

RMLL2017 Jr A Breakout Meeting minutes

Saturday Nov 11, 2017 @ Banff Center

Jr A Commissioner – Mike Fynn

Okotoks Raiders – Kurt Gibson, Rob Matsuoka, Christina Fehr, Jesse Fehr

Calgary Mountaineers – Duane Bratt, Sean Wilson

St Albert Miners – AJ Johma

SWAT – Randy Trobak

Edmonton Blues – No attendees

Central Alberta Ravens – potential expansion team - Scott Gresham, Owen Williams, Ron Just

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of 2016 Breakout Minutes – AJ put motion forward to accept minutes. Randy 2 nd Passed
4. Red Deer Expansion
 - Scott, Ron and Owen spoke about their presentation on the Ravens presentation. After listening to their proposal we ask them to leave to discuss. Need to understand the Edmonton team situation before any decision can be made. AJ spoke to Jamey Bowen and indicated that the Edmonton Blues were interested in the transfer proposal rather than contraction.
 - AJ agreed to dispersal draft.
 - The Jr A teams went back to the Ravens with the recommendation that the proposal needs to include all players in the North have proper allocation to both the Ravens and the Miners.
 - The Ravens also have to agree to pay the expansion fee and 2 bonds. It was agreed that the Miners and the Ravens would split the Call and North Midget drafts eligible players to create equity and hopefully strengthen the league overall. Ravens accepted the proposal presented by the Jr A teams.
 - Motion was put forward to accept the Ravens Lacrosse team in principle subject to expansion franchise or relocation of Edmonton Blues based on outstanding issues in Edmonton Blues sale of team conditions. Motion of 4 teams are for this and 1 abstained.
5. Edmonton situation
 - Agreed to have discussion between Edmonton Blues and Ravens for possible purchase rather than expansion.
6. ALA issues
 - Mike mentioned to be aware of ALA changes being proposed at ALA AGM on Nov 12, 2017. Proxies from Mike and SWAT put forward to Christina with Raiders.
7. Schedule Constraints

- AJ put forward motion to remain at 20 games. Motion denied 3-2. Duane put forward motion to play 16 game season and each team plays other teams 4 times. Duane 1st, Jesse 2nd. Passed.
 - Schedule will run April 28 to July 15, 2017. Constraints from teams to Mike by Nov 1, 2017.
 - Jesse put forward the motion that 4 teams make the playoffs in Minto Cup host years. First round 5 games, second round 7 games. Passed by all teams.
 - Jesse put forward the motion to examine a committee for 2019 year for interlocking schedule with BC. Randy 2nd. Passed by all teams. There should be a member from each team. Nominees from each team to Mike by Dec 1, 2017
8. Mandatory referee evaluations
- Miners provided no referee evaluations last year. \$50 fine should be enforced for missed evaluations. Mike to push this harder.
9. Graduating Midgets night February 7, 2017. To work on combined Edm/Cgy draft.
10. Referee update
- Dave Westwood came into ask how we felt things went last year with refs.
 - One specific ref was asked not to ref Jr A lacrosse. Teams would prefer the Refs be more approachable. New referee evaluation form to be established for the Jr A league. Form to be redone by Mike, with cooperation from the teams.
11. Minto Cup update
- Kurt Gibson provided committee update on 2018 Minto Cup in Calgary.
12. Division Awards
- Jeremy Richardson name put forward to put on an offensive award.
 - AJ put forward a motion to do an first and second All Star team for recognition of players. 2 offense, 2 defense, 1 transition & 1 goalie. Randy 2nd. Passed by all teams.
 - Jesse put forward a motion for a new award on Unsung Hero player award. Each team would put a name forward from their team and it will be voted on by the league. Each team will provide details on the player. Sean Wilson. Passed by all teams.
13. Operating Policy updates
- Midgets - Remain as passed in last year minutes.
 - Playoffs – Update on Minto Year Cup playoff format.
14. New Business
- Mike mentioned to ensure all teams are giving back to minor lacrosse. Promote the opportunities on social media.
 - SWAT agreed to pay franchise fee to ensure equality and any future expansion is clear.