

**Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League
Junior B, Tier III Breakout Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 24, 2007
Red Deer**

- 1) Commissioner – Linda has agreed to let her name stand.
Assistant – No one came forward for this position.

- 2) Review of 2007 season
 - a. It was a learning year for lots of clubs.
 - b. The Hornets struggled with their numbers.
 - c. Forfeits were an issue.
 - d. The Sabrecats will try for 2 Tier II and 2 Tier III teams this year. Kids at Tier III were happy with the level.
 - e. Lloydminster and Vermillion only had each other to play most of the season as Ft MacMurray had trouble getting established. Both Lloydminster and Vermillion are looking at moving to Tier II next year for a bigger pool to play.
 - f. Cranbrook enjoyed their three weekends of travel and want to thank the scheduler for a job well done.
 - g. We will need to rethink the North/Central/South divisions this year if we lose Lloydminster and Vermillion.
 - h. There is a stigma about playing Tier III in some teams.

- 3) Bonds
 - a. The division had no bonds last year but forfeiture is becoming an issue with no deterrents.
 - b. Bonds are to cover Team forfeiture fines that the Team doesn't pay and any Player fines that the Player does not pay. (ie. suspensions, score sheets not in on time, etc)
 - c. It was decided that bonds are due April 1st with team registration fees, pending RMLL Executive Approval.

Motion: Cindy D. motioned that each Tier III team pay a \$500. bond by April 1st of each year. Brayden VanDyck seconded. All agreed.

Forfeiture guidelines

- a. The Tier III Commissioner must be informed of any forfeitures or reschedules games.
 - b. The forfeiting team must give at least 48 hours notice.
 - c. Every effort must be made to try and reschedule the game.
 - d. Teams must inform Rhonda Crowell of new dates.
 - e. Any forfeiture issues need to involve the Tier III Commissioner.
 - f. The Tier III Commissioner will look at fines for forfeitures on a case by case basis.
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- 4) Expansion
 - a. Westlock may have a Tier III team next season
 - b. Calgary Sabrecats will have 2 teams
 - c. Calgary Hitmen might have 1 more team
 - d. Hornets unsure if they will have a Tier III team next season

 - 5) Retention

- a. **Current Status - Unsure until after registration. Retention is always an issue at this level.**
 - b. **Communication - Communication is the key across the board.**
 - c. **Intermediate Lacrosse - After much discussion a poll was taken. GELC was for an Intermediate Lacrosse level, the rest were against it.**
 - d. **Other Ideas - Junior A cutoff dates need to be set earlier (May 17th) to allow for the trickle down effect for the other tiers.**
- 6) **Jr B Tier III Operating Policy**
- a. **Will have in place by March 31, 2008. Linda will compile and send out electronically for input.**
- 7) **RMLL Forms**
- a. **RMLL Practice Registration form - For insurance purposes, to ensure player is registered. Tier II may not need this, Linda will look into. Can be used for players 'trying out' lacrosse for a practise or two before they commit - would show due diligence for any insurance issues.**
 - b. **Player Cards & Bench Personnel Forms - Self explanatory. Bench Personnel forms have changed.**
 - c. **Scheduling Form and Changes Form - Send to Rhonda with as much info as possible on it. The more info the easier it is for the scheduler. Must be in by Feb 1. After you receive the draft schedule fill out the Changes form with any changes you may need. Changes will try to be accommodated but won't be guaranteed.**
 - d. **Rosters - Team Franchise forms are due by Feb 15, resubmit to Rhonda if any changes are made.**
 - e. **One Game Permit - For calling up midgets. Only B or C Midgets, Midget A not allowed in Tier III.**
 - f. **Referee Payment Form - For each club to track Ref payments.**
- 8) **Schedules**
- a. **Numer of Games - 12 games is the mandate for Tier III. Hitmen want more games, Tier II has 16 games but pay the same as Tier III with only 12 games. That is a club issue not a RMLL issue. Fees range from \$550 - \$350.**
 - b. **Format - The format will depend on whether we have teams in the North or whether our northern teams move to Tier II. Some teams in Calgary will not travel, others want to travel more. Format to be determined depending on numbers of teams.**
- 9) **Playoffs**
- a. **Will remain the same as last year.**
- 10) **Provincials**
- a. **Dates - Second week in July**
 - b. **Number of Teams - Four teams. One from each region (North, Central, South) and the host team gets a buy in. Cranbrook can participate in playoffs but not medal games of provincials.**
 - c. **Format - The format will remain the same as last year. Would help if the arenas for provincials were set ahead of time.**
 - d. **"Intent to Participate" ALA form - Must be submitted by June 15th with \$500 fee. If you don't make it into Provincials your \$500 fee is**

reimbursed. If you don't have your form completed and submitted by June 15th you can not participate.

e. 2008 Host – Need a 2008 Host for Tier III Provincials.

11) League Stats

a. Jr. B Tier III Statistician – Brayden VanDyck has volunteered for the position.

12) Tournaments

a. Vermillion Tournament was a great idea but too soon in the season for most clubs to get player commitment and organise travel, etc.

b. Medicine Hat will host a Junior Tournament again this year but will most likely have a separate tournament from their Minor tournament.

13) Other Business

a. League starts May 1st.

b. Website – After much discussion it was decided that we would go back to the Executive with a request that they get three quotes for the new website. It was felt that the financial burden was a lot to carry for Tier III teams for something that we have to update ourselves.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm.