

# RMLL Senior C

## Planning Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2023

Delta Hotels by Marriott Edmonton South Hotel & Conference Centre –  
4404 Gateway Boulevard NW, Jasper Room  
Edmonton, Alberta

**Present:** Collin Lampard (Silverbacks), Matt Martel (Miners), Bonnie and David Jones (Irish), Kyle Steffler (Mohawks), Dan Everson (Bears), Stu Jobb (Warriors), Andy Sweetman (Stingers), Melinda Campbell (Commissioner), and Jon Zook (Pioneers)

1. Call to Order 9:13 a.m.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of 2023 Planning Meeting Agenda  
Motion: To approve agenda as presented. Stu/Andy. Carried
4. Approval of 2022 Planning Meeting Minutes, November 26, 2022  
Motion: To approve. Andy/Collin. Carried
5. Commissioner Report filed at the RMLL Executive Planning Meeting – see attached.
6. New Team Applications
  - a. Lethbridge – see attached application.  
Motion: To accept the Lethbridge Pioneers back into Senior C Division. They will play in the South. Each team was polled individually. Carried by unanimous vote.
  - b. Sherwood Park – declined to submit for 2024.
7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - a. Glenn Scott Invitational – Kyle explained that the Invitational is returning to BC for 2024. The Mohawks will be hosting an invitational post season tournament. Senior C should all consider themselves invited. More information will follow later.
  - b. Deferred Income of \$1180 – Moose Scott Money moved into redeemable GIC.
8. New Business
  - a. Team Concerns
    - i. General discussion about season length and when to travel to other cities. The balance of games spread evenly across the season.
  - b. Schedule 2024
    - i. Running Time When Short of Players. It is a courtesy decided between two teams on a as needed basis. Reminder about “Regulation 40.11 Any player/goalkeeper or non-playing personnel who receives a game misconduct penalty with 0:00 seconds left in the game will be assessed a minimum one (1) game suspension” and how easy for that to happen when running time is occurring. Game sheet keepers need to be extra aware of the times of penalties and goals when the game is in running time.
    - ii. Pre-Season Exhibition Games – the Rage are arranging to go to Saskatchewan to pick up Exhibition games. Miners attend the Edmonton Masters 4 on 4 tournament.

- iii. Crossover – There will be no crossover weekend in 2024.
- iv. Season dates – April 19 to June 27.  
Blackouts May 17 – 20, June 28 – July 1
- v. Playoffs and Provincials tournament \$1000 fee for ALA Provincials per team. After exploring the costs of going with “League Finals”, it was decided to remain with ALA Playoffs and Provincials. Top two teams in the North and top two from the South. Location: Blackfalds. Times slots will be assigned by distances. Gold/Silver medal game only, no Bronze.

	Estimate of League Finals Costs				
	# of people	# of games	\$ per game	Totals	Notes:
Floor (3 hours for 8 games)	3	8	\$ 104.66	\$ 2,511.84	\$104.66 is the average of the floor costs per Sr. C facilities
<b>Subtotal Floors</b>				\$ 2,511.84	
Floor Officials Round Robin (6)	2	6	\$ 79.00	\$ 948.00	
Floor Officials Medal Games (2)	2	2	\$ 86.90	\$ 347.60	For Provincial/Championship Official Game Fee is 10% more
Shot Clock Official Round Robin (6)	1	6	\$ 39.50	\$ 237.00	
Shot Clock Official Medal Games (2)	1	2	\$ 43.45	\$ 86.90	For Provincial/Championship Official Game Fee is 10% more
RIC	1	8	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00	ALA Reg 14D-05 (16*\$30 plus per diems and mileage)
Assigning Fee	8	1	\$ 6.00	\$ 48.00	
<b>Subtotal Referees Firm</b>				\$ 2,467.50	
RMLL Medals (bronze silver gold)	30	3	\$ 5.50	\$ 495.00	ALA medals are much more expensive than RMLL Medals
Champion Banner	1	1	\$ 130.00	\$ 130.00	
<b>Subtotal Awards</b>				\$ 625.00	
Official Mileage	2	700	\$ 0.68	\$ 952.00	estimate will vary (here: 2 from Lethbridge to Blackfalds)
Per diem	3	3	\$ 70.00	\$ 630.00	estimate
Accommodation (2 Officials for 2 nights)	1	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	only if rooms get booked super early
<b>Subtotal Referees Other</b>				\$ 1,882.00	
<b>Total if Referees long distance</b>				\$ 7,486.34	Worst Case Scenario
<b>Total if Referees at home city</b>				\$ 5,604.34	Best Case Scenario

