



Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League
2011 Junior/Senior Ladies Breakout Meeting – November 5th, 2011

1, Roll call

Hank Crough....NAML Drillers
Gord Janzen....Axemen
Kyla Courte....Red Deer Rage
Janelle Sullivan....Red Deer Rage
Grant Zawalsky....Sabrecats
Jessica Storie....Bandits
Amanda Taylor....Cougars
Al price....Cougars
Michelle Bowman....Warriors
Absent were the Cardinals and the Titans.
Total of 7 teams represented.

2, Commissioner's Report

I informed the group my wife and I would be relocating to Campbell River for a minimum of 1 year and would like to continue the role of Commissioner and am confident I would be able to do the job effectively. We took a vote and it was 7-0 in favor of me continuing.

3. Review of the 2010 season report and approval of the 2010 minutes.

Approved by a vote of 7-0

4. Round table discussion to prepare for the ALRA rep

We discussed the ref situation and agreed there were certain refs that should not be reffing Junior and Senior games. We agreed to take the approach of "what can we do to help" When we spoke to Greg we brought forward our concerns and he was very receptive to our needs. We suggest we would be willing to try a few refs that were at the cusp of moving up to Junior. Our division could be used as a test basis for these refs to step up to the next level. We will try this on a trial basis. He also stated he would try and give us a better rotation of refs and said he would try his best to ref a few of the Junior and Senior games so he could relate his findings at the ref clinic.

5) Expansion.

We will have no expansion teams for the 2012 season at this point.
I was approached by one of the representatives from Fort Sask and he mentioned they will have the numbers for a junior team for the 2013 season and will be putting in a bid.

6) Exhibition Games at NLL halftime.

I have been pursuing this with the Rush and the Roughnecks. No commitment from either team at this time, but I am continuing my efforts.

7) Update for Junior/Senior Nationals.

I have informed the ALA that we wish to pursue this for the 2013 season. This will be tabled at the May ALA meeting and if approved will be forwarded to the CLA for their November 2012 meeting. We will not know until that time the outcome of the vote.

8) Review of the player survey.

We went over some of the responses that the players had given and used this for a Guideline for various other decisions in the break out meeting.

9) Schedule and playoffs.

We separated the juniors and seniors for this one. We did find out that there are a few arenas pulling the ice out early this year and agreed on an early start so we can get in a minimum of 16 games and possibly 18, with the extra games being played with as little travel as possible. For the seniors, we will be playing up to 18 games with the extra games in July being played against the other senior teams. The season will begin the first week in April if possible and end on July 8th. The play offs will be the weekend of July 14th and 15th in Red Deer with each team playing each other once on the Saturday and the 2 top teams playing the Championship game on Sunday. We agreed to try and get floor time in towns such as Carstairs, Olds, Ponoka, Lacombe etc. to use during the week if possible during the season so that Red Deer do not have to play 2 games every week end.

For the juniors, we agreed on an early start also. Again starting the season the first week in April if possible and having the season end on June 17th. We agreed that if we can start early we will have a 16 game schedule, with the 2 extra games being played against the local teams. This will create an unbalanced schedule, but everyone was okay with this. We will be going to a playoff format for the 2012 season, as requested by the players. It will be the top 2 teams in the north playing a 1 game semifinal June 19th, 20th or 21st. The same goes for the south. The final will be a best of 3 between the winner from the north and south to be played on the June 23rd and 24th weekend in the North as per our rotation it is the North's turn to host.

10) Rink perspective regarding the length of the season.

The teams were told that if the league does not use the facilities more in July some of Rinks will start putting the ice in earlier and we might lose some facilities.

11) Amendment to ALA rule 14.3 for the seniors and rule 5.19 for both.

We went over both rules.

12) Tournaments.

We discussed that there are teams from Ontario and B.C. wanting to get together for a tournament and that any team is free to pursue hosting or attending a tournament. It is possible that Victoria might host the Bantam and Midget Nationals so this could open up a door for a Junior/Senior invitational tournament at the same venue.

13) Defaults.

Same rule as 2011 except the rescheduled game must be played in a timely manner. If one team keeps putting off the rescheduled game they will be tagged with the default.

14) Promoting the sport.

We discussed several opportunities which various people will pursue to see what is feasible.

15) Discussion on the sitting 1 year to change teams rule.

I brought up that I would like this changed to 2 years. We took a vote and it was passed with A vote of 6-1 with a stipulation that it would be appealable to the commissioner for Extenuating circumstances. The decision of the Commissioner will be final and not Appealable.

16) Discussion on player's still owing money.

I informed the teams that a player owing money is in bad standing and can't register For any team until they are paid up. If a team wishes to waive or reduce a fee that is Their choice.

17) Round table re Supplementary suspensions.

I brought up that I am concerned with the number of high sticking and check from behind Penalties. With the new rule for high stick penalties in place we decided to inform the coaches That we will be monitoring the check from behind penalties and discuss further at the next AGM. If these do not go down we will look at further suspensions for the 2013 season.

18) Round table general discussion.

We went over everything on the breakout schedule. The only thing we did not resolve Was the South boundaries which I will be working on shortly.