

RMLL Senior C Planning Meeting Minutes  
Saturday November 22, 2014

1. Meeting called to order at 9:15 am
2. Attendance: Connie Hamilton (Commissioner), Chris Davis (Silverbacks), Deb Reynolds (Grande Prairie), Riley Damen (Irish), Gene Klebeck (Mohawks), Pierre Carvalho (Mohawks), Leo Perrier (Erratic), Norm Shaw (Tomahawks), Jim Hamilton (Pioneers)  
Regrets: Rage
3. Senior C Commissioner – all in favor of Connie Hamilton continuing as Senior C Commissioner
4. Reading and approval of 2014 Agenda  
    Motion to accept 2014 agenda by Chris  
    Seconded by Norm  
    All in favor, carried
5. Adoption of 2013 Minutes  
    Motion to accept 2013 minutes as presented by Pierre  
    Seconded by Jim  
    All in favor, carried
6. Business arising from 2013 Minutes
  - a. Action Plan regarding Ref invoicing: Connie received from Christine the breakdown of team charges for referee invoicing. Sr C is still not happy with the way Referee's invoice. Would like to see this changed in the future
  - b. Action Plan regarding Strathmore application: Strathmore will not be reapplying for a Sr C Team at this time. Strathmore Lacrosse will be given the contact info for all 3 Calgary and surrounding area teams
7. Budgeting – Greg Hartzler
  - a. Greg went over team financials and how to track and budget for the season.
  - b. Sportzsoft Budget Helper is available for free to be used by teams for budgeting. Email Greg to get the Excel budget helper : [gh@hartzler-ent.com](mailto:gh@hartzler-ent.com)
8. North Division concerns
  - a. Travel for the Tomahawks has not improved, going South with as little as 5 runners and 1 goalie. Consistently low numbers. Norm stated that this year they tried a new tactic by offering players a per game fee vs registration fees. All agreed that this was not the way to improve numbers for traveling and this does not secure numbers to keep team going. Teams concerned that the culture of the Sr C division has not been embraced in Edmonton, Mohawks suggested team alignment could be adopted in South then brought into North
  - b. Game Plan: No one wants to see Edmonton fail, everyone agreed that Edmonton needs to focus on travel numbers and the Tomahawks are to keep ALL Sr C teams involved with communication on what they are doing to improve this.
9. New team application
  - a. Deb presented the application. Deb called Luke and teams asked the following questions
    - i. Roster list only lists 19. Luke advised that the 19 on the list are the guaranteed to be able to travel. There are 12 more confirmed to be able to play 50% of the games.

- ii. Budget – The budget had a large amount of sponsor and fundraising money. Deb as part of Grande Prairie Lacrosse assured the members that Grande Prairie businesses and the community at large are more than willing to sponsor teams and help raise money. They are fully aware that their budget has to be high
- iii. Travel concerns: Deb said all potential players are aware of the travel and that Sr C travels far for games. They asked that their home games be on the same weekends as the GP Juniors
- b. After much discussion Motion to accept application by Jim, Seconded by Pierre, All in favor, carried

#### 10. Scheduling

- a. Start and end of season: North will start play April 18<sup>th</sup>, South May 1. End of Season July 12.
- b. North/South # of games: 4 Teams in North division, 4 Teams in South division. 12 games schedule with North playing North and South playing South. No crossover
- c. Mid-week games: When possible South teams will play midweek if arenas are available.
- d. Division Playoff:
  - i. Format: Top 2 teams in each division will play a 2 game playoff series with top team hosting both games. If tied 1-1 a mini game of 10 minutes will be played.
  - ii. Date and time: Saturday July 18 at 7:00 pm. Sunday July 19 2:00pm South division/ 12:00pm North division.
- e. Provincials
  - i. Format: Winner South vs Winner North to play a 2 game provincial series with Tom team hosting both games. If tied 1-1 a 10 minute mini game will be played to decide a winner.
  - ii. Date and times: Sunday July 25 at 7:00 pm. Sunday July 26 12:00pm
  - iii. Provincial fee split? Sr C teams will NOT be splitting provincial fees.
- f. Division Restraints
  - i. No regular season games on May Long Weekend. Grande Prairie may run a May Long tournament for Sr C teams can attend
  - ii. Canada Day games can be played in the south for the Showcase. Teams will put into restraints if they do not want to play .
- g. Team Restraints
  - i. Teams are to input online their team restraints
  - ii. Teams must input more than 1 time slot per day for regular season play and more than 6 home game times. Christine needs to be able to work to make schedules work for all teams and giving limited home days and times can make the schedule unfair to some teams.

Motion to accept Schedule as stated by Norm, seconded by Chris, all in favor, carried

- 11. Coaching Standards and PD Points: ensure your team admin understand the new PD points and that your coaches have the proper qualifications. Minimum standards can be found on page 21 of the Annual Report package from this weekend.
- 12. CCES (Canadian Center Ethics Support): All players, coaches, managers and trainers are required to complete online. There is a 50.00 fee to each person. The Ala will be asking the CLA to waive this fee till August 1, 2015.

13. ALRA : Guest Warren sat in on this session

- a. 2015 points of emphasis: points of emphasis will again be available to share with your teams
- b. Referee game sheet duties and responsibilities: Referee's must count players and input the amount of players on bench. Ensure refs are not arriving late to games or just a few minutes before. Report if this is happening.
- c. Senior Refs: Warren addressed the concerns of the seemingly excessive amount of travel of the refs. Warren said that Sr C is still developing top level refs so travel will continue as refs are being trained. Refs need to communicate with teams when a junior ref is in training.
- d. Referee Evaluation Forms: Sr C will adopt the following policy in regards to Referee Evaluation Forms
  - i. The home team will provide the visiting team the Referee evaluation form, after the game the visiting team will not receive the yellow game sheet until the evaluation form is filled out and given to the home team. The home team will email both ref evaluation forms and the game sheet to Amanda within 24 hours. If forms are not filled in and emailed the home team will be charged for the missing sheets.
- e. Minor Provincial dates: Try not to schedule games during minor provincial dates to ensure refs are available for everyone. A note on Sr C playoff dates from Warren: Date and time of playoff are needed when planning the season. There must be 5 days between end of season and the start of playoffs. Sr C has not followed this rule and must be followed.
- f. Travel fees: After much discussion related to the travel fees of refs the teams agreed to continue splitting travel fees of the refs for all 8 teams. This will be reevaluated each year at the break out session.  
Motion to split Ref Travel fees by Pierre  
Seconded by Chris  
All in favor, carried

14. Stats: Due to time constraints Connie asked team to take a look at the stats in the book that relate to Sr C.

15. Casino: Senior Lacrosse is not eligible for the Casino funds that Rocky mountain lacrosse will collect when volunteering

16. Rosters: A reminder of the maximum of 40 on a Sr C roster. There have been some teams that had more on their roster at the end of the season. Ensure that any players that should not be on the roster are deleted by Amanda. Teams cannot delete players, email Christine and Amanda.

- a. Amanda joined the discussion and suggested the teams use the new Sportzsoft for entering in goals/assists in addition to score and Amanda would audit them when the game sheets are emailed.

17. Game misconducts

- a. Teams ensure your off floor officials writing the game sheets put in what the game miscount is and not just GM for example: GM Fighting

18. Timelines: Page 68 of the AGM book has the Deadlines teams must adhere to. Fines will be inputted if late on the timelines. Ensure your team admin have a copy of the timelines
19. RMLL logo : teams can use the rml logo on their jerseys
20. Regulations to note: Tabled due to time constraints
21. Other business
  - a. Mohawks asked to discuss alignment of teams. This is something the south teams would consider but more time for discussion would need to be done. Topic for 2015 Breakout
  - b. EAP (emergency action plan) Ensure you have these completed and sent to Christine and Connie
22. Meeting Adjourned 3:30pm

Sr C joined the Sr B meeting from 3:30-4:00. Discussion on concerns with North division. Vertical alignment was brought up with pros and cons discussed. Also discussion of the possibility of non-drafted players being drafted to Sr C. Nothing decided, tabled to 2015 Breakout session for SR C.