- c. Officials
  - i. Crew Chief – The ALRA is now going to assign a “Referee in Charge”. This person will oversee making sure game sheet is correct, names filled in, count players, penalties, thus the overall accuracy of the game sheet.
  - ii. Get a Referee Receipt when you pay them.
  - iii. Rate Increases \$0.53/km, \$0.15/km passenger rate, per diem changes \$70 per day if they stay overnight, \$30 if they go home (Round trip is 200 km or greater)
  - iv. Game fee changes – 2-man vs 3-man for 2025 (\$90 for 3-man mechanics, \$99 for two)
  - v. Tournaments require a RIC – it was asked whether that could be the longest serving Ref at the tournament without double dipping for wages. Melinda to follow up.
  - vi. All new referees start at the youngest groups. It was asked whether experienced players could be fast tracked. Melinda to follow up.
  - vii. New Referee Incentive Program – 10 games ref'd and referees will have their pants and helmets reimbursed.
  - viii. Referee Evaluation Program – Using refs ready to retire and/or other experienced Refs to evaluate current Refs. This is a pilot project with each team having Refs evaluated at one home game.
  - ix. Assigning Games – will be done by one person to minimize mileage but changes will be made by second person to spread out workload.
  - x. Ref Shortages in 2023 – Wheatland 5, SALA 5, CALL 2, GELC 4, CDLA 4
  - xi. LC Box Rule Book - no plans to update soon.

- xii. Off Floor Officials are volunteers at this level. They are also “Officials” that need to get the paperwork right. Make sure they are comfortable asking the referees to explain everything to them. **HOWEVER**, they can not go on the floor during a game; the suspension for this is huge.
- xiii. Referees **NEED** refs, please recruit players you know who have stopped playing.
- d. Junior Gap Analysis – the ALA is monitoring skill development in the minors’ program. The goal being increased skill level; we should reap the benefits of.
- e. Coach Referee Evaluation Form – going online, new questions and comments section. The goal is to have an app for this but there is so much value in handwriting.
- f. Registration Fee increases Lacrosse Canada – ALA is not passing those forward this year but expect it in 2025.
- g. UBER and Super Coaching Clinics **APRIL 5 – 6- 7**
  - i. UBER Clinic is by invitation only for referees.
  - ii. Comp Intro Course. Those who took it in 2022 need to finish the workbook, but going forward that requirement is dropped. Anyone can attend the Comp Intro Super Clinic who has a Community Development completed. It is held in Okotoks because it is super cheap and includes the hotel, 5 meals, clinic, and networking for \$150/coach. You can get Comp Intro or PD points.

**h. Division Statistics – distances between home barns, Ref Evals, and ages**

PC 2 PC	T4H 1G9	T1M 1M1	T4B 1H6	T3E 1P2	T3E 1P2	T5R 0A7	T5R 0A7	T9V 0W2	T0M 0J0
	Stingers	Pioneers	Hawks	Bears	Irish	Warriors	Miners	Rage	Backs
Stingers		317	64	108	108	216	216	458	77
Pioneers	317		258	226	226	524	524	565	384
Hawks	64	258		44	44	271	271	473	131
Bears	108	226	44			316	316	517	174
Irish	108	226	44			316	316	517	174
Warriors	216	524	271	316	316			261	145
Miners	216	524	271	316	316			261	145
Rage	458	565	473	517	517	261	261		347
Backs	77	384	131	174	174	145	145	347	

Division Ages	
Calvin's age or younger	201
Older than me	4
Born in 1971	0
Between 1972 & 1986	42

Player Count	2022	2023	
Airdrie Mohawks	32	34	↘
Calgary Bears	33	34	↘
Calgary Irish	34	35	↘
Edmonton Miners	29	27	↘
Mountain View Stingers	28	27	↘
Blackfalds Silverbacks	30	27	↘
Edmonton Warriors	33	35	↘
Border Rage	28	28	↔
<b>Total AB Sr. C</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>247</b>	

SrC Ref Evals	
Average	3.5741803
MODE	COUNT
1	182
2	205
3	603
4	930
5	520

Differences in Ref Eval Scores	
#Games	Criteria
35	Less than 1
11	Greater than 2
15	Between 1 and 2

Overall Ref Eval Score	
Bears	3.15625
Irish	3.142857
Mohawks	4.488235
Stingers	3.725
Miners	3.928571
Warriors	3.438235
Rage	3.465625
Silverbacks	3.157143

- i. EAP and Franchise Certificate – when these EAPs are due please submit new names to Melinda and she will compile for the division. When you complete your Franchise Certificate, please double check everyone’s contact info is correct.
- j. Game sheets and statistics with Amanda, our web goddess
  - i. Misconduct vs Game vs Gross – please make sure your Game Sheet writer knows the difference. If you realize they made a mistake, correct, and leave Amanda a note when submitting.
  - ii. How to fill out a game sheet – quick review and new game references goalies
  - iii. How to enter stats – Remember to hit **COMPLETE** at the top of the screen

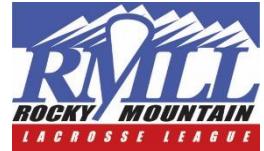
- iv. How to submit a game sheet – when scanned or photographed – large and clear
- v. Include – Game number and Division when submitting game sheet to Amanda.
- vi. Please do not lose the game sheet.
- k. Discipline Committee Representatives – Matt and Stu
- l. Discipline
  - i. Regulation 39.1.1: Where a game infraction occurs that is subject to a suspension and/or fine, the Division Commissioner shall forward the referee report, if one is provided, together with the Commissioner's initial position on penalty, to the affected Franchise and invite the Franchise to provide a submission or comment. If the Commissioner applies the suggested suspension and/or fine, then the Commissioner will send the standard letter to the Franchise. If the Commissioner decides to increase or decrease the suggested suspension and/or fine, then the reason or reasons must be communicated in the letter. Melinda will give you a heads up that a suspension is coming. If you have a defense, please submit. There is no appeal to Regulations 39 and 40 suspensions within the RMLL but can be done at the ALA level.
  - ii. Supplemental – we do not accept videos to add more penalties post game. However, you can send in videos to the Commissioner as part of your defense.
- m. Awards – Top Scorer statistic based and by vote Goalie and Defenseman of the Year, each will be awarded to both the North and the South.
- n. Players from outside Canada – proof of medical insurance is required as they won't have an AHC number and the local address where they are staying.
- o. Trades – please make sure that when you agree to a trade that player does not owe you any money! Melinda suggests that you please make sure the player you are requesting does not owe them any money. All teams disagreed that was required.
- p. Call Ups – we do not need parent permission for Junior players aged 16 and 17 – No players from a “minor” based program. They must be Juniors.
- q. Regulation Changes
  - i. **ALA**
    - Trainers, Managers, Coaches registration fees remaining the same for 2024, Intent to Play should be the same as it requires a ratification by ALA membership.
    - Minors' games increasing by 15 minutes to increase warm up and breaks between periods – lengthening the floor time being used.
    - ALA is suggesting Governance Bylaw changes, but they were tabled at their AGM, but something to be mindful of
  - ii. **RMLL Senior C** focused ones, there are many others:
    - **RMLL Spectators and Family Members:** The control and discipline of a Franchises' spectators and family members is the responsibility of the Franchise. The responsibility of the RMLL to discipline a party is restricted to the RMLL Members and Members of Members.
    - **CALL UPS:** For a RMLL registered player call-up, after receiving approval from the coach of the call-up, the Franchise sends an e-mail to their Division Commissioner and the lower-level Division Commissioner requesting permission to play a call-up(s) in a specific game and the Divisions are approved affiliations.
- r. Quick reminders and Deadlines
  - i. Don't schedule your wedding during lacrosse season.
  - ii. Don't get your wives and girlfriends pregnant between August 1 and October 31
  - iii. Only the Edmonton Warriors are covered by the minors' program Body Corporate, some are covered by their major Body Corporate everyone else needs to submit

Alberta Society paperwork as soon as their financial year is done. On the RMLL Website under the Admin Team is Body Corporate 101 with instructions and sample forms.

