

RMLL Jr B Tier III Breakout Meeting Agenda
RMLL Planning Meeting and AGM

Delta Calgary South –
November 22, 2014 – 10:00am to 4:00pm

Attendees: *David Shortreed (Ravens), Larry Makortoff (Heat), Tom McKinstry (Heat), Andy Sweetman (Stingers), Debbie Goodfellow (Wranglers), Don Willmot (Mavericks), Judy (Cudas)*

1. Call to order – 09:23
2. Introductions – *the group introduced themselves to one another*
3. Additions to the Agenda – *there were no additions to the agenda. Tracey explained that once the regulation changes were reviewed a number of the agenda items would be covered. Approved and Seconded – Debbie/Judy*
4. Approval of 2014 Breakout Minutes/Notes – *Approved and Seconded – Larry/Andy*
5. Commissioner Election -
6. Review of the 2014 Season
 - a. Successes
 - i. *Mavericks – increased number of players, increased skill level*
 - ii. *Stingers – had to cut players, had a good year, hosted a successful ++ provincials weekend*
 - iii. *Heat – good year, the coaches survived, increased number of players, 5 graduating juniors*
 - iv. *Ravens – small roster, good commitment from the midget players/coaches, won the division, Jace to assist with coaching in the coming season*
 - v. *Cudas – lack of commitment from players & coaches, lots of room for improvement, a committee has been informed to deal with commitment levels*
 - b. Opportunities for Improvement
 - i. *Officiating – it seems each season the same officials are assigned to tier III and their skill level declines each season. The officials assigned to provincials was of poor quality. Val (ALRA) informed the group that tier III is at the bottom of the pool for being assigned. 'be happy you are not a girls team because they are last' See other notes in provincials.*
 - ii. *Interlock between Tier II & Tier III – the tier III teams would like to play some exhibition games against the tier II teams.*
 - iii. *Increase Tier III exposure*

- c. Expansion – *there were no applications for new teams. A discussion around moving to Tier II occurred but the consensus was that we would wait until after 2015 to do this. It was explained by the commissioner that it should be done before we are done more teams.*
- d. Potential Number of Teams for the 2014 Season – *Five to Seven teams with the following ...The Ravens voiced concern about low numbers and no goalie. The Wranglers expressed concern about lack of a coach and low numbers. Marty from the Sundevils attended the tier II meeting. Prior to his going into the meeting he expressed that they most likely would not have a tier III team in 2015. They will follow the regulations for withdrawing if/when the time comes.*

7. 2014 Schedule Timeline

- a. Start date – *Friday, April 24, 2015*
- b. End date – *Sunday, July 12, 2015*
- c. May & July long weekends – *no games*
- d. Evening games – *Tuesday evenings only (see team restrictions/restraints)*
- e. Number of games in the season - *16*
- f. Team restraints – *see attached*

8. Play Off & Provincials

- a. Play Off Date & number of teams – *tier III will progress from regular season games to provincials. There will be no play offs.*
- b. Provincial Date – *July 17, 18 & 19*
 - i. Format – *tournament style weekend with format being finalized once the number of teams was determined.*
 - ii. Number of teams – *all league teams are to attend*
 - iii. Selection of host – *it was strongly suggested by the ALRA that the provincials be held in Calgary to increase the possibility of enticing higher skilled officials to the games. With this in mind the teams agreed the host would be the Axemen Maverick with the Wranglers as a back up. High River offered as well and the ALRA rep agreed that High River would be a suitable location for officials.*
 - iv. Penalty for failure to host – *it was decided that with all teams being invited to the provincials this would no longer be an issue and not a planned discussion item in future meetings*
 - v. Hosting duties/expectations – *floor time, hotels, sponsorship, provincial merchandise, volunteers, raffles and other merchandise*

9. Off Season Activities/Promotion/Development

- a. Ravens – *drop in clinic*
- b. Heat – *drop in has already started and it is successful*
- c. Mavericks – *drop in floor time*

- d. Sun Devils – *not present at the meeting*
 - e. Cudas – *drop in as well as having a booth at the Hurricanes hockey games*
 - f. Wranglers – *has floor time booked for January and February*
 - g. Stingers – *will be hosting drop in clinics with advertising in the paper*
 - h. Commissioner – *creating*
10. Safety & Equipment – *information bulletins are forwarded when sent to the league*
11. Behavioural Expectations
- a. Spectators – *it is each teams responsibility to ensure spectator behaviour is not inhibiting other spectators from watching the game.*
 - b. Code of Conduct – *the RMLL and ALA code of conduct covers all the grey area's of behaviour. It will be enforced when necessary.*
 - c. Social Media – *the ALA has a social media policy and the expectation is that it will be followed by the membership*
12. Regulation Changes/Emphasis – *all regulation changes were discussed with emphasis being placed on the 5 items below.*
- a. Affiliations
 - b. Referee Evaluation
 - c. Penalty Minutes – individual player
 - d. Penalty Minutes – Team
 - e. Interprovincial Transfer
13. Coach and Player Development
- a. Getting players ready for higher Tiers and encouraging players to play and/or try out for higher Tiers
 - b. Communication with all Midget players to let them know that there is lacrosse after Midget – *Graduating Midget Info Nights in Edmonton and Calgary. SALA teams expressed an interest in having one as well.*
 - c. Graduating Junior Communication – *communications from the RMLL explaining the senior teams*
14. CLA / ALA / RMLL Timelines – *the timelines were presented as they were in the meeting materials*
15. Division Operation Policy – *tier III operates solely by the RMLL Regulations. There is no desire for a division operating policy*
16. Live Score
- a. Mandatory for 2015 Season

17. Fines

- a. *Who pays them – teams are responsible for paying all fines imposed on its players and the team. Should the team opt to collect from the player that is between them and the player. If a player has a fine imposed for a rule infraction they are not play another game until the fine has been paid (regardless of the suspension being served or not)*

18. Adjournment – *the meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm*

2015 Tier III Team Restraints/Restrictions

TEAM	TUESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
HEAT	Mavericks Wranglers	Ravens Cudas Stingers	All teams
RAVENS	N/A	Lethbridge Heat	All teams
WRANGLERS	Mavericks Stingers	Mavericks Stingers Heat	All teams
CUDAS	N/A	Ravens Sun Devils	All teams
MAVERICKS	Stingers Heat Wranglers	Stingers Heat Wranglers	All teams
STINGERS	Wranglers Mavericks	Wranglers Mavericks Heat	All teams
SUNDEVILS	N/A	Cudas	All teams

Friday night games to have an 8pm start

Sunday games scheduled with a preference to be finished by 5pm for games that are Cudas /Stinger, Stingers / Sun Devils, Sun Devils/Ravens as these are 4 hours of travel AND a 6pm finish for other team combinations