



2013 JR B Tier 1 Breakout Meeting Minutes

- 1) Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved by majority
- 2) Approval of Minutes 2012
 - b. Approval by a majority
- 3) RMLL Promotions
 - a. Graduating Midget Info Sessions for North and South will be held mid-January. Last year's went over well.
 - b. July 1 RMLL Showcase Games – Crude will organize for the North possibly during the Rush Tournament
South – The Chill would like showcase an outdoor game
It's really hard holding a showcase game July 1st and trying to draw fans out with the Canada Day tournaments going on. Maybe do it in conjunction with the Soccer Center Games in the south.
It was also suggested to maybe promote it with free tickets. The focus is bringing the little kids in to showcase the game of lacrosse to them. Another idea was to showcase at the Alberta Summer games, since lacrosse is a sport that is already involved in the games.
 - c. Participation Forzani's Mother Day Run, Calgary – it's really hard to get volunteers as this event happens the weekend prior to teams being finalized. 100 volunteers are needed, so about 10-15 are needed from each team. It was suggested to get the other tiers involved to help out.
- 4) Coaching Development
 - a. RMLL coaching clinic – emails will be sent out, the clinics will be in January. Not very great depth, not willing to share best power plays etc. Roughnecks and Rush both holding clinics development wise, better knowledge.
 - b. All 4 coaches must be certified on the bench. The goalies can swing the gate. Red Deer, Rob, will bring it up at the next meeting with ALRA about players not playing and swing the gate.
 - c. Respect in Sports is not required for Coaches to have.
- 5) Draft
 - a. North and South Jr Combine – It went well last year, very strong. Crude will organize for the graduating midget meeting as well as the combine which will be held Feb 1st for the north. South will be held January 25th.
 - b. Draft day will be held in February after the Junior A's draft. For the North it's the Titans organization turn and the location will be at OJ's downtown, Edmonton, date to be determined. An RMLL representative should be present.
- 6) Boundaries

Silvertips and Rampage would like to see some adjustments if possible, Olds and surrounding areas – north of Olds would like to take advantage of players developing - Boundaries to the south of Calgary, Silvertips questioned if the boundaries had changed and was wondering if High River players were free agents. Rob, Red Deer, will look at boundaries and advise.

- 7) Game Day
- a. We need more dialogue between the refs and the timekeepers. Do we want to pay an ALRA person to be in the box?
 - b. Live score board updates during and after the game. Approximately a \$35 annual fee to each team with the number of teams we have in our divisional league. Some concerns raised by Chill and Okotoks about having to ask another volunteer. SWAT offered to help out with any teams they are playing if the opposing team cannot find a volunteer.
Motion was made by Red Deer to adopt the live score board for updates from all teams during their games; at least the scores, Motion 2nd by Crude, all in favor
 - c. Game passes – there will be 4 per team given to each JR B team, so they may attend other team's games in the Jr B1 division. Check About attending other Tiers JR.A, Sr.B
 - d. Hand shaking after the game – it was questioned why in the playoffs players were not allowed to shake hands after their game.
Motion was made by the Chill that teams should be shaking hands after all games including playoffs. 2nd by Crude, all in favour.
 - e. RMLL has mandated that their teams can play music before games and during period breaks and when there is a stoppage in play ONLY, no music is to be played while the game is in play.
- 8) Safety
- a. All teams must have an EAP – Emergency Action Plan that must be sent to the league
 - b. All teams must have access to mops or towels and this is to be supplied by the home team, it is their responsibility. There is some concern about water on the floor and the refs not stopping the game when teams request or have concerns.
 - c. Injury report forms must be used and sent to the league.
- 9) Scheduling
- a. All division alignment to stay the same. SWAT has asked that they would like to do a 1 minute commercial break during the period. This creates great revenue for the team.
 - b. Regular season is April 25?-July 13/14 ;20 Games Uneven Schedule
 - c. Round 1 Playoffs start July 18-27 Best of 5 unless its swat or Gryphons Best of 3
Motion was made by Crude and 2nd by Chill to have the finals alternating in south and north of Alberta, format will be round robin, top two teams from the north and top two teams from the south, these teams will be determined by 1 playing 4 and 2 playing 3 in a best of 5 series. All the detail will follow when finalized.
Motion made by SWAT and 2nd by Crude to form a committee to have a mini Minto Cup with one team hosting and raising money from the Finals to go into a JR B1 pool that the revenue made from it will be shared between the JR B1 teams for travel expenses to play the Gryphons.
RMLL major JR.B Championship Start Aug.1/14
 - d. Possible 9:00 pm start time for week day games.
 - e. Final format right now is 2-2-1 would like to look at 1-1-1-1-1, but motion made above.
 - f. Teams to Winnipeg will be Titans, Silvertips and Shamrocks.
Motion made by Crude and 2nd by Chill that Gryphons will subsidize the three teams, Titans, Silvertips and Shamrocks in 2014 \$2500 for each team to travel and in 2015 subsidize each team travelling to play the Gryphons \$1500 for each team and then 2016 each team is responsible for their own travelling expense.
Gryphons confirmed that teams flying in would be given a bus for travel at their expense and hopefully have hotel accommodations paid for by the Gryphons, no promises but they are working on having the hotel expense covered with a proposal they are working on. The proposed schedule by SWAT was that the Titans will play 2 games, Silvertips 3, and the Shamrocks 3 to make the 20 game schedules.

