

Minutes of RMLL Junior A Breakout Session

November 24, 2007

Red Deer Lodge- Red Deer.

RMLL AGM.

Present: David Fehr, Angus Somerville, John Kilbride, Bill Sucha, Rioth Jomha, AJ Jomha, Mark Giourmetakis, Greg Lintz

The following issues were discussed and unless otherwise noted there was general agreement.

- 1. It was confirmed that changes to the 45 man protected list shall be communicated to the commissioner and all other Junior A teams concurrently . This communication will be presumed to be by e-mail. Prior to the draft each team will provide to the commissioner and to the other teams a list of e-mail addresses for the season that will be included on announcements of player moves. These e-mail addresses will be presumed to constitute notice to the respective teams of player moves. This will be incorporated into the operating policy.**
- 2. The operating policy will include the provision that players who reside south of Innisfail will be presumed to be the property of the Calgary teams and players who reside north of Lacombe will be presumed to be the property of the Edmonton teams. A player who is not on any teams 45 man protected list can play in the other jurisdiction, ie, a non-protected Calgary player can play Junior A in Edmonton if he chooses.**
- 3. The teams confirmed the importance of item 8 on last year's minutes; that Junior B teams should not be scheduled on the same night as Junior A to facilitate affiliation and attendance at Junior A practices. This will be re-emphasized to schedulers to facilitate as much as possible. This is very important from a developmental standpoint.**
- 4. It was confirmed that Junior B players who are on a Junior A 45 man protected list, and who are called up to a Senior B team, cannot play in a game against any Junior A team.**
- 5. It was agreed to maintain the interlocking schedule with the Senior B league for another year.**
- 6. The teams would like to avoid 9 p.m. or later starts in the other City when they have to travel.**

- 7. The playoff format will remain as first against fourth and second against third for the semi-final. If it is a regional semi-final it will be a seven game semi-final. If it is not regional then a five game semi-final. The final will be a best of seven series. A five game series will follow a 2-2-1 format starting in the rink of the higher finishing team. A seven game series will follow a 2-2-1-1-1 format starting in the rink of the higher finishing team.**
- 8. The tie-breaker formula to break ties in the standings at the end of the season will be (if teams are tied after counting all games):**

 - 1. Record against Junior teams only.**
 - 2. Head to head record between the tied teams.**
 - 3. Goals for and against.**
- 9. There was discussion about going to a 21 game season. There was general agreement that the teams would like to play a 21 game season but it may not be possible to implement this season, in part due to the strain on referee resources. It was decided to consider this request for next season.**
- 10. It was agreed that the Commissioner would communicate with the Referees association prior to the season to discuss concerns and points of emphasis for the coming season. Some of the concerns include hits from behind, head shots, face-offs.**
- 11. There was general discussion about the focus on retention of players. Concerns include the quality of refereeing, coaches and facilities, the discussion of intermediate lacrosse, the retention committee, and the concept of vertical alignment of teams from Junior A , B , and Senior.**
- 12. The topic of sharing of profits from the 2005 Minto was raised by the Raiders. The Miners said they would look at the documentation and advise.**
- 13. The revised operating policy, which is not yet signed by the teams, has a provision whereby the commissioner votes to break ties. It was agreed that the policy will be that when there are an even number of teams, in that case only will the commissioner vote to break ties. If there are an odd number of teams then the commissioner would not have a vote. The commissioner only votes if there is a tie. Furthermore, all teams must vote, there cannot be abstentions.**
- 14. There was discussion about the website and the need to upgrade our record and stat keeping. The teams will each have their own statistician. That person will have access to the website to put up stats for their team, enter scores, review of game etc. There was discussion of what stats we should keep, loose balls, shots points, goaltenders etc. Angus Somerville indicated that he would circulate the stats form that he uses for the other teams to consider.**

- 15. The matters agreed to at last year's breakout remain in place unless amended herein.**
- 16. Greg Lintz was retained as Commissioner for next season.**