



Junior B Tier II 2018 Planning Meeting Minutes:

Call to order

1. Introductions

- 2. Motion to adopt 2016 RMLL planning meeting minutes. Motion Larry from the Heat, seconded by Warriors, - carried**
- 3. Motion to adopt 2017 agenda as amended. New teams St. Albert should be the Crude, change Sabrecats to all one word. To add "highlights" to agenda item 23. Motion to accept: Lucas seconded Dennis – carried**

4. Referee discussion

- Third referee proposal – 6 home games each from Wheatland and CDLA Pilot project – Crew Chief, junior ref and regular tier 2 ref to give junior official experience. Senior paid by RMLL, 2 other refs paid by team. This is to assist in transitioning referees to junior level. Crew Chief paid by RMLL other two refs paid by team. **Wayne to confirm that emailed out the three man referee proposal to all teams.**
- Discussion on disconnect between referring in the North and the South. Question to Dave Westwood if there will be some work on this? Dave indicated that they are trying to work on this. Proposal to do "zone swap". Looking to ALA to assist with the travel costs to do this.
- If there are lists of referees that are having issues, Commissioner to pass these off to Dave – if there are requests not to have certain referees ref, these are to do through Commissioner to pass off to Dave.

3. Expansion

- Number of Teams for 2018 Season
 - New team applications
 - Crude – north division – Wayne to check that Crude application was sent to tier 2 members. Does not have minor team affiliation. Piggybacking off the Tier 1 team for three years.
Voting: defeated 5 for - 8 against 1 abstained
 - Wainwright – north division – affiliated with Wainwright minor which is program growing, Wainwright, Sedwick, Provost, Consort area to draw from. Wayne to check that Wainwright proposal was sent to tier 2 members.
Voting: accepted 12 for – 1 against 1 abstained

- Olds Tier III to Tier II –
- **Motion:** if Mavericks move to Tier 1 would like to move Stingers Tier III to Tier II, will be conditional acceptance if their Tier 2 team moves to Tier 1.
Motion Larry seconded Jason – carried
- **Voting: accepted 11 for – 1 against 1 abstained**
- Calgary Sabercats- south division- 24 players put down \$100 deposit to play, project 4 midget teams for this season to affiliate from, Sabrecat minor to manage team financially first few years,
- **Voting: accepted 12 for – 1 against 1 abstained**
- Rockyview Rage – south division – north of Calgary, Cochrane, 3 large midget teams last year – 25-30 grad midgets per year, home rink Cochrane, minor ,association support financially, support from Tier 1 team, 110 free agents not playing, 24 players have expressed interest in playing,
- **Voting: accepted 12 for – 2 against 1 abstained**
- Potential Number of Teams for 2018 Season
 - Potential new team applications
 - Parkland Posse – removed as no formal application received

4. 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?
 - Netting is to be loose as per 8.a regulation.

5. 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
 - Preparation for changing conditions on playing surface
 - **Each team to supply each team on game day with scoresheet**

6. Scheduling

- Playoffs and Provincials - Recommended that we follow the same format as the 2017 season.

- 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 24, 2018 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)
- Game Days: Wed., Fri., Sat., & Sun.
- Regular Season Games: North Conference ?? games (?? home, ?? away); South Conference ?? games (?? home and ?? away)
- Regular Season: Friday April 13, 2018 to Sun June 24, 2018.

7. **Playoff format for 2018 season**

Motion: Playoff format utilized last two years become division format. Motioned by Dennis Seconded Larry – **carried**

Highest seeded in the host division will be the host team for that upcoming season.

- League finals playoff would be tournament play would happen on one weekend
- Discussion #1 (Playoff Round Robin tournament)
 - 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 South teams play off Friday night followed by a game of the two North teams. Respective winners will be the South and North conference Championship. The rest of the weekend will be a round robin with all 4 teams playing each other (Friday night games are used as the round robin game).
 - Top two teams in point accumulated during the round robin will play in the final for Provincial Championship. Gold and Silver medals awarded at completion of the game.
 - Teams ranked 3 and 4 will play for the Bronze medal which will be awarded at the completion of the game.
- Discussion #2 (Mini Game in play-offs)
 - Rather than play a 3 game series in the playoff rounds leading up to the final Round Robin tournament, discussion 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:

- **Playoff Round 1** - Top 6 teams in each Conference - Best of 3 Series - 3 vs 6 and 4 vs 5 – Teams 1 and 2 get a first round bye,
 - Scenario 1 - If two teams within 250 kms
Friday, July 06 - 9:00 PM
Saturday, July 07 - 2:00 PM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary
 - Scenario 2 - If two teams over 250 kms
Saturday, July 07 - 5:00 PM
Sunday, July 08 - 11:00 AM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary
- **Playoff 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 13 - 9:00 PM
Saturday, July 14 - 2:00 PM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary
 - Scenario 2 - If two teams over 250 kms
Saturday, July 14 - 5:00 PM
Sunday, July 15 - 11:00 AM followed by a 10 minute mini game if necessary

