

RMLL AGM
Senior Breakout Session
November 24, 2007

Participants:

Duane Bratt, Calgary Mountaineers
Angus Jenkins, Calgary DVN Raiders (holding proxy vote for Sherwood Park Outlaws)
Mike Fynn, Calgary DVN Raiders
Paul Koch, Spruce Grove Slash
Jared McNicol, Airdrie Knights
Steve Howard, Red Deer Rage
Jan Kirkaldy, Red Deer Rage
Chris Davis, Red Deer Rage
Harold Albrecht, Red Deer Rage

1. Commissioner
 - a. Mike Fynn and Earl Caron contested the senior commissioner's job. Fynn was elected as senior commissioner for 2008.
2. Review of 2007 Season
3. Red Deer Rage
 - a. A discussion over the Rage's two forfeits in 2007. The Rage reps explained what steps they have taken, and will take, to ensure that they will have sufficient players for the 2008 season.
4. Expansion.
 - a. Tom Engel arrived to talk about an expansion team in Edmonton for the 2008 season. He did not a formal expansion bid. The senior division voted to extend the deadline until January 7, 2008.
5. Sr. C
 - a. The consensus was that the SrC idea was a good one, but the practice of the SrC card needs to be improved. For example, in 2007 there was not enough transparency on who was on the SrC card.
 - b. The Commissioner's job will be to ensure that all teams know who is on the 25 man protected list, the 5 man SrC list. He will communicate all trades and player movements.
 - c. Section 7.08 of the Sr Operating Policy will change so that a player on the Sr C card has to play 8 games in the regular season (as opposed to 4) to be eligible for playoffs.
 - d. There will be better oversight of players listed on the game sheet, but who do not actually play. The responsibility is the teams and the refs at the game to ensure that this does not happen. Any violations must be reported to the commissioner. The commissioner must enforce the penalties for violation.
 - e. Requested the ALA to change it regulation 14.03 which currently allows 30 players on a roster to read "25 players on the roster plus 5 SrC players."
6. Sr. Operating Policy

- a. Amend section 3.04 to allow Red Deer to hold the territorial rights of players who left to play JrA lacrosse in Edmonton and Calgary.
7. Draft
 - a. Will be held during the first two weeks of February in both Edmonton and Calgary.
 8. Schedule
 - a. Same schedule as last year. 18 games. Each region (North: Slash, Outlaws, Rage and South: Mountaineers, Raiders, Knights) play each other 4 times, plus 2 games against the other region's senior teams, plus 2 games against each JrA team in their region. Note: if an expansion team is approved, the schedule will have to be revised.
 9. Playoffs/Provincials
 - a. Playoff Format will be top four teams make the playoffs. 1st round is 1-4 and 2-3. Final round is the 2 winners from the first round. Both rounds will be best of 5. Games will have to be played over the August long weekend.
 - b. Outlaws are hosting the President's Cup in 2008. The other Alberta rep will be the provincial champion or (if the Outlaws are the champion) the second place team.
 10. League Stats
 - a. The Commissioner will ask Terry Dokken if he wants to keep stats for the 2008 season.
 11. Retention
 12. RMLL Forms
 - a. Each of the forms were described and explained.
 13. Forfeiture
 - a. If a game can be rescheduled, there should be a \$300 fee given by the offending team to the non-offending team. Both teams should make as much effort as possible to reschedule the game.
 - b. If a game cannot be rescheduled. The offending teams needs to pay a \$250 fine payable to the RMLL, plus \$750 to the non-offending team.
 14. Branding and Senior Division Website
 - a. Jenkins made a suggestion to rename the division, ie., Alberta Major Lacrosse League, etc. Instead of calling it the RMLL Senior B division. There was some preliminary discussion around the topic, but nothing was agreed upon.
 - b. Jenkins offered to produce and finance a new website for the Senior Division separate from the RMLL. He also maintained that the senior division, through the 6 directors, should be in charge of its own affairs and not the RMLL Executive. In contrast, Bratt pointed out that the RMLL is currently beginning a process of changing its website. Bratt also disagreed with moving away from the RMLL and pointed out that there are some things that are purely in the jurisdiction of the senior division, but others involve the entire RMLL. There was some debate about this issue, but no decision, either way, was reached.

15. Automatic suspensions for Match/Gross

- a. Currently, RMLL Regulations require automatic suspensions for Match and Gross Misconduct Penalties. The senior division argued that the RMLL regulations should have guidelines for suspensions, but that the commissioner should have the ability to determine the appropriate penalty. This will be brought to the RMLL Executive to make the changes to the Regulation.**