



RMLL Sr. B Breakout Minutes

Sat, Nov 12, 2016

Calgary Delta South Hotel

1. Called to Order at 9:09 AM

2. Roll Call – Present: Outlaws – Darren Van Ooyen

Mounties – John Kilbride

Raiders – Lee Swalm

Knights: Keith Berg

Silvertips – Ray Williams, Trent Olesen

Warriors - Greg Bourret

Miners - Tom Engel, Vay Diep

Commissioner: Shauna Sterparn All present

3. Election of Commissioner: Tom nominates Shauna, Keith 2nd.

Keith moved nominations close, John 2nd. Carried

Shauna elected by acclamation

Note: The RMLL repealed our 2 yr. term proposal in 2015. So, it is a one year term.

4. Adoption of Agenda – as amended at meeting. Darren moves, Vay 2nd Carried

5. Adoption of 2015 Sr B Breakout minutes

Tom moves to adopt, John 2nd. Carried

6. Business Arising from 2015 Minutes

- Succession Planning – Marci McQueen

Christine Thielen told Shauna to work on this through Christine Thielen.

Shauna submitted some tasks, but Christine told Shauna that Marci was not interested.

We currently have no succession plan in place. Everyone needs to be on the lookout for a suitable candidate. Shauna will consider advertising if she decides when she will no longer stand and will give the division notice.

- Reg. 27.11.1.1 - Exemption from 4 game rule if default by opposing team. The Executive did not deal with this, so Tom will draft it for Shauna to take to Executive on Nov 13/16. (Note: Executive passed this at RMLL Planning meeting on Oct 15/15 under Reg. 9.1.3)

7. Interrupt from #6 for guest – Kevin Murray – Electronic Gamesheets

- Electronic gamesheets for 2017 **PLUS** paper gamesheets.

- **Official Scorekeeper will have to enter information on paper and electronic.**

- Referees will approve gamesheet on tablet/laptop at game completion and the it will be locked.
- Teams will be able to add a player before the start of the 3rd period, as is the case with paper gamesheet, so long as there is an available spot

8. Resume to 6. – Business Arising from 2015

RMLL issues

- a) Update of Stats – still a problem in 2016
- b) Website – long list of complaints. Shauna reports that this list was presented to RMLL executive and nothing was resolved. The Division requests that the Executive provide meaningful responses to their concerns when they are raised. John K. says that Sportzsoft is a stats engine and we need that and a corporate site and there is software that is very good and inexpensive.

Motion: The Division appoints John Kilbride to provide a report and recommendations to the Executive on improvements to the RMLL website in order to promote a better online presence and better marketing (not dealing with stats). Tom moved, Keith 2nd - Carried

9. Tier Change Application

As per email vote, Blackfalds Silverbacks is now a member of the Sr B. Division.
Re: RMLL Reg. 20.5

There is consensus that in the case of players who reside in the territory of the Silverbacks and are currently on other teams' protected lists, those players, the Silverbacks and the teams holding their rights, may communicate in order to discuss the player's prospects with both teams in order to make an informed choice about which team they wish to play for.

10. Presidents' Cup 2015

The commissioner congratulated the Miners on winning the Presidents' Cup 2015 and to the Organizing Committee, especially Jordan and Sean, for running a first class tournament. She mentioned that many aspects of it were the best she'd seen in more than a dozen attendances to the Presidents' Cup.

Concerns were raised about unfair scheduling and historical concerns about that. It was pointed out that the CLA has to approve the schedule (Director of Domestic Competition AJ Jomha had to recuse and it was approved by Doug Luey.) Shauna and the OLA Commissioner will raise concerns to the Box Sector. However, any proposals to be brought forth to the CLA must be approved by the division in order to be proposed to the CLA. Shauna says that the proposals she and the OL Commissioner have worked on go beyond the issue of the 2015 Presidents' Cup schedule, ie. Limitations on number of players who played Sr. A.

11. Concerns with a 2015 trade, as per Commissioner's report. Will be addressed in Operating Policy in New Business.

12. New Business

- a) Arena Availability – The City of Edmonton has removed lacrosse for the 2017 season in all city arenas except SouthSide Arena. It will have to accommodate all minor and major lacrosse. This may force some Edmonton teams to obtain floor outside of Edmonton.
- b) 2017 Season Constraints
 - i) Regular Season – 18 games, balanced schedule, 2 H/1V per opponent alternating each year.
 - ii) Playoffs – 2 rounds – best of FIVE, top 4 teams make playoffs. Round 1 RMLL Playoffs: July 19 – 30/17. Round 2 Provincials – August 2 – 20/17.
 - iii) Long weekends are up to the individual team to put into their team constraints. System input starts January 5/17.
Draft Dates - South, Mounties Host Feb 9/17 and North – Outlaws host Feb 2/17
Tuesday, January 31/17 deadline for Red Deer players to decide which team they wish to play for.
- c) ALA Matters – Professional Development Pts - need 20 points every 5 years to maintain certification. Started 2 yrs ago. Either from that date or from date of certification since that start date.
- d) RMLL Matters – Debts owed to RMLL that are over 30 days will make a team ineligible for playoffs.
- e) - Shauna will ask Christine to send out the regs, as in previous years.
- f) Operating Policy – We had a long discussion and agreed on a new operating policy. Motion - To adopt the Draft of the Operating Policy with changes agreed on at the meeting. Tom moved, Keith 2nd - Carried
Tom will send out the final version of the OP to the division and ask for comments on whether there any errors (with a deadline).
- g) SLA – If SLA Sr B teams want to have exhibition games with us, they can arrange them with the individual teams.

Motion to adjourn by Tom, 2nd by Darren – Carried