- iv. Team Constraints must be entered by January 15, 2024
  - v. All Coaches beyond the first-year coach need Comp Intro and MED and MHW – please check your lockers. Certified Comp Intro need to maintain their PD points, there are lots of courses in the locker, please check them out.
  - vi. In the RMLL system, identify your Goalies.
  - vii. When your fans are coming on the floor at the medal ceremony, they should NEVER taunt the other team. Please speak to your players and ask them to speak to their families before the games.
  - viii. Casino volunteering is a good way to make money for your teams. When this comes up again, please consider it.
  - ix. New Players – Melinda will refer new players to the closest teams as some allow them to come practice with them so they can learn.
  - x. Children MUST wear helmets when coming on the floor between to periods to play.
- s. Commissioner Election – Melinda acclaimed.

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 2:39 p.m. Collin/Andy. Motion Carried



# Senior C Division 2023 Season in Review

## 1. Growth and Recruitment

The Senior C Division maintained 8 teams. In the South Division we have Calgary Bears, Calgary Irish, Airdrie Mohawks, and the Mountain View Stingers. The North Division consists of the Blackfalds Silverbacks, Lloydminster Rage, Edmonton Warriors, and the St. Albert Miners.

Overall, the Division maintained the same number of players in 2023 as 2022, which are nearly identical to the pre-pandemic numbers, 247. Four teams increased in size from 2022, one stayed the same, and three lost players. The changes were all minimal anywhere from one to three players. The Division had rosters varying from 27 to 35 players. Despite this roster size, we had 4 games where one of the teams brought 10 or less players, and 21 games where one or both teams brought 11 to 15 players. When the season is 61 games including Playoffs and the Provincial game that is concerning. To quote a few of my Northern players, "We don't travel well." The need to call up Junior players ran all the way through to the Playoffs and the Provincial game.

We have a wide age range with our youngest player being 19 to our oldest being 65 years of age. The average age of the teams ranges from 25 to 36 when taking into consideration all the ages of the team's players. Overall, the average player is 28.74 years old. As an aside of the 247 players, 201 are the same age or younger than the Commissioner's oldest son. There are even a couple players whose son is old enough to play with them on their team or as a call up.

Teams continued to add players to their roster over the course of the season, including one trade right the deadline "for future considerations". Although a phrasing we try to avoid, trades come up so rarely in SrC; so, we are not anticipating future issues. It is expected that the borrowing team will be mindful of the respect that lending team made this season.

During regular season play, each team played only the other teams within their division. Each team play the other three teams twice at home and twice away. This allowed each team a total of 12 intra division games. Plus, we added in a Crossover weekend, where the teams played two games in the opposite Division. This made for an unbalanced schedule overall but great for team bonding. Playoffs were a best of three game rounds in the South and two with a minigame in the North due to scheduling constraints and travel distances. The winners went on to play for Provincial Championship in what turned out be a "one and done" final. The North Champions, Edmonton Warriors, defeated the Border Rage. The South Champions, Airdrie Mohawks, defeated the Calgary Bears. Provincial Champions were the Airdrie Mohawks.

## 2. Season Overview

Senior C is a unique environment. The goal is to play this high intensity, physical game balanced out with the reality of being able to get up and go to work the next day. We survive on the backs of our volunteers as the coaches, managers and the people that volunteer to run boxes.

The overall view is that the Senior C Division had a great season but was not hiccup free. This is a great adventure where there is a place to play and where the players' spouses and children can come and cheer.

### **3. Season Accomplishments**

The biggest accomplishment that the number of teams and players remained the same pre and post pandemic is a major accomplishment. Between periods, so many children would rush to the floor to grab a ball displaying the future of SrC looks good. Every game was played. Very few players were suspended. Every game sheet was submitted. Every Ref Evaluation completed. We reinstated the Crossover Weekend.

### **4. Season Setbacks**

It is very important prior to the start of the season to talk to your home cities about your home barns. When is the ice out? When does it go back in? Establish a relationship with your floor booker. The goal being when you must make changes as we approach Playoffs and Provincials, we have earned enough ass kissing credit to get the changes we need without horrendous financial penalty. This was indeed a problem this year.

When planning a season having this kind of rapport helps avoid situations where one team has all their home games within weeks of the start. A different team had games starting at once one a week, then nothing for a while, then several games in one week. Imbalanced in consistency of games per week makes running a bench difficult.

