



## **2016 Executive Director Report**

The function of the Executive Director is to carry out the administrative support of the RMLL on behalf of the Executive. Some years this is easier than other years. 2016 was a difficult year due to my limited available time for volunteering between December 2015 and the first 3 months of 2016. In addition, the controversy over two new team applications and extremely busy schedules for the RMLL Executive and our Members, all resulted in many decisions being delayed which caused many missed deadlines. Scheduling was one of the impacted items and in 2016, the schedule sent to the ALRA was two weeks late.

The Graduating Midget “welcome” document was sent out the first week of January. Although we send out this document, hold Graduating Midget Info Sessions in both Calgary and Edmonton and hold North and South Combines, the ALA feels there is still a lot of confusion regarding the Jr. A and Tier I Drafts. To address this issue, in 2016, the ALA will be drafting an ALA communication regarding the RMLL Drafts and will be sending out to the Graduating Midgets.

We again held our North and South Graduating Midget Information Sessions. The North Session was held in Edmonton on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the Central Lions Senior Rec. Centre. Thirty-one Graduating Midgets attended. The South Session was held in Calgary on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Acadia Recreation Centre. Sixty-eight players along with their parents attended.

The RMLL/ALA again held the North and South Junior Combines. The South Combine was held on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the Scotiabank Saddledome. Sixty-six players attended which included nine goalies and 12 returning Juniors. The North Combine was also held on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the West Soccer Centre. Thirty-three players registered of which 3 were goalies and six were returning Juniors.

Ongoing administration included such activities as New Team Franchise Requests, Franchise Certificates, scheduling constraints, rosters and bench Personnel, Division transactions, Sr. B and Jr. A XX Man Protected Lists, reports, invoicing and collections, monthly financial reporting, bond tracking, etc.

Contracts included Hartzler Enterprises for book keeping, SportzSoft for website and the City of Calgary for the RMLL arena.

Prepared draft revisions for Regulations.

Updated ongoing historic statistics and calculated statistics for current Season.

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