

RMLL Sr.B Division Breakout Minutes

- November 5, 2011

Roll Call - as per sign in sheet

Tom Engel – Miners
Paul Koch – Slash
Tony Reid – Outlaws
Dave Pym – Outlaws
Phil Smyth – Outlaws
Jared McNicol – Raiders
Dave Grant - Raiders
John Kilbride – Mountaineers
Dean Casey – Knights
Carole Yarrow
Shauna Sterparn – Sr B Commissioner

2. Reading of 2010 Minutes - as per materials
3. Business arising from 2010 Minutes: Clarification of Motion #5
 - At a minimum, there must be a photocopy of card with player's signature.

Motion #1

Hard cards must be made available upon request of Commissioner.
Engel/Koch - Carried

4. Adoption of 2010 Minutes
Motion #2
To approve: Smyth/McNicol - Carried

5. Adoption of 2011 Agenda
Motion #3
To approve: Engel/Kilbride - Carried

6. Senior B Commissioner
- Election: 3 call-outs; no new names put forward. Shauna allows her name to stand.

7. Promotion
Game day protocols
 - Continue with programs and promoting to younger teams.
 - RMLL should provide stats to media.
 - Shauna to check with RMLL to see if any funds are available for promotional material (i.e. posters).
 - Shauna to speak with Lisa/ALA re distribution of promotional material through ALA website or Facebook.
 - Consider Google ads to promote RMLL. Dave will send Shauna information

explaining how google ads work, what it would cost and how much exposure.

Volunteer teams for Canada Day RMLL showcase

- No teams were interested in putting anything together on May long weekend.
- It was suggested that teams do something during regular season games.

President's Cup 2012

- Paul advised that work on the 2012 PC has begun. The Executive will be determined in the near future.
- One week before July long weekend, players have to be fully released in order to be traded to play with the Slash/host team.
- Teams can move some players to C cards so they can be picked up by host team.
- After July 1st, schedule players for minimum 4 regular season games each to meet the minimum (4 game rule) needed to play in the playoffs.

8. Division Constraints and scheduling concerns

- No issues with regular season start/end dates, playoff start/end dates, provincial start/end dates.
- Preference for playoff and provincial is 5/5 game series.
- Game time preference for travel games - 8:00PM on Saturday and 1:00PM or no later than 2:00PM on Sunday.
- Playoffs - No changes. No pre-booking - too many problems trying to cancel and can be costly. Teams to cooperate and be flexible when re-scheduling needs to occur. Teams are to talk to each other.

9. Rosters and utilization of C players/protected list.

- Leave protected list as is. Some discussion re dropping a player twice.
- Player movement - more work needs to be done. For follow-up next meeting.

10. Players in bad standing - Discussion.

- Internal problem; RMLL will help if it can.

11. Goalie Equipment

- Discussion concerning requirement that goalie pads be tapered (CLA rule). All but one team bought news pads last season. The one team not in compliance used tape to taper the pads. That team will look into the concerns expressed by the other teams.

12. Warm-up Balls

- All teams reminded to supply enough practice balls.

13. Callups for President's Cup (Process)

- Old process was calls were made team GM to team GM. Out of respect, it should be GM to GM; not GM calling another team's player.

Motion #4

Calls are to be from GM to GM: Koch/Smyth - Carried. Engel abstained.

14. Interlock with Jr A's

- Injuries are a concern
- Vote taken - 5 No (Slash, Raiders, Outlaws, Mounties, Knights)/1 Yes (Miners)

Motion #5

End the interlock: Koch/McNicol - Carried.

15. Coaching

NCCP Certification

- Slash, Outlaws, Raiders, Mounties and Miners all have certification.
- Knights are working towards it.

Super Comp Intro Clinic

- Shauna asked: "If RMLL did their own coaching clinics, would teams send someone?"
- Discussion - Teams will wait to see what to see what RMLL offers.

16. Safety

Emergency Action Plan

- All teams were reminded their EAP has to be in place. It's an insurance issue.
- Shauna will inquire about who the EAPs have to be submitted to.

