

RMLL Senior C
RMLL Planning Meeting Agenda
Banff Conference Centre
Kinneair Centre 301
November 11, 2017 - 11:00am

Attendees: *Irish (Wayne, Riley, David), Pioneers (Dan), Erratic (Leon, Marc, Tyler), Warriors (Kevin, Dan), Commissioner (Tracey), Mohawks (Tyler), Rage (Shayne), Chiefs (Chris), Silverbacks (Ray), Miners (Tom)*

1. Call to order: *The meeting was called to order at 11:02am*
2. Introductions *Attendees introduced themselves to the group*
3. Additions to the Agenda: *there were no additions to the agenda*
4. Approval of 2018 Planning Meeting Agenda
5. Approval of 2017 Planning Meeting Minutes
6. Commissioner Election: *Tracey Haining, by acclimation*
7. New Team Applications

a. Edmonton Miners

The Edmonton Miners presented their previously circulated application for a new team. They are a well-established club with strong leadership and volunteer base.

The biggest concern is from the Warriors. They feel the team is too soon and will cause them to have a smaller roster and possibly require games to be rescheduled. This is not an ideal solution and will be dealt with if, and when, the need arises. The commissioner is not in a habit of moving games once the schedule has been finalized. The Warriors have requested that if the Miners team be accepted, and ratified by the board, that they cannot roster any players who played with the Warriors in the 2017 season. There was much discussion between Tom and Dann regarding player commitment. Tom saying they have written commitment and Dann saying he has written confirmation that certain players are not intending to play for the Miners – or – not participating as a player at all. There was mention that the roster submitted was the second version. The first version contained the names of many players currently rostered with the Warriors. Tom indicated that once they realized they were contacting a rostered player they stopped communication with them.

The Mohawks were concerned with the players rostered. A & B players puts the team at a great advantage over the other teams within the division. For the Mohawks first season they were not allowed to draft b players who had played in the previous season. There needed to be a year gap in play for them to be rostered with the team.

There is concern that the purpose of the team is to increase player options for their Senior B team. This was the first reason listed on their application.

The commissioner has concerns regarding the roster. Prior to the meeting several individuals had mentioned that there are players listed who are not physically able to play.

Although there were many concerns regarding the team the division felt they were not enough to inhibit their growth. The division voted to accept the Miners Sr C team, as submitted, with a 5/3 vote. (for the purpose of recording the no votes were the Warriors, Mohawks & Erratic)

b. Olds (Stingers)

During the lunch break the commissioner was approached by Andy Sweetman of the Olds Lacrosse Association. They currently have a team in the tier II and tier III divisions. They have submitted applications to move each team up a division to tier I and tier II. During the Jr A meeting an expansion team in the Red Deer area was approved. This would mean that the Mavericks would not have enough high calibre players to survive in tier I and that the tier I division would not accept their application. Andy inquired if the Sr C division would be interested in a mix junior-senior team. It would consist of a few tier III players (aged 19-21) and 9 or 10 senior aged players. The commissioner ask them to join the meeting after the break. Lane Fashaug joined the meeting. It was presented to the division that the team would consist of many more junior aged (aged 17-21) and the same number of senior aged players.

Riley moved to accept the Olds Stingers into the Senior C division, subject to receiving completed, written application by November 30. This was seconded by Dan C

Carried - 7:1 (Silverbacks)

8. Business Arising from 2017 Meeting Minutes

a. ALA Funding Requests

Tracey submitted a request to the ALA for funding to increase and improve the number of officials in rural pockets (Lethbridge, Vermillion and Grande Prairie). The request for funding was not approved by the ALA as it was similar to other projects they had planned for the future (see attached ALA Funding Request)

9. Division Concerns:

a. North

- Chiefs – defaulted games

Chris addressed the two defaulted games and advised that they are recruiting players to increase their roster. They have no junior team to affiliate from. Currently trying to recruit Jim Weiler as head coach. Feels his leadership and knowledge of the game would be of great benefit to the team. Shayne explained that this could have been the Rage on any given weekend.