Throughout the season, the floors of the centres came up as a topic. The humidity inside arenas turned the floors to glass. The playing surface in another facility caused a wicked rash if a player tripped and fell on the slightly snarled artificial turf.

Throughout the season the cost of Referee travel fees was a genuine fear for the teams. Several games saw Referees travel hundreds of kilometers to be our third team on the floor. The Referees shortage was definitely felt across our Division through the entire season right through Provincials when we could not get Referees at all for two out of three games leading to the previously mentioned "one and done" final. It is a disappointing way to the end the season. When we had genuine concerns about the quality of the refereeing, we were most definitely listened to by the Referee in Chief and his assistance within the parameters of a Referee shortage were most definitely appreciated.

### **5. Looking to the Future**

We want to support our teams that struggle to fill a bench. We want to encourage our players to stay healthy and happy. When they are done playing find a way to keep them involved in the game whether that be by coaching or ref'ing or just being in the stands to encourage the generations to come. We want many seasons where both teams happily shake hands at the end of every game with their opponents and the referees.

# Lethbridge Pioneers Application



## LETHBRIDGE PIONEERS SENIOR LACROSSE CLUB

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Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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Calgary, Alberta  
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ALBERTA LACROSSE  
ASSOCIATION  
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Calgary, Alberta  
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Attention: RMLL Executive Director

Attention: ALA Executive Director

RE: New Franchise Application – Senior C South Division

Please accept this letter and supporting documentation as our official request for an RMLL Franchise Certificate to admit *Lethbridge Pioneers* to the Senior C South Division for the upcoming 2024 season. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation for the LETHBRIDGE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (the proposed Franchise Holder) is attached for your reference.

### Submission Requirements

#### 1. Financial Stability

The Lethbridge Pioneers have retained earnings upwards of \$5,000 carried over from previous years. The 2024 budget proposed below is the minimum break-even amount for the 2024 season. However, the Lethbridge Pioneers Lacrosse Club would be looking to charge a minimum of \$500 for registration fees to generate a revenue-oriented budget and support any future costs that are associated with running a legitimate organization.

Please find attached:

- 1.1 [2024 Break-Even Budget](#)

Should the RMLL issue the requested Franchise Certificate, there are no projected concerns from an operational standpoint concerning the team's solvency moving forward.

## 2. Exposure

Lethbridge lacrosse is a 20-year-long institution that has withstood its good standing with any and all other associations. As of the year 2023, the Lethbridge Pioneers have successfully paid off all outstanding fees and are in a financially stable enough position to plan for the upcoming 2024 season.

Entry of Lethbridge Pioneers into the division will not impose any financial or competitive burden on established Franchises within the Division.

- (a) Certification of Head & Assistant Coaches:
  - Head Coach: MIKE MEDHURST, NCCP Comm. Dev.
  - Asst Coach: DAN THOMSEN, NCCP Comm. Dev.
- (b) Number of certified ALRA Officials with Level 4 or higher:
  - there are **FIVE** ALRA Officials with Level 4 or higher located in the proximity of Lethbridge and Coaldale. However, the Pioneers are aware that additional officials travel from Calgary when needed for Junior B Tier 1 and 2.
- (c) Access to call-ups (number and where from):
  - Fully rostered Southern Alberta Tier 1 and 2 teams
- (d) List of 2023 travel, game day and game time constraints:
  - There are no known constraints at this present time.
- (e) By signing below, the representatives of LETHBRIDGE PIONEERS SENIOR LACROSSE CLUB confirm their understanding of travel commitments in the Division applied to, specifically that *the team would play nine (9) games or more as the AWAY team requiring travel within the RMLL Senior C South Division and that SHOULD we (again) QUALIFY for playoffs, there will be additional travel requirements.*

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## 3. Operational Personnel

The following franchise personnel have committed to a future season:

