



AGM - Senior Break-out Session, 29 October 2005, Calgary, AB

Representatives from all teams were present.

1. - Team representatives recognized and thanked Ben Spooner for his leadership during the previous year.
2. - Duane Bratt was congratulated on his election to the position of RMLL Chairman.
3. - Cam Dick and Bill Weisgarber were nominated to stand for election for the position of Senior Commissioner. Bill Weisgarber was elected commissioner for the 2006 season.
4. - Member teams voted to rename the league. The "B" reference has been dropped. The league will be known as "The Senior League". The purpose of this change is mainly to enhance the image of the league for marketing and fund raising purposes.
5. - Member teams have been working jointly to institute a dedicated operating policy. A draft of the policy has undergone a number of revisions. It is generally agreed that the current draft is close to being complete. In consideration that all member teams were present, the commissioner suggested that it would be worth while to finalize the draft-document during this break-out session and submit it to the RMLL executive for review and ratification. All members worked to complete the draft-document and added regulations specific to: League expansion, Draft procedures, Roster protected lists, Player eligibility, and Scheduling.
6. The format for playoffs was reviewed. No changes are anticipated.
7. All member teams were encouraged to seek out and explore preseason tournament opportunities.
8. Member teams discussed revising league roster regulations. In particular it was agreed that the RMLL executive would be asked to consider a revision to allow for an injured reserve position/s on team rosters.
9. Member teams discussed in detail solutions for increased efficiency and accuracy for registering and drafting RMLL Junior graduates. It was agreed that a draft-document would be prepared, reviewed and sent forward to the RMLL executive for review. The proposed document entitled "Declaration of Intent" would include a player declaration indicating his intention to participate in the forthcoming season, thus committing his name for eligibility to the draft of junior players. The document would also include the player's declaration of residence, thus indicating his intention to be eligible for the draft in either of the Northern region, Southern region or Red Deer.

10. RMLL - Junior graduates who were transfer players from outside of the province of Alberta will be subject to the provisions of the CLA Inter-provincial transfer policy. Accordingly those players wishing to participate in The RMLL Senior League will be categorized as Free Agents.
11. All teams were reminded that the province of Alberta has been reclassified nationally to "A" level for senior lacrosse. This means that provincial representative teams may no longer utilize non-roster players for President's Cup competition.
12. Scheduling was reviewed and discussed in detail. All teams are in agreement that there should be continued play with the Junior "A" teams. It was suggested that all teams identify well in advance of "schedule preparations" any calendar dates that may cause conflict. Proposals were advanced for consistent template scheduling of games to set weekdays (i.e. Wednesday nights) and weekend days/nights. This contributes to public awareness of when games are played. There was also a strong agreement from teams to move away from three game weekends if at all possible.
13. Achievement of parity and balance are overall league objectives. It is a concern that any team could prevail as league champion and then not hold sufficient finances to fund travel and accommodations for the President's Cup Championship Tournament. All members have been asked to submit ideas to establish and maintain a general "Senior League" fund to support our champion in the quest for the National Title. Brent Dawkins has volunteered to investigate potential funding/granting sources.
14. Kris Partington represented the RMLL attending the ALRA – AGM and reported on key relevant outcome from the referees meetings. Most notable was that the referees are open to mutual discussions on game play, consistency of officiating, and the interpreted level and allowable limits within game-play. The commissioner will stand as the liaison with the RIC. One final and important concern raised by the ALRA was the apparent level of abuse being directed towards referees. This point will be brought forward by the commissioner to the RMLL executive.