

**Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League  
Jr. A Division Planning Meeting  
November 22, 2014  
Delta Calgary South – Kananaskis II Room**

**Unapproved Minutes**

In attendance: A.J. Johma, Miners, David Fehr, Raiders, Dave Pym, Raiders, Scott Zurfluh, Titans, Drew Taylor, Mountaineers, Jim Feradi, Mountaineers, Rick Windl, Mountaineers, Duane Bratt, Mountaineers, Greg Hart, RMLL, Greg Lintz, ALA, Mike Fynn, Interim Junior A Commissioner (Chair)

1. Roll Call. Quorum Established
2. Reading of 2013 Minutes

**Motion:** Duly noted that item #23 Junior A Operating Policy Corrections and Changes Section 23.2 of the meeting minutes presented do not accurately represent what was agreed to, however upon checking the official published Section 23.2, we recognize that it has been accurately changed

Rohma, Seconded by Pym – **Passed**

3. Business from 2013 Minutes

**Motion:** Given A.J. Johma and Duane Bratt's affiliation with the RMLL, [ALA and or the CLA](#) their participation in this meeting as members of the Miners and Mountaineers is in conflict of interest.

Pym, Seconded by Zurfluh – **Defeated**. Raiders and Titans in Favour, Mountaineers, Miners and Chair Opposed.

Pym advised The miners representative voted on this issue and should not have. No further discussion occurred.

4. Adoption of 2013 Minutes, Accepted by all
5. Adoption of 2014 Agenda – Additions or Deletions
6. Interim Commissioner – Elect new (Nominations/Election)

Nominations – None forwarded.

**Action:** All teams have two weeks to submit a nomination to Mike and a subsequent election to select a Commissioner will be made by December 15, 2014.

7. 2014 Team Reports (in alphabetical order)

Miners

Mountaineers

Raiders\* [Raiders Team Report is included as an attachment – please add](#)

Titans

All teams reported out on their success and trials of the 2014 season. Common concern regarding grass roots numbers, depth and development

8. Sportzsoft Updates

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Discussion: As the flagship division we need to lead by example with reliable and accessible website information. Benefits include better scouting and media exposure. Other Jr A websites are way ahead. BC posts "Live" statistics using on-line game sheets. Kevin Murray says this is possible if we ever choose to do so. User training will be required.

**Motion:** All home teams will be responsible for inputting game statistics within 24 hours of the end of the game. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine.

Johma, Seconded by Zurfluh -**Passed**

#### 9. Promotions

**Action:** All teams were directed to improve their local presence in ways that will make kids want to come out and play our game

#### 10. Draft Date (Before Feb 16, 2015)

**Motion:** Schedule the Jr. A draft to occur on Feb 16, 2014

Pym, Windl Seconded -**Passed**

#### 11. Grants (Applications)

Discussion: Consider a model that would charge all kids registered with the ALA a fee (i.e. \$10) to offset travel costs. All 4 teams in agreement with the concept of the Jr A Division exchange of goods for services with the ALA, but this should be flushed out further.

**Motion:** Put together a proposal for presentation to the ALA by January 30, 2015

Windl, Seconded by Zurfluh - **Passed**

#### 12. Shaw Broadcasts

Shaw needs league schedule before December 31 2014 so they can include our games in their programming schedule.

**Action:** All teams will submit their available home dates to Christine as early as possible so a schedule can be developed before December 31, 2014.

#### 13. 2014 Schedule Constraints

**Action:** West Final is set for August 13 - 17, 2015 in Alberta. With an 18 game schedule should aim for end of regular season by July 12, so it must begin May 2-6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All teams will submit their earliest available home date as soon as possible

**Action:** New consideration should also be given to alternating the sequence of where games are played on travel weekend games (i.e. Raiders always play the Titans first)

#### 14. Western Final Host – (Calgary has Stu Peppard booked, Edmonton Facility?)

**Action:** Raiders, Titans and Miners will look into possible facilities

Concerns were expressed by the Raiders that Stu Peppards configuration of benches and dressing rooms is inappropriate for such an event. The safety of teams as a result of the proximity of interaction is prevalent. Greg Hart acknowledged it's the most challenging venue for such.

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The issue of whether or not the West Final is a part of the Minto Cup or treated separate from the Minto was discussed. A point on the regs needs to be clarified. Is an AB team allowed to pick up players for the West Final after the AB playoffs are completed? Are we held to the CLA transfer policy and regs on this? Do we have to comply with the CLA transfer deadline?

15. Canada Day

**Action:** Request the RMLL to consider scheduling a Major Midget or Bantam game to be played immediately between two Jr A games.

16. Junior A Operating Policy Updates

**Motion:** Amend 3.11; Red Deer draft to expand to all graduating Midgets in the CALL league

Rohma, Seconded by Windl - **Passed**

17. New Business – Western League

Discussion: BCJLA has deferred playing in the Western League concept until 2016

**Motion:** Commence the 2016 season with 2 Alberta teams (1 South, 1 North) playing in the Western League concept

Pym, Seconded by Zurfluh –**Tabled (2-2-1)**: Raiders and Titans voted in Favour, Mountaineers and Miners Opposed. Commissioner Abstained

**Action:** Mike will gather more information on the matter directly from the BC Jr A. League Commissioner to determine the best course of short-term action.

Discussion: There were conflicting points of view in the room regarding what players would like to see happen with Jr A lacrosse in Alberta

The Raiders and Titans are on record supporting the contraction of Jr A to 2 teams. 1 in Calgary and 1 in Edmonton as this will provide the best opportunity for players to develop fully to their potential in concert with a branded western league. The Raiders and Titans are on record that the model for delivery of lacrosse that would allow for the development of all players including those at the Elite level must be changed immediately or the current mediocrity of play will continue for generations to come.

**Motion:** Commission a "sport sociology" body to create a survey for the RMLL to send to targeted stakeholders (Junior A, Junior B Tier 1, and Midget A players). Specific objective is to help determine the best direction and therole the Jr A. Division will play in the development of elite level lacrosse in Alberta. Mike will solicit a third party to facilitate the survey.

Fehr, Seconded by Bratt –**Passed**

New Business - Minto Travel Costs

**Motion:** No travel costs for playing in the Minto Cup in Ontario in 2015 will be immediately levied among the 4 Jr A. teams. However, if Alberta wins the Western

Final and has the right to advance to the Minto Cup playoff, all 4 teams will be obligated to contribute \$2500 each for travel costs.

Fehr, Seconded by Johma - **Passed**

The Raiders requested that the commissioner bring to the attention of the RMLL AGM the Divisions concern with respect to the apparent lack of oversight in ensuring teams meet the financial obligations as set out in the constituting documents of the RMLL. The allowance of delinquent accounts over multiple periods sends a distinct message of double standards when time for enforcement occurs. There can be no exceptions in such circumstances.

18. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

Pym, Seconded by Bratt - **Passed**