

## **RMLL Jr B Tier III Breakout Meeting Agenda**

### **RMLL Planning Meeting and AGM**

#### Minutes

**Attendees:** Linda Robertson (Tier III Commissioner), Renee MacPherson (Okotoks Icemen), Jamie Buchan (Calgary Wranglers), Larry Makartoff (High Rive Heat), Robin Roy (High River Heat), Jody Stolz (Strathmore Venom) Len Granson (Lacombe/Ponoka), Joey Ambrosi (Crowsnest Pass), Teresa Pastoor (Lethbridge Barracudas) and Tracy Everson (Calgary Mavericks)

#### **1. Call to Order, Agenda and Approval of 2010 Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 9:55 a.m. by Linda Robertson.

Agenda and 2010 Minutes approved.

#### **2. Introductions**

Please see the listing of attendees above.

#### **3. Commissioner – Election**

Linda Robertson is willing to let her name stand as Commissioner and is willing to work with someone who wants to learn the position.

#### **4. Review of the 2011 Season**

##### **a) Successes**

- Positive experiences;
- Continuing lower penalties on the whole;
- Continuing improving the skills at this level;
- This Tier should be used as a training level for players to move to higher levels;
- Calibre of the skill level of players increased;
- Sportsmanship between coaches and teams were demonstrated when teams were short players and the opposing team would provide players to ensure a game could be played.

##### **b) Opportunities for Improvement**

- There was some discussion on how to promote the improvement of the behaviour of the parents;
- Lower level of enrolments, need to proactive in recruiting players to come out and play;
- Coaching clinics to recruit skilled coaches;
- Consistency in refereeing;
- Changing the mindset of how Tier III is perceived;
- Trying to reach out to the graduating midgets;
- Mentorship for coaches.

### **c) Expansion**

- There are no new teams expanding into this division this year.
- No new north teams to make a north and south division.
- Need for the teams to keep track of the numbers registering and keep Linda aware of the numbers.
- The only default was the Calgary Sabrecats.
- Calgary needs to communicate better to ensure all kids can find a place to play.
- The schedule needs to be reviewed once it has been distributed so that any scheduling issues can be dealt with in a timely manner.
- Defaulting teams created issues around scheduling last year.

### **Scheduling Options for 2012 Season**

1. It was agreed to run a balanced schedule for the 12 Tier III teams pending further discussion of travel expenses and issues.
2. Options were discussed for the expansion of the season by maybe adding a weekend of play;
3. Tier III provincials should be completed prior to Tier II provincials so that the players are available to go up to Tier III
4. Season should finish prior to the July long weekend, start date April 20, 2012 ending on the weekend of June 23, 2012 with no games to be played on the Canada Day long weekend.
5. One weekend to be picked to play as a super weekend for 3-4 teams to play multiple regular season games.
6. No one agrees to extend the regular season.
7. Top eight teams to make playoffs, this will help encourage players to make a commitment to the game and team.
8. Top eight teams will play a single elimination game.

### **5. Safety and Equipment**

- Mask and helmet safety is the same as last year.
- Emergency Accident Plan (EAP) should be but up to date and kept in the penalty box of the home team.
- ZEP is used on some floors and helps prevents slips.
- Keep injury report forms on file for the end of the year to ensure record keeping is up to date.

### **6. Coaches/Bench Personnel**

- All bench personnel need certification, Respect in Sport (RIS) and First Aid;
- Need coaches certificate numbers to be entered into RMLL database.

- One coach of a Junior A team does not have his certification but one of the coaches at a Tier III level was told he could not go to tournaments **[NTD Bring to the Board's attention]**

## 7. Coach and Player Development

- No players are held back from trying to go up to other levels and are encouraged.
- For a player to go up permissions are needed from a) parents; b) club; c) coach and d) applicable RMLL division coordinator. If the call up is denied it is usually denied by the midget coach of the player.
- Needs to be more communication to the midgets about the junior program.
- ALA website is not up to date and needs to be better maintained.
- Is there anything we can offer to GELC to have Edmonton to enter Tier III teams.
- Maybe we can hold an exhibition games in Edmonton to help showcase the program.
- Talk around a committee to discuss with an Edmonton representative to try to encourage Tier III teams in Edmonton.

## 8. Rosters

- Rosters to stay as is.
- Review next season as need be.
- Tier III minutes from last year state the division was not in favour of the 30 man roster but under the Rules and Regulations (Regulation #26.1) state Tier III has the 30 man roster not the 25 man roster that was agreed upon last year.

## 9. Miscellaneous

- Division Operating Policy will be scanned and sent around for comments to create an up to date document.

### ACTION ITEMS

1. One weekend to be picked to play as a super weekend for 3-4 teams to play multiple regular season games. **NEED TO CONFIRM THE DATE**
2. One coach of a Junior A team does not have his certification but one of the coaches at a Tier III level was told he could not go to tournaments **[NTD Bring to the Board's attention]**
3. Talk around a committee to discuss with an Edmonton representative to try to encourage Tier III teams in Edmonton. **NEED TO CONFIRM**
4. Division Operating Policy will be scanned and sent around for comments to create an up to date document. **NEED TO DISTRIBUTE DOCUMENT**