

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LACROSSE LEAGUE



**2015 Planning Meetings
Tier I Division
Meeting Notes
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1) Approval of Agenda

- Tony will let his name stand for commissioner again this year.

2) Approval of Minutes 2013

- This was approved, sort of. Not really a vote
- Later in the session when discussion on item 8 Team Constraints , sub item c) is was discovered that 2013 discussion / proposal and voted on acceptance was missing from the 2013 minutes. Randy (SWAT) made an attempt to revisit the minutes. Denied.

3) RMLL Promotions

a) Graduating Midget Communication

- RMLL will be sending out info in Jan to all Grad Midgets *[revised by Tony]*

b) Graduating Midget Info Session North and South in Jan

- North Information Session – January 21, 2015 *[revised by Tony]*
- South Information Session – January 6, 2015 *[revised by Tony]*
- When you come to these games as a representative of your team, come prepared.
- Be prepared to talk about your club, your organization, costs (projection), philosophy of your club.
- You want the people to get an idea of the league is about and what your club is and where you're planning on going with the club

c) Show case game North and South

- Tyler (Chill) is favor of doing a show case game. Where there is a Jr B, Jr A and Senior games. Last year it was held at Stu Peppard. All the kids where at the soccer center for the Canada Day tourney. Did not get any extra kids.
- A major tournament in Edmonton, but it was very difficult to get 3 hours of floor time.
- Terry (Crude) - In Edmonton if they were to do a show case, it cannot be at the same time as major tournament. They would need to really promote the heck out of it.
- Suggestion to do it right at the start of the season as opposed to the end of the minor season (Canada Day)
- The idea is to showcase the RMLL not a specific team, not just Jr. B, but showcase women, Jr. A etc.
- Do at a mini tournament?

d) Coaching Development

- More training for coaches - cannot be on the bench if not certified.

e) RMLL Coaching Clinic

- Clinics will be coming out.
- If there are coaches who are not certified, you need to get them certified



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f) Min Coaching Standards

- Will need to keep up your certification.

g) Making head Way for Coaches

- Lisa will have an ALA PowerPoint.
- Read the book, page 20. 21 that will describe the coaching requirements - 5 yr. cycle.
- Put together a way for the coaches to keep up to date with the game.
- John (Marauders) - Concern of the costs to come out of the players pockets. Mandating the requirements - not good.

4) Draft

a) Draft dates will advise for the North and South

- Draft dates will be advised after the Jr. A's have to be done by the 15th of February. What is the actual day that all drafts must be completed, February 17th

b) Location for draft will advise

- Terry (Crude) will book a date for the north draft. - Same location as last year. Skybox Grill
- South Draft will be at the same location as last year (2014) *[revised by Tony]*

c) North and South Jr Combine to advise dates and times

5) Game Day

a) Maximum of 4 call ups per game had issues last year

- Relaxation of the 4 call up rule
- What was the problem, with the teams having not enough players.
- Cannot be calling up 7 players.
- Need to do better planning
- The Jr. A report seems to indicate that there is direct competition, not a collaboration effort between the levels.

[Question]- Is there any way that first year players being signed by Jr. A be able to play both levels.

- Do not want to have first year Jr teams and ride the bench, instead of leaving the players to develop.

b) Live score board updates for all teams

- Having trouble getting the data input during the games.
- Surprised that there are many parents and kids wanting to know the score.
- It is a league requirement.

[Issue] -Technology is part of the problem. The system is not always stable

- Question on which team is responsible for entering the score. - It is the home team's responsibility
- Should try to engage hockey Calgary on how their website works. It seems to be more user friendly

c) Game Pass 4 per team for all JR B games

- Continue the policy with the Jr. B Tier I
- Let our teams people know that there are passes and they can be sued for any game.
- Someone should send the passes to SWAT so they can see what the passes look like
- The RMLL executive are also given passes for any game, anywhere

[Request] - The RMLL to provide each team a picture of what the passes look like

d) More games during the week

- Try to do more games during the week instead of the weekends. It will help the officials.
- Should try to set a one day a week as game day.
- Stay away from Wednesdays.

[Decision] The division chooses Thursday.

