



RMLL Sr. B Breakout Minutes

Sat, Nov 22, 2015

Edmonton Delta South Hotel

Called to Order at 9:19 AM

Roll Call – Present: Mounties – absent
Knights: Gareth Barley, Greg Bradley
Raiders: Steve Morris
Warriors: Dann Clark
Outlaws: Stu Sterparn
Miners: Tom Engel, Vay Diep
Commissioner: Shauna Sterparn

Guest: Val Miles, ALRA:

Val concerned with Commissioner's comment in her report that referees are determining the outcome of the game. Shauna reports that 3 teams have reported this to her. Miners, Warriors state, that while there are concerns about refereeing, they do not feel this is correct.

Shauna asks that if anyone hears referees swearing at players, it is to be reported to the Commissioner and it will be relayed to the ALRA for investigation.

Concerns were raised about referees refusing to speak to coaches or captains.

Referee shortage in the North. Will see new refs coming up to senior.

Shauna will send out names of referees and teams will advise, by email, of top 5 referees in north and south. The teams spent considerable time going through the ALRA list of referees to give Val individual feedback of the current referees on the list. One referee remains on probation.

The division expressed concern that 2 years in a row, there has been no Alberta representative referee sent to President's Cup. Val states that this upcoming season, upon registration, refs will be asked if they are interested and the ALRA will do active recruiting.

The teams discussed inconsistencies between north and south.

Concerns expressed about referees doing back to back games. Val says that most refs don't want to, but it arises out of necessity.

The RMLL Executive will be asked to use Casino funds to pay for travel expenses to achieve a goal of north/south referee representation.

Commissioner: Call for Nominations

Tom nominated Marci McQueen, 2nd – Dan, nomination accepted
Greg nominated Shauna Sterparn, 2nd – Steve. Nomination
accepted.

Shauna remains Commissioner by division vote.

Shauna will contact Marci to see if she would be willing to help. Shauna states that there should be succession planning.

Division [requests to amend Bylaw 8.01 \(5\) at 2017 AGM](#) to make term for Commissioners 2 years instead of 1 year. Idea rose about even a 3 year term, for continuity.

Motion to adopt 2016 Agenda – Greg moved, Stu seconded – Carried

Motion to accept 2015 Minutes – Dan moved, Steve 2nd – Carried

Business arising from 2014 Minutes

Teams were advised to prepare for a 5 team division for 2016.

Arena Availability

Teams were advised that they may not have a choice in arenas and the RMLL will tell them where games will be and which teams will play in an arena. Clarification: Greg Lintz and Christine Thielen advised this at the RMLL Executive Planning meeting. This is probably only of concern during playoffs/provincials. This is not an RMLL decision. However, there are limitations on arenas and teams must be compliant.

Outlaws are moving to Ken Nichol Regional Recreation Centre in Beaumont.

Motion to adopt same playoff schedule as last year with a 7 game provincial series and playing Aug long weekend. Dates to be adjusted to suit. Greg moved, Stu seconded. Carried

Calendar must be looked at to determine if this is possible.

In the event it is a 5 team division, the top 4 teams will qualify for playoffs and best of 5 in both rounds.

Dispersal draft

Teams discussed details of a dispersal draft. Division notes have been recorded and will be used if needed.

Motion: Order of dispersal draft to be the same as entry draft. Vay moved, Dan seconded. Carried.

ALRA - Division agrees to a meeting in Red Deer with ALRA to discuss our position on how specific items should be called. Will be an email discussion to attain common ground on issues we want discussed prior to the meeting. Suggested that teams with video obtain some clips for illustration.

Gamesheets – Improperly filled out game sheets will be fined.

When sending in gamesheets, please ensure that the copy is readable. I.e. By email or photo.

Off Floor Officials

Teams need to ensure their off floor officials are capable. As well, off floor officials are not to interfere with the game or players. If there are any issues, please report it to the Commissioner.

Monday games

The teams have agreed to Monday games, but **no games 3 days in a row**.

Presidents' Cup 2016

The division was informed of the process used to select the successful bid for President's Cup 2016. The majority of teams agreed that it was not a transparent process and a heated exchange occurred. The Miners objected and refused to partake in further discussion.

Draft Dates – North – February 6, 2016 – Warriors host
South – January 30, 2016 – Raiders host
Times, locations TBD

Motion: When a player in his 5th year of junior eligibility has been traded between the North and the South junior teams, that player will revert back to the Senior B draft being held in the territory of the team he played on before he was traded – unless that player has moved his residence to the territory of the team he was traded to. Tom moved, Gareth seconded. Carried

RMLL issues

The Sr B division has concerns regarding RMLL administration. The consensus was that the Sr B division compile the concerns and present them to the RMLL to redress and resolve:

- a) Stats are not kept up to date and the Sr B stats are the last to be completed. The teams have to maintain their own stats on standings to determine playoff eligibility, and do not get up to date player stats.
- b) Scheduling – As asked by the RMLL, the division gave firm dates and constraints to the RMLL for playoffs and provincials. The schedule sent out did not align with those dates. The concern is that players and management arrange their work schedule months in advance to align with the dates and the RMLL does not adhere to their own request. Senior consists mainly of players and management that work fulltime. It is not easy to readjust work schedules on short notice. The division asks for priority in scheduling playoffs, as it is an adult league.
- c) No promotion of Senior B. The RMLL concentrates its promotion on junior and the Sr divisions are left on their own.
- d) More transparency from the RMLL Executive on basis for decisions.

- e) Inadequate insurance (ALA) – Players with injuries are referred to their own benefits first, but denied coverage by their own insurer as it is sports related. But, sports insurance will not cover. Players left holding the bills.
- f) Poor website

Regulation 27.11.1.1

Division asks for an **amendment** to be made of this regulation, whereby the Commissioner has the discretion to exempt a player from the 4 game reg. if a player shows to play a game and the opponent team defaults.

Division Operating Policy

It will be distributed by email to all teams for discussion (civil) and amendments early in the New Year. The division needs to have it completed for ratification by the RMLL by March 1st. Telephone conference, if necessary, on non-unanimous items.

Travel Funds – ALA

The ALA gives \$3500 to the team travelling to the PC. Does not include the host team, or a second team within the same territory (north or south) where the PC is held. Commissioner will ask the ALA if we can let the monies accumulate in the year that the ALA hosts the PC.

Motion: Each team will pay an annual levy of \$500 to subsidize costs of a team travelling outside Alberta for the PC and money to be held by the RMLL. Stu moved, Greg second
Carried

Motion to adjourn: Vay moved, Greg seconded, Carried. Adjourned at 3:25 PM.