

2. Election of Commissioner - Tony let his name stand. Tony wins by acclamation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

A) **MOTION:** *To approve the minutes of last year's minutes.* **By: Chill 2nd: Mounties. Motion Carried.**

Crude – Y

Warriors – Y

Rebels – O

Blizzard – Y

Rampage – Y

Titans – Y

Chill – Y

Mounties – Y

Shamrocks – Y

Marauders – Y

Silvertips – Y

SWAT – Y

B) Home Team Facility Specifications - Some arenas aren't cutting it. South Side in Edmonton and Plainsmen in Airdrie.

4. Expansion Team Applications & Draft Procedures

4.1 **Regina** wants there team to join, have some high level players. They will be keeping a team in their current league. Regina doesn't plan on moving to "A" for 10 years. Regina has been successful against Saskatoon's Tier 2 team. Some of the Alberta teams have concerns around the cost of travel to Regina. Some teams feel that it will be cost neutral. The Blizzard think the cost will be reduced with Regina joining, as not as many teams would have to travel to Winnipeg and to Regina/Saskatoon. Shamrocks have concerns about the competition level of the new team. Every new team should expect to struggle for the first few years. Every new team has eventually caught up. New teams will require the divisions and play offs will have to be changed. Regina used to have a team in the league several years ago.

4.1.2 – Vote Breakdown

Crude - Y

Warriors - Y

Rebels – Y (via text)

Blizzard - Y

Rampage - Y

Titans - Y

Chill - Y

Mounties - Y

Shamrocks - Y

Marauders - Y
Silvertips - Y
SWAT - Y

Motion Passes, Regina is granted an expansion.

4.2 Olds Mavericks - Tier 2 and Tier 3 teams have been very successful. Current players are 19 and under. Have several midget teams to feed them. Have applied to have both teams moved up a tier. Red Deer is willing to make concessions on protected areas so that olds can acquire free agents. Red Deer has concerns around the ability for them and olds to keep tier 1 players if the Central Alberta Junior A team is approved. If a A team is added in central Alberta then Red Deer wouldn't be able to support Old's application. None of the Tier 2 players are protected by Tier 1 except for one player is protected by the Silvertips. The Silvertips protected area will have to change, they are currently getting players from Strathmore, three hills and Didsbury. The changes to the protected areas will cause issues for the Silvertips ability to bring in quality players and they are already struggling.

4.2.2 – Vote Breakdown

Crude - N
Warriors - N
Rebels - O
Blizzard - N
Rampage - N
Titans - N
Chill - N
Mounties - N
Shamrocks - N
Marauders - N
Silvertips - N
SWAT - N

Motion Fails, Olds is not granted an expansion.

4.3 Lethbridge has been very successful in tier 2 for several years. They are concerned that they would have issues traveling out of the province. They are requesting not to leave the province for 2 years. They have a large area to draw players from. The Chill has concerns around the travel request and the fact that we all have to travel. We expect that if you are going to join our league that you are prepared to travel. All of the teams have the same issue around them not being willing to travel. The consensus is that if they aren't willing to travel to Saskatchewan and Manitoba that they wouldn't have their application approved. There are some concerns around boundaries. President of Lethbridge lacrosse has joined us to discuss the application. Lethbridge thinks they will be able to do Saskatchewan but not Winnipeg in the first year. Okotoks

has some concerns around boundaries.

4.3.2 Motion to Conditionally accept Lethbridge as follows: Conditions to acceptance. 1. Lethbridge will not travel to Manitoba in year one. 2. Lethbridge's boundary will be Lethbridge City itself. The rest of the SALA and Southern Alberta Area will remain free agents. 3. Lethbridge will travel to Manitoba in year 2. Cam from Lethbridge has accepted the conditions. **By: Mounties 2nd Shamrocks.**

Crude - Y
Warriors - Y
Rebels - O
Blizzard - Y
Rampage - Y
Titans - Y
Chill - Y
Mounties - Y
Shamrocks - Y
Marauders - Y
Silvertips - Y
SWAT - Y

Motion passes and Lethbridge is granted an expansion.