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(a)	Primary Contact:			
	ZOOK, Jon	<a href="mailto:zookj@outlook.com">zookj@outlook.com</a>	903-35 Aquitania Circle West Lethbridge, AB T1J 5M2	(403) 360 - 4832
(b)	Secondary Contact:			
	ARNOLD, Adam	<a href="mailto:Lacrosse_7@hotmail.com">Lacrosse_7@hotmail.com</a>	78 Lynx Rd. North Lethbridge, AB T1H 6W9	(403) 393 - 5630
(c)	Financial Contact:			
	BURLA, Jesse	<a href="mailto:Burla.yql@gmail.com">Burla.yql@gmail.com</a>	2141 9B Ave S Lethbridge, AB T1J 1Y2	(403) 929 - 3425
(a)	Scheduling Contact:			
	ZOOK, Jon	<a href="mailto:zookj@outlook.com">zookj@outlook.com</a>	903-35 Aquitania Circle West Lethbridge, AB T1J 5M2	(403) 360 - 4832
(b)	Franchise Registrar:			
	ZOOK, Jon	<a href="mailto:zookj@outlook.com">zookj@outlook.com</a>	903-35 Aquitania Circle West Lethbridge, AB T1J 5M2	(403) 360 - 4832
(f)	Head Coach:			
	MEDHURST, Mike	<a href="mailto:Medhurst@telus.net">Medhurst@telus.net</a>	151 Laval Boulevard W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 4G7	(403) 393 - 1904

(g)	Assistant Coaches:			
	THOMSEN, Dan	<a href="mailto:Thomsenfam@telus.net">Thomsenfam@telus.net</a>	149 Crocus Terrace West Lethbridge, AB T1J 5J3	(403) 360 - 6573
	ARNOLD, Adam	<a href="mailto:Lacrosse_7@hotmail.com">Lacrosse_7@hotmail.com</a>	78 Lynx Rd. North Lethbridge, AB T1H 6W9	(403) 393 - 5630
	TBD	Lethbridge Pioneers has plans to add to its coaching/bench staff if a Franchise Certificate is issued by RMLL, but hesitates to solicit commitment until its status has been determined.		
(h)	Franchise Holder Directors			
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**4. Players**

The Lethbridge Pioneers have taken to collecting as many deposits as possible from full-time committed players to gauge the overall interest in reinstating the Pioneers franchise in the Senior C division. There are a total of 19 confirmed \$50 season fee deposits collected from players who have chosen to fully commit to a 2024 season. There is an additional pool of approximately 20 players who either cannot fully commit, have expressed a deep interest, or can only commit to specific games/practices.

Please find attached:

- 4.1 2024 Lethbridge Pioneers Committed / Partial Roster

**5. Future Players**

The Pioneers Lacrosse Club will have a wide range of locations to recruit from, as the Pioneers will be the closest program for recently graduated Junior players and past players who are looking to get back into the sport. Possible areas of recruitment are, but are not limited to: Brooks, Crossness Pass, and Taber.

With respect to where future players will come from for the next two to three years, the Applicant advises:

- a) There are currently 2 SALA member clubs with teams competing in the Junior B division at the tier 1 and 2 levels that will be integral for recruiting new talent.
- b) N/A
- c) Graduated Lethbridge Cudas and Taber Chaos players (2002 Birth Year):
  - Hunter Lea, Damon Demers, Ritch Jacklynn, Thoran Malitowski, Ethan Sewall, Logan Kallechy, Max Drake,
 Graduating Lethbridge Cudas and Taber Chaos players (2003 Birth Year):
  - Aiden Tate (goalie), Braden Fauteux-Houle, Lucas Hortness, Ethan Sewall, Luke Sheridan
- d) Regarding access to additional Junior-aged players (i.e. free agents), the Lethbridge Pioneers have formed a working relationship with the LLA, which holds the franchise for both the Pioneers and the Lethbridge Cudas lacrosse clubs.

**6. Facility**

Due to the recent partnership with the LLA, the Lethbridge Pioneers would operate out of the Coaldale Sportsplex, should the application be accepted. This is the same facility being used by the Junior B Tier 1 Lethbridge Cudas Lacrosse Club; therefore, it is already proven to be an acceptable facility by the RMLL. There are no foreseeable events that would interfere with any games or practices and there are suitable dates and times for regular season, playoff, RMLL championship, and provincial play. Most (if not all) games could be scheduled immediately before or after Junior B Tier one games at the arena to save on travel and ref costs. Please see the attached Facility Specification Form.