8. League Finals

- Playoff would be tournament play would happen on one weekend
- The third round will be as adopted above in Discussion Point 1. The top two teams from the North and South divisions will play on the weekend of July 20, 21 and 22, 2018. The highest seeded North team will be hosting for the 2018 season.
- Friday July 20 N1 vs N2 – 6:30pm
- Friday July 20 S1 vs S2 – 9pm
- Saturday July 21
 - S1 vs N2 – 11am
 - S2 vs N1 – 2pm
 - S1 vs N1- 6:30pm
 - S2 vs N2 – 9pm
- On Sunday the two teams with the least points from the Round Robin will play for the Bronze on Sunday July 22, 2017 with a start time of 11AM or agreed upon by both

teams.

- On Sunday the two teams with the most points from the Round Robin will play for the Gold on Sunday July 22, 2017 with a start time of 2:00 PM or agreed upon by both teams.
- 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 South for the 2018 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

9. 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.
- Most teams were 100 minutes short of penalty threshold. Going in the right direction for penalties.

10. 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 evaluations and send in was reasonably good

- **Game Sheets MUST be scanned and sent in NO taking a picture and sending in, its blurry and too difficult to read –**

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- **Teams suggested to use “Turbo Scan or Tiny Scan” app on phone to send this is effective.**
- 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 2018 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 fan
- **What is the possibility of holding coaching courses in off season? Can ALA submit to members the listing of who is insufficient in their coaching certifications that they send out just before playoffs to send this listing out earlier in the season? to put request forward to ALA.**

11. 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: **RMLL needs to send out information package to graduating midgets to give them more information on the process and what is available to them after minors. Website is not user friendly and not effective for obtaining information. Wayne to forward request**
- 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.

12. Rosters

9. 25 person Tier II roster in areas where there are Tier III teams. (Calgary Axemen,)

10. 25 player roster plus 5 carded Tier 3 players in areas where there are no Tier III teams.

11. Request for RMLL to enforce deadlines for cutting players in the upper divisions so that the Tier 2 teams can set their teams. Tier 2 starts before everyone else and waits for A and Tier 1 to cut players . Wayne to forward request.

12. No over/under aged players unless approved. Do not add affiliates to your roster, only the Game Sheet

13. Player info needs to be added before the players 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

13. **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.
 - New Coach Acquisition – encourage graduate juniors to give back.

14. **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.

15. **Website**

- **To be determined as unsure what the capability of RAMP is. Paper scoresheets given to all teams this season. RMLL to notify Tier II members of what is happening with live scoring, entering scoresheets. Concern from Tier II that there was too long of a wait from when scoresheets were entered to when scoresheets were approved and showed up on systems (2-3 weeks). This length of time was too long, request to put in scoresheets in a more timely fashion. Wayne to pass to RMLL**

16. **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.

17. **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

18 **2018 Season**

- **Wayne** to send out tentative schedule by next Friday Nov 17, 2017 sent out to teams in Tier II and to submit to RMLL by the following Monday.
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- 11 weekends excluding May long and July long weekend followed by 3 weekends to complete the playoffs and declare a league champion
- **Game Days:** Wed., Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Regular Season Games: North Conference ?? games (?? home, ?? away); South Conference ?? games (?? home and ?? away)

Regular Season: Friday April 14, 2016 to June 23, 2018.

Information

North Conference

North Central Division:

Edmonton Wizards, Edmonton Warriors and Sherwood Park Titans,

North East Division:

Vermilion Roar, Wheatland Xtreme and Lakeland Heat

South Conference

South Central Division:

High River Heat, Calgary Axemen, Strathmore Venom, Medicine Hat Sun Devils, Calgary Sabrecats

South West Division:

Red Deer Renegades, Calgary Wranglers, Olds Mavericks, Sylvan Lake Yetti, Lacoka Locos, , Rockyview Rage

20. **Costs for a Major Team (2018 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 \$76.00 each (Shot Clock Referee \$38)
- **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 may be interested in submitting his name to run for Tier II commissioner.
- Wayne Zadderey does not allow his name to stand as commissioner of the Tier II division.
 - Meeting, conference calls, emails, fines, suspensions (investigation and application of discipline), may need to be part of discipline, attendance at finals.
- **Rob Letendre – acclaimed as Commissioner Tier II as no other person nominated**

for willing to put name forward.

23 Overtime play

Motion: Dennis- Lakeland Heat– To change point system that in regulation game ties, each team receives one point with the overtime winning team receiving 1 additional point. Seconded by Chris Med Hat . Voting 12 for 2 abstained – carried

Motion to Adjourn at 4:23 pm by Chris and , seconded by Dennis.