4.4 Motion: The three votes to accept new teams will not be official until all 3 teams are voted on. **James Finkbeiner (Chill) 2nd by Earl Caron (Mounties) Motion Passes Unanimously.**

4.5 Junior A has decided that there will be a Central Alberta Junior A team.

4.6 New By-Law will be voted on. If a team starts in an area where no team used to exist and you have a player from that area protected that player will be able to declare his affiliation. He will only have the option to pick his current team or the new team once. Once that decision is made, they must stay with that team.

4.7 Motion: by the **Silvertips** to have the Silvertips and Marauders join the Calgary Draft for 2018. **2nd Okotoks.**

Crude - O
Warriors - Y
Rebels - O
Blizzard - Y
Rampage - O
Titans - Y
Chill - N

Mounties - N
Shamrocks - Y
Marauders - Y
Silvertips - Y
SWAT - N

Motion Passes, **Silvertips** and **Marauders** will join in round one of the 2018 Calgary Draft.

5.1 **North Draft** hosted by the Warriors. Location TBD

5.2 **South Draft** hosted by the Silvertips. Location TBD

5.3 **Boundaries** – Will refer to Christine (Executive Director) as with the Silvertips and Marauders joining the Calgary Draft, as well as Free Agent areas in CALL and SALA there are many overlaps we would like her to advise us on. As Christine is unavailable, we will consult with her upon her return.

5.4 **Protected Lists** – **Motion: by Chill** - Protected lists will be 45 and stay at 45 not dropping to 35. **2nd by Shamrocks.**

Crude - Y
Warriors - Y
Rebels - O
Blizzard - Y
Rampage - Y
Titans - O
Chill - Y
Mounties - Y
Shamrocks - Y
Marauders - Y
Silvertips - Y
SWAT - Y
Lethbridge -Y
Regina - Y

Motion passes, **Protected** lists will be **45** and stay at **45**.

6. **David - New RMLL RIC.** Shamrocks are happy about a new RIC, teams have concerns around assignment and getting the same refs over and over. The ALRA is looking and working on getting new younger refs into the game. They are working on getting refs that are doing Midget A and B into the RMLL. Working at fast tracking ex-players and coaching into officiating. Tier 2 is looking at using 3 refs per game to get younger guys into experience. Teams are concerned that the evaluations aren't doing anything and no one is looking at them. Communication between the Refs in the Coaches needs to be improved, Coaches would like to be able to speak to the Ref's without getting tossed from the game. Coaches would like to see the ref's better communicate their calls and explain things when a valid concern is brought up. Coaches would like to see some of the more "interesting" Ref's less. We need to have

our list of suggested Ref's for Founders in before January as they need work visas for founders.

7. Promotions

7.1 We need floor to do the combine in the north. Tony will look into it. Draft must be completed by February 15. Info nights will take place again, and same with the combine.

7.2 Calgary Field is once again asking for a black out. Teams are concerned that we are putting a black out in place for a for profit company. Teams feel that we should get a cut of the profit and that field should have more consideration for Box. We would like to try and schedule local games for the coaches to come watch. No Calgary Teams will travel that weekend. We will try and have Edmonton Teams come to Calgary that weekend to play in Calgary. We would also like to have the games at night so that players can still attended the field times.

Motion: by **Shamrocks** for **NO** black out that weekend. **2nd** by **Crude**.

Extra Discussion - To have all the games at one location. Try to have the games back to back. Games will start later in the day.

Crude - Y

Warriors - Y

Rebels - O

Blizzard - Y

Rampage - Y

Titans - Y

Chill - Y

Mounties - Y

Shamrocks - Y

Marauders - Y

Silvertips - Y

SWAT - O

Lethbridge -Y

Regina - Y

Motion passes, the *blackout* is cancelled.

