



**Junior B Tier II Planning Meeting
Delta South Edmonton
Saturday, November, 2015 from 8:30am till 4:00pm
Edmonton Delta South - Empire Room
Minutes**

1. Introductions

Absent Ft. Saskatchewan Rebels (Trying to get into Tier I), Axmen, and Okotoks's

2. Call to Order, Agenda and Approval of the 2015 minutes

- Call to order 9:05, approval of minutes by _____, 2nd by _____ Carried

3. Election

I have had an e mail regarding someone who would like there name to stand and run for Tier II commissioner. His letter will be sent out with the agenda. Name Robert Duncombe. If anyone else would like to let their name stand you can do so at the AGM or send out an e mail stating putting your name forward and it will be voted on at the AGM. There will be no proxy voting.

EXPECTATIONS

Meeting, conference calls, emails, fines, suspensions (investigation and application of discipline), may need to be part of discipline.

- Rob Letendre declined nomination to stay on as Commissioner.
- Any more nominations.

Names standing for Commissioner gave speech and vote proceeded

- Robert Duncombe
- Wayne Zaddery
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Congratulations' to new commission for Jr. B Tier II is – Wayne Zaddery

Closing words of thanks for a good 5 years from Rob L.

4. Review of 2015 Season

- Went around table to each club on a summary of their season.

- Are team allowed to how and why suspension decisions were made?
- Concern that season is too long. Young men that still want a summer.
- Suspensions and fines are down from last year.
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- Review of 2015 Stats and Penalties – no concerns, Misconducts and suspensions are down.
- Opportunities for Improvement
- Referees – Concerns
 - Consistency on calls
 - Why referee evaluation sheets, are they being used to help refs and consistency?
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5. **Expansion**

- Potential Number of Teams for 2016 Season
- Any teams that don't know if they will field a team for the 2016 season
- New Teams Olds and Sylvan Lake/Blackfalls
- Sylvan Lake Yedities presentation of why they want to come back into league team moving to Sylvan Lake. (Yedities have been accepted 14 - 0)
- Olds Mavericks requesting to move up to Tier II from Tier III (have two Tier III teams). (Olds have been accepted 14 - 0)
- Concerns raised are about Numbers for upcoming years.

6. **Equipment**

- Mask and helmet must be both CSA approved
- Making sure the Nets are all in good order before the season starts home teams responsibility
- Black Mesh is going to be made mandatory it will be phased in over the next couple of years
- Jerseys each team must have a dark and white set

7. **Safety**

- All teams should have an Emergency Action Plan (make sure nothing has changed from last season) Share with commission and home team should supply EAP to visiting team.
- Good floor conditions. Had issues with the temps outside and slippery floors.
- Access to mops or have towels for floors (Home Teams Responsibility)
 - Recommend that you make arrangements with the arenas to have equipment available to clean up floor.
- Injury report forms – all on ALA web site.

8. **Scheduling**

- Playoffs and Provincials (I recommend a best out of three series higher seeded team will be the home team) I also recommend the same scheduling format as the 2015 season
- Recommended that we follow the same season schedule format.
- Discussion that we change playoff format to remove the 1 and 2 seeded teams getting a bye and to just 4 teams.
- Playoff would be tournament play would happen on one weekend.
- Shorten reg. season and back up playoffs earlier.
- Can we start reg. season earlier.
- Need to have playoffs completed by end of July 15th weekend.
- Need to stay away from July long weekend.
- Motion to play home and home. Top 6 teams 1 and 2 get byes, 3,4,5,6 play best of 3 series, 1 and 2 bye teams play round robin format with the play off Hosted by # 1 ranked team of 3,4,5,6. Randy. 2nd Dan 12 for, opposed 1, abstained 1 Carried. June 24 weekend playoffs start. July long off. July 8 weekend championship playoff format. Provincial championship July 15 weekend.
- Concern is referee availability.
- Motion Rob L, same format as 2015 but start playoffs June 24th weekend and completed by July 22nd weekend. (no long weekend). As a backup for previous scenario.
- Playoff format for 2016 season Motion Carried
 - 1st round ranked 1st & 2nd ranked will have a bye, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5 best of 3.
 - 2nd round 1st ranked plays winner of lowest ranking from 1st round and 2nd ranked team plays next highest rank winner from round 1.
 - The two winners will represent there conference in provincial play down.
 - 3rd round – round robin of the two top north and south conference winners. Two south teams play off Friday night followed by the two north team's playoff Friday night after south. Respective winners will be the South and North conference Championship. The rest of the weekend will be round robins with all 4 teams play each other (Friday night games are used as the round robin game). Top two teams will play a one game final for Provincial Championship.
 - No July long weekend games.
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For the schedules the higher seeded team will be the Home Team. If there is any travel then all games need to be played on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday if that is the case then there will be one (1) game on Saturday and Two games (2) on Sunday (if needed). If there is NO Travel then the Playoff games can start on a Wednesday night as long as both teams agree. All games need to be completed by their end date. All teams need to secure their floor time and arena before the END of the season

