Minutes Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League Junior Ladies Division

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- 1. Stacey Dziwenko voted in as commissioner by acclamation
- 2. Review of 2007 season:
 - a. Discussion of schedule
 - i. Axemen were not happy to have 12 games in 21 days at the beginning of the season
 - Meeting will be held with Calgary lacrosse to teach them how to schedule major. Seems to be a problem province wide with available floortime.
 - iii. Scheduling in Calgary was very last minute due to floortime not being made available until the last minute.
 - iv. Opening weekend for playing should NOT be on the road.
 - v. Late night games: Can we play earlier?

3. Retention

- a. Current status: not really looking at the area.
 - i. Only seems to be a problem in the North with peewee girls teams.
 - ii. We need to look at first year junior to second year junior. Is there a problem here?
 - iii. Intermediate lacrosse not a viable option for girls. Too few girls playing.
- 4. Expansion to senior
 - a. Not at this time. Not enough girls to be viable. We are not ready for a senior league. Example: Rockyview may not even have a team this year. They will play with the Hornets until they have enough to make a team again.
- 5. Age limit:
 - a. Much discussion on age limit. Decided and voted on that there be no real age limit. Each team requesting an overage player must submit a letter to the commissioner to outline why this player should play. Overage players CAN NOT take the place of an incoming midget.
- 6. By January February, each team must be established so that scheduling can take place.
- 7. Operating Policy not ratified yet. Teams should contact Stacey to review.
- 8. League stats: Looking for statisticians for Junior Ladies. No names put forward.
- 9. Schedules:
 - a. 17 games. We should play until the first week of July
 - b. Unbalanced schedule currently/ top 4 teams to provincials
 - i. We should strive for a balanced schedule
 - 1. suggestion to play Calgary vs. Edmonton teams in Red Deer as floortime is readily available.
 - 2. still have two roadtrips (not the first weekend)

- 3. 10 weekends of playing time to include the first week of July but not long weekend.
- c. Playoffs/provincials: July 17-20 Junior ladies only: NO MIDGETS PLAYING in order to facilitate affiliation.
 - i. Motion by Tom Engel. Seconded by Shauna Sterparn. Vote carried by all.
 - ii. Teams: top 4 plus host

10. forms needed: covered by Rhonda

a. included practice forms and registration forms

11. Girls tournament:

- a. Proposed by the Axemen May 9-11
 - i. Included Juniors
 - ii. Not many thought they would attend to play the same teams they always play.

12. Website:

- a. Felt the league should get bids not to only take the current bid on the table.
 - i. What was the proposed monthly fee for?
 - ii. Still need a stats person for Junior Ladies
 - 1. should outline job description
 - 2. need more info

13. Referees and rules

- a. ALRA chief needs to inform refs about game times. We play the same game time with warmups and length of time as the junior boys. We do NOT play run time.
- b. Rules should be enforced as per boys. Eg. No "it wasn't really a fight". If girls fight girl style, it should be a fighting major.

14. Jersevs:

- a. Home = darks
- b. Away = lights
- c. If colors are close, the home team should change

15. forfeits

- a. maximum 4 affiliates for everyone in a game.
- b. Ask RMLL to follow CLA rules pertaining to number of players needed to play a game.