Teams travelling to Saskatchewan to play SWAT will be the Warriors, Gryphons, Crude, Chill and Red Deer. These teams will play 2 games each with SWAT to make the 20 game schedules.

- g. In 2013 we played 21 Exhibition games, 110 regular season games and 14 playoff games. There will be an increase this year in games played.
- 10) Founders Cup
- a. The Founders Cup will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on August 18, 2014.
 - b. Founders for 2015 are to be hosted by British Columbia. If they do not participate by sending a team to the 2014 Founders Cup, then Alberta might have a chance to host the 2015 Founders Cup. If any team is interested in hosting the 2015, they should get a proposal together and provide it to ALA before the May 2014 meeting. The Warriors have a Founders Cup package from when they hosted the Founders Cup for the team that is interested in hosting the 2015, if BC does not send a team to the 2014 Founders Cup in Nova Scotia. We will advise RMLL and the ALA.
ALA will be giving \$3500 per team in the ALA that is participating in the Founders Cup or Minto Cup and President Cup.
- 11) ALRA
- a. The Ref evaluation forms must be completed. This is so important for the feedback to the refs on how coaches have evaluated them. It is used to help refs progress to the next level or to see what their strong or weak skills are during a game. There is only about 5% being sent in and it should be 100% to help the ALRA determine how to improve their refs. It is so important for the refs to get feedback. There were concerns by Okotoks by the amount of time wasted between whistles with the refs, making sure that everyone is in their place before they whistle the play back into play. There needs to be more hustle in getting off for penalties or getting ready quickly after whatever the whistle is blown for.
 - b. We would like to see 1 northern ref and 1 southern ref at each game. Although we could see the benefits of more consistent calls in each game, the cost is astronomical especially if it is a weekday game. To travel 3 hours either way, or then 3 hours back is just not cost effective.
 - c. Minimize the number of times a Ref officiates the same team.
 - d. Need to know results from the ALA Evaluation Forms.
- 12) Operating Policy
- a. The operating policy needs to be looked at and updated as it's been a number of years since it's been reviewed.
- 13) Equipment
- a. All helmets and masks must be CSA approved.
 - b. Nets need to be in good condition
 - c. Teams are to have two sets of jerseys, home and away, home dark, away white. The home team should have both jerseys with them in case there needs to be a change in jerseys.
- 14) Other business
- a. Please be sure that you get your submissions for the awards in early.
 - b. Team chants are a concern, please be sure that your team chants are not offensive or vulgar.
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