6.1 Facility Specification Form

**7. Local Support**

Since folding the Southern Alberta Pioneers Lacrosse Club in 2018, there has been a lot of discussion as to how likely a reinstatement of the club could be. Now, with a closer relationship to an established organization such as the LLA, we have the chance to provide past, present, and future lacrosse players the opportunity to come back to the game they love, continue their lacrosse career, and ultimately grow the game. There are several reasons why it has taken so long to apply for a new franchise, including a perceived lack of interest, a shift in leadership, and environmental factors such as Covid-19. Although there have been many factors preventing the Pioneers from reinstating a team in the Senior C division, the discussion has always been alive among past and present players, more specifically during the long-running Rage winter lacrosse program. The winter program has seen an increase in membership of past-graduating Junior players, who are showing an interest in developing a team in the Senior C division. There is also a crowd of newly graduated players who have either committed or will be able to partially commit to the 2024 season.

Lethbridge and area have produced a talented pool of players throughout the many years of the program's existence. Without a Senior program in Lethbridge, local and surrounding players will have no other option than to turn to Calgary to continue playing the great sport of lacrosse. For most players, this means that they will most likely not play at all. The Pioneers program will be open to any eligible player to ensure the continual existence of the team in the Senior C division. If issued a franchise certificate, it is the ultimate intention that any other SALA-bound Association may seek membership in the Pioneers Senior Lacrosse Club in order to continue growing our player base, provide more opportunities for past, present, and future graduating Junior players, and increase our support.

**8. Brief Summary re: Reasons for Request**


The Lethbridge Pioneers have previously competed in the Senior C South Division for 8 years. For many of those years, the lacrosse club had been a top contender in the division. With the return of many skilled veterans and the recruitment of newly graduated Junior players, the Pioneers are looking to merge their way back into a Senior C division that is becoming increasingly more skillful. We plan to work within the ALA's long-term athletic development plan to foster the skills and attitude needed to grow the game. Many pioneers are coaches and long-term contributing members who are looking to keep the sport healthy and alive in southern Alberta. If granted access to the RMLL Senior C South Division, the Lethbridge Pioneers will provide a healthy and positive avenue for players to do so.


**9. RMLL Bylaws and Rules and Regulations**


By signing below, the representatives of PIONEERS SENIOR LACROSSE CLUB confirm we have read and agree to follow RMLL Bylaws and Rules and Regulations found at [www.rockymountainlax.com](http://www.rockymountainlax.com) under menu "league info".

The Applicant will provide a payment to Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League in the amount of \$2,800.00 with respect to this Franchise application (Performance Bond, Refundable Application Bond, and annual Franchise Fee).

**PIONEERS SENIOR LACROSSE CLUB**

Per:  **JONATHON ZOOK**  
(Lethbridge Lacrosse Association)

Per:  **DAN THOMSEN**  
(Lethbridge Lacrosse Association)

Per:  **ADAM ARNOLD**  
(Lethbridge Lacrosse Association)

- encl:
- Certificate of Incorporation
  - 2024 Proposed Budget (1.1)
  - Committed / Partial Roster (4.1)
  - Facility Specifications Form (6.1)



**Certificate of Incorporation**

**LETHBRIDGE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**

**RE: LETHBRIDGE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**  
Corporate Access Number: 5010016615  
Listing of Officers & Directors to attach to 2023 Annual Return

Office (if any)	Name	Address
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>		
Acting President	ANDERSON-LEA, Jackie	499 Blackfoot Manor W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 7X7
Acting Vice-President	KONYNENBELT, Rick	707 - 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North Lethbridge, AB T1H 1E6
Treasurer	TELFORD, JJ	14, 275 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 4B8
Secretary	BATES, Coreen	85 Grizzly Terrace N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 6T4
Past-President	MISEK, Heather	610 Blackfoot Terrace W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 7X6
<b>DIRECTORS &amp; MANAGERS</b>		
Director (Coaching)	KUKUCHA, Chris	283 Twinriver Road W. Lethbridge, AB T1J 1X4
Director (Major Lax)	THOMSEN-MEDHURST, Sue	151 Laval Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 4G7
Director (at Large)	VACANT (became VP)	
Director (Tournaments)	THOMAS, Dawn	19 Sherwood Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 6G5
Director (Sponsorship)	LYONS, Devon	3621 - 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 6G8
Director (Officials)	FYFE, Dan	30 Stoney Crescent W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 6V5
Equipment Mgr.	THOMAS, Mary	19 Sherwood Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 6G5
Age Coordinator Mgr.	VACANT	