Put in the constraints of the schedule.

e) Ref Evaluation Forms - Duplication - Moved to section 11) ALRA

f) Roster - Player Details

- The rosters need to be completed
- Now there is a fine by the league if the data is not in by April 29th.
- *** - Are the players on the roster filled out properly. All the information must be filled out for each player.
- There must be some diligence during trades to make sure that those players have their information filled out by the sending team.

6) Safety

a) All teams must have a EAP Emergency Action Plan

- Ensure that this is place
- Trainer signals
- Part of the trainer job.

[Request to RMLL] Send out the template

b) Injury Report Forms must be used and sent to the League

- Reminded all teams that these must be done

c) All home teams to have access to mops and towels

- It is the home team’s accountability to have these items readily accessible for each game

7) Schedule

8) Team constraints must be in sooner this year

- The list of timelines & Deadlines are on Page 68 2015 Planning Meeting and Annual Report that you have
- Talk to Christine about the CLDA contracted. Arenas.
- Schedules for the printers need about a week to get out the door.
- Make division Constraints.
- 8:30 warmup for a 9 pm start.
- Okotoks will always be in the Murray arena

a) Regular Season runs Apr to July

- The SWAT will play in the south division for 2015 *[revised by Tony]*
- Thew Blizzard will play in the north division for 2015 *[revised by Tony]*
- Alberta will remain a type 2 province. *[revised by Tony]*

b) Playoff Starts July 18 to 27

- Issues with the scheduling.

c) Playoff format to stay the same

- Discussion about the format. Very lengthy, with some people not realizing that the format was proposed, and voted on in 2013.
- Some attendees wanted to change back to the old format, as the Tier I division was the only one doing this.
- Discovery that the playoff proposal voted on in 2013 was inadvertently not included in the meeting minutes

[Decision] - The 4 clubs who designed the playoff format last year will huddle over lunch to re-write the proposal and bring it back to the meetings.

2013 Hosting club report -Mounties

- A lot of work
- The gate was about 4K
- Not much else in terms of revenue.
- Paid by passes
- Merchandise wise - not much sold every day.
- Merchandise was sold on the last day.

Issues Discovered in 2014

- no wifi at Stu Peppard - could not broadcast
- Contacted vendors would not attend. - Check Sports
- All the real leg work is done in the two weeks prior to the games

Recommendation

- Put the final game on Monday and semi on Sunday

[Motion] - Tyler (Chill), second, Randy (Swat) - See Attached document - RMLL Tier I Playoff Format Guide- passed _ The document will be made available to all once it has been typed up and reviewed by the 4 clubs that put it together

d) North to host Provincial Weekend

- St. Albert Crude to Host *[revised by Tony]*

e) Teams to Winnipeg - Offset traveling costs

Chill (2)

Swat (South for 2015) (2)

Warriors (3)

Red Deer (3)

- This is the last year for the Blizzard to assist clubs by offsetting travel costs with direct payment.
- The Blizzard will still make their bus available to clubs coming in for the weekend for a fee.

f) Teams to Saskatchewan - 2 games 1 Saturday, 1 Sunday

Silvertips

Blizzard

Mounties

Shamrocks

Crude

9) Founders Cup 2015

- Congratulations to the Mounties for a well done Bid presentation and being selected to host.

10) Calgary Mountaineers to host 2015 Max Bell Arena

a) 4500.00 from the RMLL for the Winner of the 2015 Season

b) 3500.00 from the ALA for the winner of the 2015 Season (only if the team is more than 100 Km from Calgary)

c) 1500.00 from the RMLL flight Deposit for the winner of the 2015 Season -

- Need to have some way to make it work, through the ALA 2 weeks prior to flying. The flights need to be booked. The money needs to be paid 30 days prior to flying. Early booking saves a lot of money.

[Request] – Task Tony with asking ALA for assistance in doing this.

- Discussion about how to put the division in a position to take advantage of the cheapest flight deals to send the Alberta team to the Founders cup.

- Flights need to be booked a lot sooner than the end of July in order to take advantage of any savings on flights.
- The crude went ahead and booked flights with the intent of saving the winning team from the league money to travel to the Founders cup.
- As it turned out this foresight was able to save the Red Deer Rampage almost \$9000.00 in travel costs.