- Rage – no concerns
- Silverbacks – defaulted games
- Warriors – concerned about roster size now that there is a second Edmonton team in the division. Requesting help, if necessary, from other teams. Will be utilizing players from the Westlock area and planning on a two home games being played there.

b. South

- Mohawks - Concerns with a certain official (will be discussed in camera with David Westwood later in the meeting). Inquiring about a facemask waiver from the CLA.
- Pioneers – feel that the season is a bit too long and would like to end earlier in July
- Erratic – concerns regarding illegal facemasks not being called by officials
- Irish – no concerns regarding the division but questioned the type of communication coming from the ALA: processes, fines. Messages are circulated with one or two comments but they do not contain the rationale for a

decision/regulation nor do they provide instructions or information on how to comply. Teams nodded their head in agreement with this. The commissioner was asked to bring this back to the board as it is a concern for all teams. Overall it is felt that the ALA is no longer hearing or working for their membership.

10. 2018 Schedule Timeline – see attached 2018 Senior C Division Constraints for Scheduler

- a. Start date
- b. End date
- c. Non-Playing weekends
- d. Days of play (Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)
- e. Number of games in the season
- f. Crossover Weekend
- g. Division & Team Constraints

11. Post Season - see attached 2018 Senior C Division Constraints for Scheduler

- a. Play Offs
- b. Provincials

12. New Business

- Points Leader Plaques – lets name them

The division did not wish to name their points leader plaques. Instead they wished to vote on goalie, offensive and defensive player of the season. Tracey will organize the email voting nearer the end of the season.

- Coaching
 - Status for each team

Tracey provided each team a list with the status of each of their coaches. They were reminded that coaches should complete their courses and submit their workbooks, complete Making Head Way and Making Ethical Decisions. There was hope that over the next season all of the Senior C coaches would be Comp Intro - Trained

- Coaches Locker

Coaches were reminded to update their lockers each time they participate in a course or activity that qualifies – including each season they coach

- Tournaments
 - *The Mohawks would like to host an ice breakers tournament in late March-early April. There was interest from all of the teams. Tracey reminded teams that their tournaments followed exhibition games regulations. That she should be included at some point in the planning to be aware of the formation, number of teams, etc. Depending on the number of games and the duration she may have to attend. The host team would be responsible for the commissioner's mileage, accommodation and per diem (when necessary). Teams wishing to host a tournament have her full support and to call upon her if needed.*

- *Treasure Cove Casino Canadian Senior Invitational Lacrosse Championship (formerly the ALCAN) is a tournament held annually in BC. It combines an open tournament with the BC Senior C Provincials. The Mohawks have attended the last two seasons, placing bronze each time, Tyler encouraged other teams to attend.*

Motioned by Tyler that each Sr C team pay \$120 to pay the entrance fee. Funds to be given to the provincial champion or the next highest ranking team who wishes to attend (ranking after play offs). This was seconded by Marc.

Carried – 7:1

RMLL Planning Meeting Outcomes

a. Reg changes, Reminders and things you should know:

- *Registration of Players – ensure your players registration details are complete when you are adding them to the system; complete address, phone, email, DOB, etc*
- *DOB of players – 1996 is the youngest DOB for your 2018 player*
- *ALA AGM – Voting Proxies – If you are not staying for the ALA AGM be sure to proxy your vote, to someone who shares the same views as your team*
- *Super coaching & Uber Clinic – scheduled for April 6-8, 2018 in Okotoks. Funding is available for hotel for those traveling great distances. More details to follow nearer the time.*
- *Electronic Game Sheets – will continue as in 2017, be sure to have them entered within a day of the game*
- *Corrections to Game Sheets – corrections to the game sheets; players listed, goals and penalties will not be honored unless made by the commissioner, officials or the statistician*
- *Live Box/Score – reminder to do this, during the game if possible, and immediately following the game – this including the crossover weekend*
- *RMLL Reg Changes – reviewed as per listing on the RMLL website <http://www.rockymountainlax.com/Team/teamWeb.dll/PageContent?ContentId=79792&SessionId=8348101160214&co=1>*
- *RMLL Invoicing and Due Dates – Tracey reminded teams that they have three invoices that come at the same time each season; franchise fee, year end RMLL invoice and the ALA invoice. Commissioners send a 'heads up' email to the teams. It is their responsibility to advise if they have not received their invoice about a week after the message is sent. The ALA invoice is emailed near the end of July and the same responsibility applies. The division reviewed the current outstanding receivables. They were taken aback by the number of teams who are overdue. They expressed their disapproval at the amount in arrears that two Sr B teams are in. One team had been given a five year payment plan – allowing them to pay roughly \$850/year – the division was not pleased with the leniency given with respect to payments.*

13. Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 16:30*