

## We need you!

Over the last 2 years our current RVLA Board was able to sustain the many regular meetings required through the Covid-19 shut down of 2020 and the modified 2021 season. The boards focus for 2021 was on a return to play program for RVLA members. The biggest drawback of being separated from most of our members during this time was, we were unable to network with parents and work on recruitment for new board members.

Coming into this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) we are looking for as many as 9 positions to be filled on the RVLA Board for the 2022 season. The commitments include attending Boards meetings, January to May. Participation in a planning day meeting usually held on a weekend in mid-September, season prep meetings in September and October and the AGM which is held in November each year. There are No meetings in June, July, August or December, so the commitment is for 9 meetings (that run from 1 to 1.5 hours long) and the planning day meeting which is (4 to 6 hours long). Meeting lengths are dependent of Agenda's.

Below are the positions that will be vacant for this upcoming season and open for nomination. If you are interested a more detailed description can be found on our website, or feel free to reach out to current Board Members for more information.

http://www.rockyviewlacrosse.com/content/volunteer-information

- Vice president
- Coaching director
- Evaluation 1 director
- Treasure
- 16u director
- 14u director
- 12u director
- 10 u director
- 8u & 6u director

This year to help attract individuals to accept a board position RVLA will be creating a voucher system for all Board members as follows:

Once a board member completes their first year on the board, RVLA will issue a 25% off one registration voucher for the following season, the % of the vouchers will increase to 50% after the second year of service on the board maxing out at a 50% off voucher for one players registration.

- 1 year = 25%
- 2 years = 50%
- 3 years = 50%

A major goal for the Board with this approach is to focus on, Recruitment & Retention of Board members with a focus on player registration and recovery. Having a Board is a requirement to maintain association status and registration with the Alberta Lacrosse Association.

Across all of Alberta, lacrosse registration was down by 35 to 45 % for the return to play 2021 year. In 2020 before Covid-19, RVLA had 390 players registered Post Covid shut down our registered player number dropped to 257. We are hoping to attract as many players as possible to not only continue playing in 2022 (retention) but we are asking for help with getting our players who didn't take part in 2021, to return for the 2022 season. As an association we have a goal of building our clubs numbers back up to our 2019 season in which we had 420 players registered. At the end of the 2019 season RVLA was the 5th largest lacrosse clubs in all of Alberta. A primary focus as we rebuild is a focus on our 3 youngest age categories of 10u, 8u & 6u. The goal here is to grow the association for the future and to grow the game!

What we are proposing is as follows.

If current members can (Recruit) a new player for the 2022 season and that new player completes the full season, RVLA will issue a 10% credit towards one registration for each new player registered up to a maximum of 50% credit to the family who did the recruiting at the conclusion of the season. (The discount will be applied to the family's most expensive players registration)

If current members can convince any past players who did not register in 2021 or 2020 but returns in 2022 (Recovery) both the returning player and the recruiting member will be issued a 10% credit at the conclusion of the season.

Finally, our 2021 AGM will be held Via a Zoom meeting again this year on, Monday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We are look forward to the 2022 season as we strive to engage new Board members, players and grow the game Go Rage Go!

We will be holding a draw at the end of the AGM this year for one free player registration to be used for the 2022 season to be eligible for the draw you must be present at the start of the AGM when role call is done and must attend the whole meeting as a second role call will be done at the conclusion of the meeting.

Thanks, RVLA President

Keith Berg