

Annual Report of the RMLL Vice-President Duane Bratt August 2013

As Vice-President of the RMLL part of my job involves "pinch-hitting" for various commissioners when they are unable to perform their role. In particular, I was acting cocommissioner with Bill Sucha for the JrB Tier I division for the season. Another major task was to interpret RMLL bylaws and regulations, as well as related guidelines from the ALA and CLA. This became very important in matters of player eligibility for playoffs and national championships. I also participated in all joint decisions of the RMLL Executive. Beyond these two primary tasks, there was one specific project that I played an important role.

In partnership with Warren Rendon, Greg Hart, and Christine Thielen, I helped to organize the second RMLL super coaching clinic. This clinic, aimed at coaches in JrB Tier II and Tier III, but open to other RMLL and ALA coaches, was taught as a competitive-introduction plus course. This meant that all individuals participating in the clinic received their competitive-introduction (box) training, plus there were portions of the clinic that went above and beyond a normal clinic. By all accounts it was a very successful clinic in terms of the number of coaches in attendance and the quality of instruction. We did a few things differently this time, for example, every participant received a ticket to the Roughnecks game on the Saturday night. Although smaller than in 2012, we still had 24 coaches receive their certification and another 15 who attended the clinic for additional information. The cohort of instructors was the same as 2012, but we also added former WLA/NLL coach Walt Christianson to the fold. I would like to personally thank Jim Hinkson, Walt Christianson, John Kilbride, and Rick Windl for acting as instructors in this clinic.