- Provincials will be held in the South for the 2016 Season

- Game starts 9pm on weekdays for some arenas
- Each Team needs to have a back up arena and it needs to be given to Christine
- Schedule below
- Any team willing to play on Monday and Wednesday or leave as is

9. **Tier II Fines and Suspensions**

- Have the Coaches send in their outlook of the situation
- The Commissioner needs contact numbers and/or e mail address for all Head Coaches to talk to regarding players Suspension and/or fines
- Default games: \$500 dollar fine first game \$1000 for the second game and along with the additional cost i.e.: Floor, referee and transportation for the other team.
- If a team defaults three games in one season then that team will default the rest of the season and lose their bond and have to reapply to field a team for the next Season
- Minimum number of players is 11, both teams can agree to play game, but ref can default game.

Standard fines and suspensions:

- 37.3. Any player, goalkeeper or non-playing personnel receiving a match penalty will be assessed a minimum three (3) game suspension or two (2) game suspension if Division league play is 12 or less Regular Season games and will be assessed a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine..
- 37.5. Any player, goalkeeper or non-playing personnel receiving a gross misconduct penalty will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and a minimum two (2) game suspension.
- Our penalty min structure has been adopted by the rest of RMLL for mins and suspensions.
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10. **Coaches/ Bench Personal**

- All bench personal needs to have the proper certification (even trainers) Have extra people available with these credentials.
- All coaches certificates numbers (NCCP) needs to be Entered into the RMLL

System at the beginning of the season or when completed by the end of the season

- Proper Referee evaluation form needs to be filled out and sent in with the game sheet. Sent in missing about 20%. Started good at the beginning of the year.
- If the Visiting team takes the Referee form with them it is now there responsibility to scan and send it in
- Bench personal who have not attended any clinic will not be allowed on the bench(date of when the coaches are booked is needed for the 2016 season)
- All Bench personal needs to be responsible and respectful before/after and during the game to Referees, Parents and all players even people working the penalty box doing shot clock or time keeper
- Coaches and Club being held responsible for their players and fans
- Game Sheets **MUST** be scanned and sent in NO taking a picture and sending in its blurry.

11. **Coach and Player development**

- Keep the respect in the game. (teammates, opponents, officials, and fans)
- Use your affiliates.
- Getting players ready for Higher Tiers and encouraging players to play and/or trying out for Higher Tiers.
- Communication with all midget players to let them know that there is lacrosse after Midget.
- Junior Combines: TBA
- Coaching clinics and Super Coaching Clinic: Apr 1,2 and 3 2016 in Okotoks
- A handshake after the game means that the game is over and shows a sign of sportsmanship and respect.

12. **Rosters**

- 25 person roster no over/under aged players unless approved. Do not add affiliates to your roster.
- Player info needs to be added before the teams first game if not then the player will be an illegal player and the team/coach is subjected to fines and a loss of the game

13. **Promotion**

- How to get people to know about the sport and teams

- Graduating Midget North/South Communication and Dates, explanation of what major lacrosse is.
- Graduating Junior Communication moving to the Senior Level
- New Coach Acquisition – encourage graduate juniors to give back.
- New Referee Acquisition -

14. **CLA/ALA/RMLL Timelines**

- All time lines need to be followed i.e. Game sheets, Referee evaluation forms and player information RMLL Roster page.
- All information needs to be entered before season starts (including exhibition games)
- All players who need to be taken off your roster needs to contact Christine and also let the Commissioner know as well
- If picking up a cut player from a higher division. Get in it writing from the releasing club.

15. **Boundaries -**

16. **Website**

- Live score updates after/during the games. Mandatory
- Updated after each game (Home Teams Responsibility)

17. **ALRA**

- Tier II Specific Assigning Criteria: Is there referees that teams don't want or want? Sent into commissioner and will pass on to ALRA.
- Can we ensure that the refs follow the same respect rules as set forth for players and coaches?
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18. **Off Floor Officials**

- Dedicated group of individuals (know clock, game sheet, etc.) They are an official.
- Meet with Referees Room 20 minutes prior to game start for instructions

19. **Other Business?**

Creation of recreational league/teams?

- Discussion of pros and cons for creation of league.

Possibility of two teams coming in from Saskatchewan

- Their board voted against it.
- Had 20 and down to 6. May get application from them in the next few years.

Western Cup Final – Group seemed interested in the prospect of, investigate further.

- Had a phone conversation regarding Saskatchewan either coming into Tier II and/or having a western championship series like Founder
- Would we be interested in participating? Rotating through the 3 provinces for

host. It would be the provincial winners.
 Motion to have Tier II playoffs completed before the long weekend of August.
 Dennis, 2nd by Rick 1 opposed Carried

Thanks to Rob for the past 5years of dedication to the sport.

Costs for a Major Team (2015 Fees):

1. Annual ALA Registration Fee - usually invoiced in July - \$46.25 per player, \$18.50 per Coach and \$10.25 per Manager and Trainers and Team Executive. In 2016, as per ALA AGM Motion, each of these may increase by \$3 each.

2. ALA Provincial Fee - \$650.00 per team qualifying for Provincials. Sr. B, Tier I, Tier II and Tier III split this fee among the teams in their Division and this fee is included in the RMLL annual franchise invoice. Teams in Sr. C, Jr. A and Jr. Ladies receive a RMLL invoice for this fee once the teams going to the Provincial round are known. Historically Sr. Ladies have not had a Provincial Round but a RMLL Championship Round and the cost of the Championship round is shared by the Sr. Ladies teams in the Championship round.

3. Referee Game Fees - For Regular Season and Playoff home games the home team pays the Referees prior to the start of the game.

Jr. A & Sr. B - Two Referees at \$77 each (Shot Clock Referee for Playoffs \$38.50)

Sr. C and Tier I - Two Referees at \$72 each (Shot Clock Referee for Playoffs \$36)

Sr. Ladies, Jr; Ladies, Tier II and Tier III - Two Referee at \$66.00 each (Shot Clock Referee \$33)

4. ALRA Assigning Fee and Referee Travel/Per Diem - invoiced by the RMLL in late August of each Season...\$6.00 per home game (regular season and Playoff) and any Referee travel/per diem fee associated with a home game.

5. Annual RMLL Team Franchise Fee (2015) - \$650.00 per team invoiced in February each year.

6. Fines, Referee Accommodation and Airfare - invoiced by the RMLL throughout the Season as they occur.

7. Floor Rental For RMLL Contracted Arena - invoiced by the RMLL at the end of a season for a team.

RMLL Regulations re Invoices and Fines

4.13. All RMLL invoices are due thirty days from invoice date except invoices for team fines which are due ten (10) days from invoice date.

4.13.1. A team (RMLL Member) must pay fines assessed against them and/or their Members within ten (10) days of invoice date, or be liable to further fines as penalty for non-payment.

2016 Season

10 weekends excluding May long weekend

Game Days: Wed., Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Regular Season Games: North Conference 14 games (7 home, 7 away or 8 home, 6 away); South Conference 16 games (8 home and 8 away)

Regular Season: Friday April 22, 2016 to Sun June 19, 2016

Playoffs:

Round 1 - Top 6 teams in each Conference - Best of 3 Series - 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 6 - 1 and 2 get a bye

Scenario 1 - If two teams within 250 kms

Friday, June 24 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, June 25 - 2:00 PM

Sunday, June 26 - 12:00 PM

Scenario 2 - If two teams over 250 kms

Saturday, June 25 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 26 - 11:00 AM

Sunday, June 26 - 4:00 PM

Round 2 - Best of 3 Series - Winners of round 1 play 1st and 2nd Place with 1st Place playing lowest seeded winner.

Scenario 1 - If two teams within 250 kms

Friday, July 8 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, July 9 - 2:00 PM

Sunday, July 10 - 12:00 PM

Scenario 2 - If two teams over 250 kms

Saturday, July 9- 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 10 - 11:00 AM

Sunday, July 10 - 4:00 PM

The third round will be just like the Tier I's. The top two teams from the North and South will play on the weekend of July 15, 16 and 17 weekend. The highest seeded South team will be hosting for the 2016 season.

Friday July 15 S1 vs S2 – 6:30pm
Friday July 15 N1 vs N2 – 9pm

Saturday July 16

S1 vs N2 – 11am
S2 vs N1 – 2pm
S1 vs N1- 6:30pm
S2 vs N2 – 9pm

On Sunday the two teams with the most points will play on Sunday July 17, 2016 with a start time of 11am or agreed upon by both teams

North Conference

North Central Division:

Edmonton Wizards, Edmonton Warriors, Grande Prairie Thrashers and Westlock Rock.

North East Division:

Vermilion Roar, Wheatland Xtreme, Sherwood Park Titans, Lakeland Heat

South Conference

South Central Division:

Lethbridge Barracudas, Calgary Rockies, Strathmore Venom and Medicine Hat Sun Devils.

South West Division:

Red Deer Renegades, Calgary Wranglers, Olds, Yetti and Lacoka Locos.

Motion to Adjourn Patty, 2nd Ian

Carried