

2013 Junior/Senior ladies breakout meeting-November 2nd, 2013

1) Roll Call

Chair: John Radford, Commissioner

Axemen: Gord Janzen

Bandits: Michelle Bowman

Cardinals: Kevin Murray, Alex Traboulay

Cougars: Wes Taylor

Drillers: Hank Crough, Tom Perry

Rage: Jennifer Clarkson

Titans: Natasha Zimmerling

Warriors: Graham Sterpan

2) Commissioner

I asked if there was anyone that wanted to put their name forward for the position, there were no takers. I put my name forward for the 2014 season and explained to the group the advantages and disadvantages of running the division from BC and That I was willing to do it. The group voted and it was 8-0 for me to continue.

3) Review of the 2012 season report.

Everyone had read it and there were no questions. The vote was 8-0 to accept.

4) Round table discussion to prepare for the ALRA rep.

We discussed that we would like more consistency with the reffing in the ladies division. Greg Hart had requested to ref games in the ladies division and that seemed to fall on deaf ears. I will speak to Greg so that he can talk to Adam and Val and make sure he gets more Ladies games next season. I will also talk to Greg to see if it is possible for the ALRA to send an email to the refs to see who does not want to ref the ladies games and they can be excluded from the rotation.

No rep from the ALRA showed up. We were unable to go over our concerns or suggestions and as a group were not impressed with the no-show on their part.

It was mentioned that discussions with qualified referees has shown that some are not even being offered the games

We discussed that we would be willing to see High-level Midget referees mentored during our games as part of their promotion to the Junior levels

5) Expansion and contraction, both Junior and Senior.

For the Seniors there will be no change. There will be the Bandits, Cougars and Rage.

For the Juniors, Strathmore will not be entering a team for the 2014 season. I let the group know that it is possible the Sabrecats will be entering a team for the 2014 season but will not know until their AGM on November 15th. As the deadline was November 1st, I let the group know that I had approved an extension. If and when we get the application I will forward to the group to go over and we will have a vote.

6) Junior A and junior B items, direction for growth.

We discussed and decided to go ahead with the plan we all agreed on in the 2012 breakout. The Cardinals will move up to Junior A for the 2014 season joining the Titans. The loser of the 2014 playoffs will move back down to Junior B and the winner of the Junior B provincials will move up to Junior A for the 2015 season. We will still have an interlocking schedule.

7) Team Alberta.

We will try and assist team Alberta the best we can. When doing up the schedule I will try and incorporate some games against the Senior teams. We discussed going to the smaller net size as this is what is done in BC, Ontario and Nationals. After the discussion the group decided against this and we will be using the larger nets. We will use the larger nets so that we are consistent with the rest of the league. The smaller nets can be used in the exhibition games against the Seniors.

8) Boundaries

The north boundaries will remain the same for the 2014 season. For the south, if the Sabrecats do not enter a team the Axemen will get all players with a SE or SW address and the Cardinals will get all players with a NW or NE address. If the Sabrecats enter a team they will get all players with a SW address, the Axemen will get all players with a SE address and the Cardinals will remain the same. Also any Sabrecat player has the choice to continue playing for the team they are on or returning to the Sabrecats. Any south player not residing in Calgary is free to try out for any team. We voted on this and it was an 8-0 vote to accept.

9) Player registration Growth/Decline

We discussed and all agreed that the north and south info session for the midgets was not working for the ladies. I am going to have a brochure made up to give to the coaches to hand out to the midgets with information etc and a contact name and number, hopefully this will be of more benefit.

10) Schedule for the 2014 season.

As per previous years there is a reluctance to play into July. I will be working on a minimum 14 game interlocking schedule which will begin on or shortly after April 12th.

Jennifer from the Rage will try and secure an arena between Edmonton and Red Deer and Calgary and Red Deer so that we can play some weekday games so that we eliminate the Rage playing 2 games every weekend which will hopefully help there attendance.

11) Playoffs- Junior A, Junior B, Senior and the Championship tourney

Junior A, best of 3 with the first game being held in Calgary and game 2 and game 3 if necessary being held in Sherwood park on the June 28th and 29th weekend.

Junior B, the Axemen will be hosting provincials which will run through the ALA. Host and the top 2 teams will compete. At this point in time we do not know if the Sabrecats will be playing in 2014. If they do the bottom team misses the playoffs. This tournament will be held June 28th and 29th.

Seniors, The Cougars will be hosting a 3 team round robin RMLL tournament in Calgary on the weekend of June 21st and June 22nd.

Championship tournament, this will be held on the July 5th and 6th weekend. Host and top team from all 3 divisions will be competing. Both the Warriors and Cardinals expressed interest in hosting. They will submit their bids by Jan 31st, 2014 and the division will vote.

12) Interprovincial tournaments

Kevin from the Cardinals is in discussion with BC regarding a tournament to be held possibly on the May long weekend. I will put some feelers out to BC and see what or if any tourneys are planned that we could attend if the teams want to.

13) Game sheets and ref reports.

Amanda came in and gave us some pointers and mentioned as a division we are doing a pretty good job. I brought up the point of having to chase teams last year and will not be doing that for 2014. If they are not sent in on time the teams will be fined. I mentioned to the teams it is important to be honest on the ref reports as it does make a difference.

14) Defaults

We had some defaults last year due to weather and Strathmore had their fair share. I mentioned defaults must be re booked in a timely manner and that I hate to fine teams but next year if nessecary will do so.

15) Supplementary discipline

Last year we voted to bring in supplementary discipline for hits from behind. The penalty minutes for this infraction decreased by 16% for the 2013 season. We voted 8-0 to continue the program.

16) RMLL promotion.

See item 9

17) Coaching development

The coaches will continue to upgrade their certification. As per league budget there will be no Super clinics in 2014. I will contact Greg to see when regular clinics are going to be available.

18) League business

I will be doing up a letter about Cyber bullying which the coaches will have to give out to their players.

19) 2014 goals

Retention seems to be the biggest issue with the ladies. With the brochure we are going to put out we hope this will help.

20) Round table discussion.

Included in above.