1.1 – 2024 Break-Even Budget

Lethbridge Pioneers  
Budgeted Income Statement  
2024

Revenue:	Fee	Plyer #		
Registration fees	\$212.03	25		\$5,300.80
	\$176.69	30		
Donation Revenue			\$0.00	
Fundraising Revenue net			\$2,000.00	
Sale of Apparel Revenue			\$100.00	
Sponsorships Revenue			\$0.00	
Special Events Revenue net			\$0.00	
Total other revenue			\$2,100.00	
Total Revenue				\$7,400.80
Expenses:				
ALA Fees				
ALA fees bench staff			\$55.50	
ALA fees Manager			\$19.25	
ALA fees Trainer			\$19.25	
ALA fees Directors			\$77.00	
Total ALA Fees				\$171.00
RMLL Fees				
RMLL fee			\$800.00	
Provincial tournament cost share			\$0.00	
Total RMLL Fees				\$800.00
Arena Costs				
Arena floor cost practices			\$1,080.00	
Arena floor cost games			\$1,350.00	
Preseason floor costs			\$0.00	
Total Arena Costs				\$2,430.00
ALRA				
Refs			\$1,449.00	
Refs travel			\$289.80	
Total ALRA				\$1,738.80
Team Equipment				
Team Jerseys			\$0.00	
Team Shorts			\$560.00	
Team Apparel			\$0.00	
Balls			\$200.00	
Total Equipment				\$760.00
Trainers			\$600.00	
Trainer supplies			\$800.00	
Travel				
Hotel cost 1 night stays	\$0.00			
Total Hotel			\$0.00	
Total Travel				\$0.00
Meetings			\$0.00	
Supplies / Stationery / Programs			\$100.00	
Minor Official Fees ( time box )			\$0.00	
Accounting and Audit fees			\$1.00	
total expenses				\$7,400.80
Net Income				\$0.00



4.1 – 2024 Lethbridge Pioneers Committed / Partial Roster (deposits paid)

Name	Position
Adam Arnold	
Jonathon Zook	
Jesse Burla	
Cody Hartwick	
Shael Blinco	
Nate Thomas	Goalie
Nathan McMurray	
Austin Howe	
Tony Zappone	Goalie
Kyle Martens	
Graydon Peters	
Chace Huber	
Shadow Pohl	
Shawn Redman	
Ritch Jacklyn	
Trent Oleson	
Patrick Shelson	Goalie
Spencer Bobinec	
Brock Draper	
Dan Thomsen	
Hunter Lea	

Partial Commitment (have expressed interest)

Name	Position	Name	Position
John Younger		James Hamilton	
Cam Windle		Cody Firth	
Braden Johnson		Blake Heidt	
Dakotah Garrant		Ethan Heidt	
Dylan Morris		Dominic Jones	Goalie
Parker McGill		Brian Smith	
Clint Carlson		Jordan Whittaker	
Kody Otto		Carlos Marquina	
Bryton Drinnan		Damon Demers	
Lee Gibson		Adam Kennedy	

6.1 - Home Facility Specifications

Facility Name	Coaldale Sportsplex / Arena
Availability	
Other Sports Using Facility	Hockey / Figure Skating (winter use)
Playing Surface Dimension	190' x 84' 6"
Ceiling Height	17' 6"
Structure Surrounding Playing Surface	Concrete
Surface Material	
Non-Slip Application	Coke & Water
CLA Lacrosse Lines	Yes
Lighting	4' – T8's
Air Conditioning	No
Players' Box Dimension	5' 4" x 22'
Player Box Opposite Timekeeper Box	Yes
Timekeeper Box Dimension	7' 1" x 3' 10"
Glass Surrounding Timekeeper Box	Yes
# of Spectator Seating	533
Concession	Yes
Sound System	Yes
Ability to Announce Games	Yes
Ability to Play Music	Yes
Internet Access	Yes - Wireless
Admission Gate	Table
CLA Approved Nets with black mesh for Major	Yes
Facility or Team Owned Nets	Team owned
Shot Clocks	Yes
Score Clock with Penalty Minutes	Yes
# of Dressing Rooms	8
Dressing Room Dimension	3 Large 22' x 15' 4 Small 10' 6" x 27'
# of Referee Dressing Rooms with shower	1
AED (defibrillator)	Yes