



Junior B Tier II 2017 Planning Meeting Agenda
Calgary Delta South
Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 8:30am till 4:00pm

1. Introductions

Lucas Bobbit – Venom
Dave Gough – Edmonton Warriors
Mark Hawthorn – Locos
Rick Runions – Edmonton Wizards
Graham Murray – Lloydminster Extreme
Aaron and Brian Hegedus – Westlock Rock
Pat Hanson – Sylvan Lake Yeti
Tory Wilson – Red Deer Renegades
Dennis Hodinsky – Lakeland Heat
Chris Willmot – Calgary Axemen
Andy Sweetman – Olds Mavericks
Larry Makortoff – High River Heat
Ed Skryp – Medicine Hat Sundevils
Cam Pilling – Lethbridge Barracudas
John Eng - Lethbridge Barracudas
Wayne Zadderey – Calgary Wranglers
Joanne Sunderhelm - Medicine Hat Sundevils

2. Referee discussion

- Concerns voiced regarding referees in Medicine Hat. Question tabled regarding referee evaluation forms and the outcome of negative feedback of individual referees
- Joined at this point by Warren and he explained the referee evaluation outcome;
 - Referees are not assessed individually based on form feedback, rather the complaints are tabulated as a whole and training is considered based on an AVERAGE feedback of ALL the referees' assessments. Meaning, if you assessed 2 game referees as one being great, and one being really bad, the average assessment of the game referee outcome would be 'good'? So with that in mind the feedback form is used to develop cross the board training rather than using it as an individual assessment for an individual referee. Basicall, what Warren said is that the RMLL does not evaluate referees individually but the program as a whole and attempts to develop their program base on an blended feedback for the organization as a whole.

4. **Expansion**

- Potential Number of Teams for 2017 Season
 - Grand Prairie was not represented so could not validate their interest in the league.
 - Teams voiced concerns about travelling to Grand Prairie to play games and having the Grand Prairie team field 7 players for the game. Grand Prairie needs to demonstrate exceptional representation for the upcoming season.
- High River made an application and presentation to participate in the Tier II division for the 2017 season.
 - Motion to accept High River; John, seconded; Lucas. Passed, welcome High River

6. **Equipment**

- Making sure the Nets are all in good order before the season starts home teams responsibility
- Black Mesh is mandatory. Teams need to budget for mesh
 - It there an opportunity to buy bulk mesh within the RMLL?
 - How are the nets to be strung, tight or loose?

7. **Safety**

- All teams should have an Emergency Action Plan (make sure nothing has changed from last season) Share with commissioner and home team needs to supply EAP to visiting team.
 - Dennis to send a template to all the teams
 - Discussion regarding the floor at Stu Peppard arena and how to approach the city regarding floor maintenance

8. **Player movement**

- Discussion regarding the effort it takes to move player to accommodate rosters place and then the player doesn't show up at his new team. (no outcome of the discussion, we can only do our best with the kids)

9. **Scheduling**

- Playoffs and Provincials - Recommended that we follow the same format as the 2016 season with the following exceptions as the South Division now has 10 teams.
- League finals playoff would be tournament play would happen on one weekend
- Regular season is 11 weekends long excluding May long weekends if necessary. (we will try to schedule the games so all teams are finished by June 29 so team that are out of the playoffs can begin their summer on the long weekend but if scheduling will not accommodate, teams will need to be prepared to play the July long weekend)
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- **Game Days:** Wed., Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Regular Season Games: North Conference 14 games (7 home, 7 away); South Conference 18 games (9 home and 9 away)

Regular Season: Friday April 14, 2017 to Sun June 30, 2017 (if necessary) (we will try to schedule the games so all teams are finished by June 29 so team that are out of the playoffs can begin their summer on the long weekend)