[Motion] - ??, second, ?? - Each Tier I Alberta team will contribute \$1500.00 in each of the next two years, 2015, 2016 into a fund that will be held in trust to provide advanced purchasing of Founders cup flights at the earliest and most cost effective time. The club that ultimately wins the opportunity to attend the Founders cup agrees to reimburse this travel fund within 30 days of being declared the Alberta entrant. The funds are payable to the RMLL by May 1 of each of the next two years.- Passed

[Question] -Who will administer this fund?

[Question] - Who will take on the accountability to make the purchase and the correct time?

d) CCES Online Education Course to be complete for all teams

11) ALRA

- a) **Ref Evaluation Forms to be filled out or a 50.00 dollar fine to the team**
- b) **Teams would like to know the results for the Ref Evaluation form**
 - They need to done by the coaches.
 - There is no change in scheduling in the referees.
 - Referees do not have any respect for the players.
 - They do not speak to the players well.
 - The ALRA is trying to make changes. Changes do not happen overnight.
 - Earl (RMLL Executive) - If we do nothing, we will get nothing.

[Question to ALRA] - How often does "Greg" actually look at the reports?

- There was a point in time when referees took nothing but abuse.
- Now all the power is in the referees hands.
- Too many rules about when they will talk to you.
- How effective is eval right after the games.
- If there is app to do that it would be better.

12) Equipment

- a) **All helmets and masks must be CSA**
 - Looking at changing the masks again, back to the older style.
 - Talking about going to none hinged, and not attached to the chin cup
- b) **Nets need to be in good condition**
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- c) **Teams to have 2 sets of jerseys home and away**

13) Operating Policy

a) The operating policy needs to be updated

- Compare the division to the RMLL - and then update to what is currently unique

[Action] - Greg (Silvertips) accepted the accountability to ensure the policy is updated in 2015.

14) Other Business

a) Year-end Awards get votes in

- Getting some good feedback from a lot of teams, but some teams are sending nothing in.
- It would be nice to get information from all teams
- Difficult to pick defensive players from the other division.
 - Suggestion to have a north / south awards and all-star team
- Question from Blizzard. Is there a player of the game? Because we don't see the teams often, and then don't get to see some teams. Maybe there is a game vote from the opposing teams on each game?
- Discussion by the group about the merits of doing so.
- Announce at the end of the game who the offensive and defensive player of the game.

[Action] - Terry (Crude) will re-draft the suggestion and provide to Tony Materi

- Need to recognize the best players to encourage them
- May help retention
- Maybe we could find sponsor to enable a token to the players.
- Should be all voted on prior to play offs.

b) RMLL Crest for team jerseys

- The RMLL would like to get the league crests on the jerseys.
- The Chill were sublimated on their jerseys

c) RMLL looking at a Casino to be ran out of Calgary

- The RMLL has a casino approved, and are on the list.
- It will be about a year or a little more before the Casino is done.
- Very explicit use of the monies
- Need to define the rules of disbursement
- Next year there will be structure around the concept will work.

d) BC applying to become a Tier 3 Prov. for Founders

- Covered off in discussion.

e) Crude would like to change or add Scores to the game sheet after the game they do for both teams

- Terry (Crude) watches every game over from the Video tape. They then change the game sheet to reflect before sending it in.
- Both teams benefit when it is done.
- Question to the room, Is it ok and should everyone do it.



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[Vote]- No more change the score sheet after the referee signs off the game sheet.

- Discussion with Greg Hart on adding, changing referees calls on goals and assists
- One of the most difficult things to do is get this correct.
- Is one of the least important responsibilities of the referee on the floor
- Suggested that each home team have someone to watch for goal scorers, assist the referee, discuss with the referees about helping them and then ensuring the correct numbers get onto the game sheets.

15) New Business

[Question] - To Greg Hart - How were the referees chosen for this tournament. Greg, wasn't sure exactly.

[Action] - Greg Hart will approach the ALRA to discussion the mini tournament, development of referees etc.

[Action] - Greg Hart will ask Warren about the suggestion that the 4 playoff finalist be allowed to submit the names of tow referees to be considered for the final playoff tournament weekend.

- A Hold out list and an injured reserve list??
- John (Marauders) - Okotoks - asked if anyone would have an issue with them expanding their boundaries to include High River
- Met with some resistance, so John withdrew his comments until a later date.