



Annual Report of the RMLL Vice-President

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As Vice-President of the RMLL part of my job involves “pinch-hitting” for various commissioners when they are unable to perform their role. This occurred with the SrB and JrB Tier 1 divisions a few times. In addition, I was frequently asked to provide advice to division Commissioners. Another major task was to interpret RMLL bylaws and regulations, as well as related guidelines from the ALA and CLA. This became very important in matters of boundary disputes, mostly at the start of the season. In addition, I was often involved in determining player eligibility for playoffs and national championships. There are frequently disputes during the playoffs where time is of an essence and very quick decisions need to be made. Finally, I was frequently involved in dispute resolution efforts between the ALA-RMLL.

Some other activities that I was involved with were the South graduating midget information night and the south combine.

One of the major projects that I was involved with in 2017 was organizing the coaching Super Clinic in April. I worked with Warren Rendon and Greg Hart in organizing the event. This time we ran the clinic in conjunction with the referee über clinic. We also had special guest speakers/instructors attending the two clinics including:

- Walt Christianson (former Assistant Coach Calgary Roughnecks & Colorado Mammoth, former Head Coach Victoria Shamrocks Senior A)
- Keith Gagne (Senior referee in BC)
- John Kilbride (SrB Mountaineers Coach, and former Calgary Roughnecks player)
- Rick Windl (former JrA Mountaineers coach)

There was some continuity with previous years. For example, the required training was provided to the referees and coaches as per CLA guidelines. There was JrB exhibition game between the Calgary Shamrocks and Calgary Chill with all of the coaches/officials watching and taking notes. Finally, we continued the Friday night round table discussion with all of the instructors.

For 2017, we also tried a few new things. For example, a special session on training goalies as well as advanced practice and seasonal planning for coaches attending the professional development portion of the clinic.

In looking to the future, we received some good ideas through the feedback forms. These ideas included how to do video analysis and running a Jr team through a practice on the floor. We also realized, because of scheduling, that we were unable to do the joint coach/ref debrief on the exhibition game. This was an oversight that should not have occurred.

Finally, I want to offer my public congratulations to the St. Albert Miners for winning their second straight President’s Cup. This time on the road in Six Nations, Ontario. Great work to all players, coaches, and staff!