be tagged onto one of the Coach Certification floor times
 - i. Answer: they are quite long and there may not be interest in doing that
 - d. With the new rules, the thought is that MANY coaches will be wanting to take this course – it may be something that could/should be made mandatory as knowing what the new rules are MAY help ease some of the Coaches frustration with understanding WHY the calls will be made the way they are
 - e. Q: Would ARLA be open to hosting Clinics during Timberfest?
 - i. Answer: Yes, they would be open to it
 - f. Coach Overview – could be made into a 1–2-hour boardroom or on floor overview?
 - g. The idea to have Coaches get full certification is being discussed as it would help have coaches be able to step in and help support officiating if needed in emergencies (ie: no show, etc)
 - h. Green Bands
 - i. No update from LC - consensus is to go ahead and order them
 - i. Comment made to see if parents could be given an info session re: new rules
 - i. Idea suggested to have the ARLA record when they are explaining the changes to the officials and using this content to share with the parents
 - ii. You Tube videos could also be used and then short info clips could be distributed
 - j. A document will be shared (will use the one from LC) with all Clubs
 - k. Q: If there are clubs who want officials for evaluations, send the details to Melinda and then Branko will then assign officials for the exhibition games
 - l. Registration for officials will be open in mid-February
6. LC Updates
- a. Coaching Certifications
 - i. CDLA will be sending emails to Clubs to forward directly to Coaches with an update of what courses / certifications they need to complete
 - b. Lots of LC meetings have happened, and many of the details and items have been tabled
 - c. Melinda and Wade have reviewed the information - the thought is that the quicker we adopt the changes, the less confusing it may be for our families
 - i. For instance: U7 & U9 Net sizing, Goalies, Run-Time, Overtime, Crease Dive & Crease/Lose Balls/Goalies - we can make it work
 - d. There are discrepancies with some of the rules, ie: helmets/goalie helmets and clarification is being requested around rules (hinge, strap length, 4 point)
 - e. Comment: Jason Crooks had nets made for Founders Cup
 - i. Not sure where they are, who paid for them or who made them
 - ii. Suggestion made to connect with him and get more details
 - f. These rules are going to cause frustration and confusion to EVERYONE



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- i. Having consistency amongst the officials is going to be imperative
 - 1. This includes Calgary, Alberta and beyond...
 - g. With many of the rule changes, it will also provide the Officials the ability to tier and have options for infractions ie: roughing, fighting, butt-ending, etc
 - h. CDLA will order the appropriate size of nets for U7 & U9
 - i. CDLA will attend the LC meetings and support the changes for U11-U17
 - j. March 1 is deadline for rule changes to be implemented
 - 7. Exemptions
 - a. RMLL
 - i. Players must first register with “Intent to Play” before an exemption can be submitted
 - b. Strathmore
 - i. U17 looking to play U15 - due to safety, new player
 - 1. Request APPROVED
 - c. Axemen
 - i. Junior aged player looking to play U17
 - 1. Goalie – first year as goalie was last year
 - a. Foothills & Strathmore both need goalies at the U17/Junior level
 - b. Axemen might have additional goalies to play U17 or Junior if other clubs need players
 - 2. ASKED TO PAUSE & go back to family for more info
 - ii. Junior aged player looking to play U17 due to skill level
 - 1. Request APPROVED
 - iii. U15 looking to play U13 - due to size
 - 1. Request DENIED
8. Releases
 - a. Strathmore
 - i. U15 Goalie
 - 1. Due to past conflict between the family and club, the family would like player to be released to play with a different club
 - 2. Request DENIED based on not meeting the Release criteria
 - ii. U15 Player
 - 1. Due to past conflict between the player and a coach, the family would like the player to be released to play with a different club
 - 2. Request DENIED based on not meeting the Release criteria
9. Fury U7/U9
 - a. Have been running the U7/U9 program for a couple years now; the demand is there and the age group is growing
 - b. Fury is wanting to extend more awareness to the other Clubs
 - i. Understand some of the reasons why families choose to keep their families together when they are younger for schedule ease
 - ii. Could Clubs send emails or provide information to the U7/U9 female



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- registrants about the Fury program
 - iii. Ideally, having North/South options would be a great “selling” feature
 - iv. Try it Camps – provide Fury info to the female participants that register
 - v. Q: what is CDLA’s thoughts on double rostering some of the players
 - 1. Double rostering would not be unsupported
 - vi. Comment: could CDLA run a “Girl in Sport” practice on Sundays to help get the info out to more families
 - vii. During Girls Rock – could there be opportunities for a “try it” floor time?
 - viii. Comment: could there be some players that might be willing to attend other Clubs evaluation floor times?
 - ix. Comment: Sport Calgary – ALA already support this
 - 1. Perhaps being able to support Fury specifically might be beneficial “All Sport One Day”
10. Additional Agenda Items:
- a. Floor Time
 - i. Struggling to get additional or consistent floor times and are wondering if CDLA would be open to or have ideas around centralizing the booking process
 - ii. Clubs like CMSA pre-book large amounts of floor time and then release floor time at the last minute, however noticing when this happens is difficult and not consistent
 - iii. Melinda will connect with City of Calgary to see if there are any other options for pre-booking, during season booking and potential for change booking times
 - b. Tournaments
 - i. Q: is there a maximum number of Tournaments that teams can sign up for as there seems to be a lack of options for U9
 - ii. U9 – Will not be approved to travel to Medicine Hat as it is the same weekend as the David Fehr weekend
 - 1. The other festival is Timberfest (OIC to be present for this Tournament and offer an Officiating 101 Course)
 - iii. U9 Tournament – Hornets is hosting a 12 spot Tournament
 - iv. Q: Do clubs have their teams find their own Tournaments or does someone assign or find tournaments for all their teams
 - 1. Answer: only Hornets find Tournaments for their teams
 - v. Idea suggested for Strathmore potentially host a Tournament
 - 1. Travis G going to connect with his Board
 - c. Tiering
 - i. Needing to designate more than one “A” team is a topic the larger clubs are reviewing, especially in the U13 and U15 divisions
 - 1. Just wondering what their options may be?
 - d. Floor sizing



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- i. U17A Coaches have expressed concerns about size of floor at CSC as they feel they do not support the transition to the larger floor size the players will see at Junior
 - ii. CDLA has pre-booked floor times/locations with the City of Calgary and changes cannot happen now for the 2026 season
 - iii. Comment: Junior teams also practice on the floors at CSC
11. Adjournment
 - a. Wade B adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm

NEXT MEETING:

- Numbers Meeting on 16 March 2026 @ 7:00pm (CSC Boardroom)