7.3 **Motion:** by **Crude** to separate the RMLL and ALA AGM - **2nd** **Warriors**

Crude - Y

Warriors - Y

Rebels - Y

Blizzard - Y

Rampage - Y
Titans - Y
Chill - Y
Mounties - Y
Shamrocks - Y
Marauders - Y
Silvertips - Y
SWAT - Y
Lethbridge -Y
Regina - Y

Motion passes, Tier 1 would like to separate the AGM's.

8. **Coaching PD Points** - if you don't do these points they you need to recertify. Every team needs to ensure that our coaches are all keeping up. Coaches should be encouraged to attend the Super Coaching clinic again. These points can be done retroactively, and coaches can self-report.

9. **Game Day** - rosters and coaches must be completed on time. Affiliate call ups need to be emailed to Tony and only 4 per game.

9.1 **Game Day** passes will be issued prior to the season, 4 per team and for Executives.

10. **Electronic Game Sheets** - Eventually all the game sheets will go directly to the website. The Software will be updated and it will keep going. General Consensus is that it is going well and we will continue to use them.

11. **Ref Evaluations** still need to be done, it would be helpful if the sheets contained useful information.

12. **Admission prices** are still set by the individual team.

13. **EAP - Each Team must have one. They need to be submitted to Chris.**

14. **Constraints in before December 5th.**

15. **20 Game Schedule** will stay the same.

16. **Regular Season** will remain the same.

17. **Playoff Format** - Host team. South Champ. North Champ. East Champ. Regina and Lethbridge will join the south. (Tabled for the present time)

18. Crude has offered us some stats on travel to Sask/Man. Crude suggests that we form a committee to build the schedule. We will ask Randy T. To help us with our schedule and then form a committee of Tier 1 teams to build the schedule and then

submit it to Christine. Christine can then approve and make changes to our schedule.

19. It was suggest that we collectively approach a hotel chain or bus company to try and get our travel prices down. Terry from the Crude would like everyone to e-mail him the companies we use for Hotels and busses. Doug Doane from the Shamrocks will also help to put a list of preferred vendors together.

20. **Shamrocks** will host the **2018 RMLL Championship**.

21. Founders will be in Seneca - Teams will need passports and coaches must be trained. Hotels will be in a casino. It's about 40 minutes to Buffalo. Teams will have to fly into Hamilton, it's cheaper to fly into Hamilton. Teams will have to bus or rent vans to get to Seneca. It's suggest that teams call the border and let them know that they're coming to save time at the border.

22. **Tier 1** would like our **Commissioner** to go to **Founders**.

23. Black Mesh must replace white mesh as it needs to be replaced. New nets must be black mesh

24. Kevin from Crude and Tony will update operating policy. Playoff tournament document needs to be updated. Tony and Kevin will take care of it. James from Chill and Terry from Crude will help.

25. RMLL Casino in Calgary. 10% goes to the volunteers. All teams will need to send volunteers.

26. RMLL needs to be paid on time. Franchise fees will be increasing. Each team should have a cancellation policy in place and have a refund structure. Teams with Cancellation Policies are asked to share them with other teams to help develop them for all teams.

27. ALA Fees will be going up. The ALA is proposing a bylaw so that the Executive of the ALA can increase fees without going to the membership's approval. Earl would like to see all the Tier 1 teams to show up to vote on the ALA Bylaws.

New Business — Earl, (Mounties) Motion: to Reconsider the 35/45 man protected list. Earl would like the policy to remain the same that we draft 45 and drop down to 35. 2nd by Titians.

Crude - Y
Warriors - Y
Rebels - O
Blizzard - O

Rampage - O
Titans - Y
Chill - Y
Mounties - Y
Shamrocks - N
Marauders - N
Silvertips - N
SWAT - O
Lethbridge - O
Regina - O

Motion passes, the original protected list policy will stand.

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM