

1) Roll Call

Edmonton Warriors – Tony Materi, St. Albert Crude – Terry Dokken, Kevin Chysyk, Sherwood Park Titans – Tina Burkholder, Manitoba Blizzard – Terry Williams, Red Deer Rampage – Ken Grebinski, Terry Willoughby, Calgary Mountaineers – Earl Caron, Janet Norton, Calgary Shamrocks – Jason Crooks, Calgary Chill – Dan MacLeod, Okotoks Marauders – John Miller, Ryan Hobday, Rockyview Silvertips – Todd Halladay, Saskatchewan Swat – Gwen Carter, Randy Trobak, Fort Saskatchewan Rebels – Trevor Mark, Kevin Parker, Dave McGarva

2) Reading and Approval of 2014 Minutes

Terry D - Moved to approve Minutes, 2nd by Tony – carried

3) Tier 1 Commissioner – Tony agreed to stand on as Commissioner

Motion by Janet, 2nd by Jason - Carried

4) New Team Applications – Fort Saskatchewan Rebels

Presentation was made by Rebels GM and coaching staff. They ask to be entered into the draft and would like the 1st pick overall, and no trip to Winnipeg in the first year.

Rebels were asked to leave room in order that we could discuss. Terry would like them to commit to minimum 5 year program. They are obligated to pay \$2000 in fines from previous Fort Saskatchewan team. A payment plan can be arranged through the treasurer of the RMLL (Earl). They must pay \$1000 performance bond, \$1500 Founders Flight deposit and \$500 Founders fee.

Motion to allow Fort Saskatchewan into league by Dan, 2nd by Gwen, - Carried

Motion that 1st round draft pick goes to anyone entering the league by Terry, 2nd Tina – Carried.

5) Promotions

- a. RMLL will send out info to Graduating Midgets in December
- b. North Graduating Midget Session set for – **January 20, 2016**. South Graduating Midget Session set for **January 5, 2016**
- c. North and South Combines will be run by Andrew McBride – new format to be sent to us by Andrew.
- d. CDLA Request – Chill and all South teams agreed to have Bantam “A” teams will play before Thursday night games and then warm up with the teams, and then a coach will go into the dressing room of the Bantam players and speak with them. We have asked that additional warm-up time be given for these games, and Christine is hoping to be able to use funds from the Casino. The North will work with their minor programs as well. Red Deer has wanted to do something similar to this, however, there was insurance issues. Christine to confirm with Lisa, what the issue is.

Motion by Terry D. and Ryan 2nd - Carried

6) Coaching Development

- a. More training for coaches
- b. Certified coaches need 20 PD at the end of 5 years to retain certification. If you do not have your points you will have to start back at the beginning.
- c. Ensure that you go to coach.ca to find your account, then to your locker where you maintain your updates.

- d. Each year you coach, earns you one point which you must self report
- e. Competitive Development Clinic to be held (date please Tony)
- f. Super Coaching Clinic to be held. Coaches are encouraged to attend because you will learn more that you think!! (dates and location please) **April 1, 2 & 3, 2016 Okotoks Recreation Centre, Okotoks**
- g. Code of Conduct for Coaches

A/I - We have asked that Christine add an additional Coaches clinic be put on in May – when the young coaches (former players) come back from University.

7) Draft

- a. Draft and Boundaries Andrew McBride would like to make an event out of the draft where the graduating midgets would be present and they would be called to the stage for a “photo op” and hand shake when they are selected. The division discussed this and think that the players may not stay to see if they are drafted to Jr. B Tier 1 if they are already drafted to Jr. A. Our proposal is that we have a “pretend draft” before the actual night in order that the Jr. B draft will be after the Jr. A. has chosen.

Motion by Earl, 2nd by Tina that the “secret” dates be as follows: North – Jr. A – Feb 3rd, Jr. B – Feb 7th – Gala date TBD. South - Jr A – Feb 9th, Jr. B – Feb 10th – Gala date TBD. The ALA will be paying for the Gala.

- b. 30 man Protected List – Christine to draft policy
- c. Boundaries – The boundaries have been changed to the following
 Red Deer – not in draft – Olds are Free Agents, but all minor clubs north of Olds Tier 1 rights belong to Red Deer, Kneehill, Stettler, Blackfalds, Innisfail, Lakoka, and Sylvan Lake belong to Red Deer.
 Silvertips – get the Badlands
 Motion by Ken, 2nd by Todd, Carried
 Calgary – Chill, Mounties and Shamrocks will continue to draft Tier 2 Wranglers, and Axemen Tier 2 and Tier 3
 All Knights are in the Calgary Draft.
 Eight Rounds of draft as usual for Chill, Mounties and Chill and Silvertips and Marauders will enter draft in 9th round. Silvertips and Marauders will protect 8 players each. 9th round will go as follows Silvertips, Marauders, Chill, Shamrocks, Mounties

8) Game Day

- a. Rosters need to be completed on time in the system – there was a “glitch” with the system last year where
- b. Maximum number of 4 call – ups per games.
- c. Affiliation process must be followed: When affiliating Midgets, permission must be granted by coach, association, parent (if under 18) and Tier 1 Commissioner.
- d. Live Score Board Updates – This is very important
- e. Game passes – 4 per team for all Jr. B. Games only – a copy of what these look like need to Manitoba, as they didn’t get any last year.
- f. RMLL Executive give passes for any game. If they are refused right of entry, home team will be given fine of \$50 (Tony please confirm amount) **No fine.**

- g. More games during the week for all teams – The number of games will not increase, however we will be Red Deer is willing to play mid-week games in Calgary.
- h. Referee forms to need to be sent in on time - The Website is being updated and hopefully we will be able to submit online.
- i. Hand shaking after the game with other teams plus Referees. Referees are to advise if they want to participate in the hand shaking. The practice of the RMLL is for teams to shake hands after regular season games and in playoffs to shake hands after the end of the series.
- j. Goalie Water Breaks – this was discussed, but the final consensus was that you could not deny a water break as it could potentially be a safety issue. RMLL Regulation 11.6 re water breaks:
Upon a request from a goalie, the Referees will allow one water break per period as long as the request is not after a goal or a penalty. This goalie water break is not to be used as a timeout by either team.

Christine has spoken with Val and the Refs will speak to the Coaches 5 minutes before the game. Also, during the game the ref's will only speak to the "Head Coach."

9) Safety

- a. All teams must have an Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

10) Schedule

- a. Team constraints must be in prior to January 15, 2016
- b. 20 game season
- c. Regular season dates (April through Mid July)
- d. Playoff format changed –
East division created for playoffs – Winnipeg and Saskatchewan play off and only one team will come to final playoff weekend. North division – 1st round – best of 3 - 1vs 4, 2vs 3, 2nd round best of 3 with winners playing in RMLL championship weekend. South division – 1st round – best of 3 - 1vs 4, 2vs 3, 2nd round best of 3 with winners playing in RMLL championship weekend. Total of 4 teams. East division winner, North division winner, South division winner and host. Weekend no longer called Provincials. The winner of the weekend will be called the RMLL Jr B Tier 1 Champion. Trophy to be purchased by division and to be named Larry Bishop Trophy and we will have a MVP for the tournament and the trophy will be called the Jaydon Sommerfeld trophy.
Motion by Jason, 2nd by Todd - Carried
- e. Calgary Chill to host Provincial weekend at Stu Peppard August long weekend.
- f. Monday night games – we will not play Monday nights
- g. Teams to travel to Winnipeg – Mounties, Marauders, Crude
- h. Teams to Saskatchewan – Warriors, Titans, Chill

11) Founders Cup

- a. Hosted by the Orangeville Orangemen, Ontario – August 15-21, 2016, we need to be cognizant that there are not a lot of hotel accommodations close to the venue. Chris will ask Lisa to book 30 flights from Calgary – as currently flights are cheaper from YYC. Also Lisa find a hotel that has laundry facilities, and the ability to bring our own food in.
- b. Air flights to be booked by Lisa – currently cheapest flights are out of Calgary.

- c. CCES online Education course needs to be completed by *** by every player in league. Christine will get info to confirm “no charge” registration.
- 12)ALRA – Dave from the ALRA joined the meeting to address our questions and concerns.
 - a. Referee Evaluation Forms are mandatory – hoping to be able to enter
 - b. Referee Shortage
 - c. Referee Mentoring has Started
 - d. Referee Ranking and Assigning
 - e. All Major Infractions are down
 - f. Teams pay fines to the League – not the Player – this is so there is less confusion for the RMLL administrators.
 - g. Referee for Founders – who decides
- 13)ALA Submitting Rule Changes to the CLA
 - a. Moving Picks
 - b. Off Ball Slashing
 - c. Use 30 second shot clock again for penalty kill
 - d. Wooden sticks
- 14)Equipment
 - a. Black net mesh – now RMLL Standard – transition from white to black when new mesh is needed.
- 15)Operating Policy
 - a. The operating policy needs to be updated and a group has been started.
- 16)RMLL Casino
 - a. Thursday February 4 and Friday February 5, 2016 at Palace Casino, Edmonton – first one is in Edmonton, however there can be in Calgary or Lethbridge.
- 17)RMLL Invoices
 - a. A reminder that all invoices are due 30 days from invoice date except fine invoices which are due 10 days from invoice date.