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- Playoff format for 2017 season
- League finals playoff would be tournament play would happen on one weekend
- Discussion #1
 - 1st round: 1st & 2nd ranked will have a bye, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5 in a 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 of the second playoff series will represent their conference in provincial play down.
 - 3rd round: round robin of the two top north and south conference finishers. Two North teams play off Friday night followed by a game of the two South teams. 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 in point accumulated during the round robin will play in the final for Provincial Championship.
 - In the event that the 2 teams in the final playoff game are tied in wins and losses against each other through the tournament and final game, an additional 'mini' game format be adopted as opposed to just the outcome of the 'final' game of the tournament to determine overall provincial winner.
 - Mini game format would be a complete new 10 minute game after a 2 minute break following the same format as played in the NLL playoffs. The new game starts at 0-0 and is a complete new game. Any suspension carryovers issued during the previous game would be applied to the new game.
- **Motion** to approve format change to include a 10 minute mini game in the event the 2 teams playing in the final game are tied in win/loss against each other during tournament weekend: Cam Pilling, Seconded; Pat Hansen. Carried.
- Discussion #2
 - Rather than play a 3 game series in the playoff rounds leading up to the final tournament, discussion was had regarding expediting the process by holding a 10 minute mini game final in the event that 2 teams are tied following game 2 of the playoff series. Rational for this format is that it evens the playing field for the team that has to travel and, rather than sitting outside of the arena waiting for the final game, while the home team gets to re-energize in their comfort, it will accommodate and allow the travelling team the latitude of finishing the series

and going home as well as minimizing cost to the travelling team. Playoff structure discussion as follows:

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, July 08 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, July 09 - 2:00 PM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary

Scenario 2 - If two teams over 250 kms

Saturday, July 08 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 09 - 11:00 AM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary

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 15 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, July 16 - 2:00 PM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary

Scenario 2 - If two teams over 250 kms

Saturday, July 15- 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 16 - 11:00 AM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary

- **Motion** to incorporate the 10 minute mini game format in the first 2 rounds of the playoff series in the event the 2 teams are tied after the second game; David Gough. Seconded; Graham Murray. Carried.
- The third round will be as adopted above. The top two teams from the North and South divisions will play on the weekend of July 15, 16 and 17 weekend. The highest seeded North team will be hosting for the 2017 season.
- Friday July 22 N1 vs N2 – 6:30pm
- Friday July 22 S1 vs S2 – 9pm
- Saturday July 23
 - 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 24, 2017 with a start time of 11am or agreed upon by both teams.

- In the event that the 2 teams in the final playoff game are tied in wins and losses against each other through the tournament and final game, an additional 'mini' game format be adopted as opposed to just the outcome of the 'final' game of the tournament to determine overall provincial winner.
- Playoff would be tournament play would happen on one weekend.
- No games scheduled for the May long weekend.
- Recommended that we follow the same season schedule format.
- July 08 weekend playoffs start. July 15 weekend playoffs continue. Provincial championship July 22 weekend.
- For the schedules the higher seeded team will be the Home team.
- 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 North for the 2017 Season
- Western Cup Final – Group seemed interested in the prospect of and offered support of investigation
- Each Team needs to have a back up arena and the name of the backup arena needs to be given to Christine

10. **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. Commission discretion can allow more than 4 call-ups for regular season game. Playoffs are restricted to 4 Call-ups and 2 Goalies per game. Commissioner does not have discretion for playoff games.

11. **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. I saw the ref evals and send in was reasonably good
- **Game Sheets MUST be scanned and sent in NO taking a picture and sending in its blurry**
- If the Visiting team takes the Referee form with them it is now their 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 2017 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

12. **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: TBA
- A handshake after the game means that the game is over and shows a sign of sportsmanship and respect.

13. **Rosters**

- 25 person Tier II roster in areas where there are Tier III teams. (Calgary Axemen, Olds Mavericks)
- 25 player roster plus 5 carded Tier 3 players in areas where there are no Tier III teams.
- 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

14. **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 -

15. **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.

16. **Website**

- Electronic scoring mandatory for 2017 season
- 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?

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

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Information

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.

20. **Costs for a Major Team (2015 Fees):**

- **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 2017, as per ALA AGM Motion, each of these may increase by \$5 each.
- **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.

- **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)
- **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.
- **Annual RMLL Team Franchise Fee (2015)** - \$650.00 per team invoiced in February each year.
- **Fines, Referee Accommodation and Airfare** - invoiced by the RMLL throughout the Season as they occur.
- **Floor Rental For RMLL Contracted Arena** - invoiced by the RMLL at the end of a season for a team.

21 RMLL Regulations re Invoices and Fines

Regulation 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.

Regulation 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.

22 Election

- Rob Letendre submitted his name to run for Tier II commissioner.
- Wayne Zadderey allowed his name to stand as commissioner of the Tier II division.
- Vote was held and Wayne Zadderey retains the role of the Tier II commissioner for the 2017 season
 - Meeting, conference calls, emails, fines, suspensions (investigation and application of discipline), may need to be part of discipline, attendance at finals.

Motion to Adjourn at 3:00 pm, John Eng. Seconded, Dennis Hodinsky.