Mops

- Each team to buy a mop or have towels on the bench.
- Discussion re treating the floors.

17. Minor Officials' Responsibilities

- Discussion - Teams are to remind their volunteers to act neutral and in a respectful and responsible manner.

18. Modification of Senior B Operating Policy - Head hits

- Shauna currently working on the OP. She will be providing it to John Kilbride for review. Shauna will email the OP to all teams.
- Head hits - CLA wants to monitor how many concussions occur.
- Discussion - How do we eliminate head shots? It's the dirty hits that need to be addressed.
- Bill Sucha joined the meeting. He suggested Sr B talk to the other Divisions to see how they are dealing this issue.
- It was suggested that teams video-tape games. There would then be clear evidence to present to the Commissioner and RMLL for their handling.
- Repeat offenders are an issue. Both teams playing would have to video-tape and the offence could be reviewed later. There is incentive for teams to video-tape their games.

19. Draft Dates

- South - Feb 3 & 4, 2012
- North - Feb 9 & 10, 2012

20. Other Business

- Tom Engel, Greg Lintz and John Frame have been asked by the ALA to draft a discipline policy. It will form part of the Operating Policy.

Motion #6

The Commissioner shall provide the subject of the disciplinary action with a copy of any complaint or reports, or the like, and particulars of any other information in relation to the subject matter and then provide the subject with a reasonable opportunity to make, at least, written submissions before making a decision.

Engel/Kilbride - Carried; vote was unanimous.

- John Kilbride asked if anyone objected to eliminating regular game handshakes?
Discussion.

Motion #7

No post-game handshakes during regular games, only during playoffs.

Kilbride/Engel - Carried.

- Discussion re paid players at President's Cup. Issue to be discussed by CLA.

21. RMLL Notifications

Referee Evaluation Forms

- Forms are a ranking system for the referees.
- Good comments and feedback so far.
- Kudos to all and keep completing the evaluations.

Injury Report/Concussions (pages 52 & 53)

- All teams are to use the Team Injury Report Form.
- Some expressed concerns with some of the questions on the form.
- It was suggested that the RMLL might want to clarify why the information is needed, and for what purpose.

Motion #8

All teams are to report concussions and circumstances to Sr B Commissioner.

Engel/Smyth - Carried. All in favour.

Motion #9

Report all disabling injuries and circumstances to Sr B Commissioner.

Engel/Koch - Carried.

22. Amanda Thielen - franchise certificates, rosters/changes, stats

- Franchise Certificates - Amanda explained what information must be filled in.
- Roster changes go to her except for additions.

- Roster limit is 25.
- Only Amanda can do trades or deletions.

23. Greg Hart & Warren Renden from ALRA - Refereeing

Greg and Warren talked about the new “Aggravated High Stick” (A.H.S.) penalty.

Minor

Major

Major and a game misconduct (this is the new option)

Match

- Comments will be added in the games notes section on the game sheet.
- Sr B would like to see a write-up on high stick so there can be follow-up with the Sr B Commissioner after a game, and Sr B new policy can be applied. (Refer to notes under Agenda item #18).

Issue re referees not being available for some scheduled playoff games.

- Warren advised that the ALRA asked for the playoff venues in advance.
- Sr B said it was difficult to provide info in advance. (Refer to Agenda item #8 discussion on pre-book issue).
- Sr B asked if it was possible to out together a pool of referees.
- Warren advised they try to have their best referees available to ref Sr B games.
- ALRA will be focusing on Major refs being scheduled for Major games; will ensure the right refs are being assigned to the right games.
- ALRA looking at player evaluation feedback on the refs.
- Refs are typically assigned two weeks in advance - less for playoffs.
- Greg talked about the taping of goalie pads being allowed.
- Any complaints regarding refs should be directed to Sr B Commissioner who should then send email to Greg/ALRA. ALRA will address the situation and report back to Sr B Commissioner. Teams are not to contact ALRA directly - must go thru Sr B Commissioner.

Motion to adjourn.

McNicol/Smyth - Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30PM

Additional meeting

Discussion with Sr C

- They are looking at expanding to six teams
- Connie Hamilton is the new Sr C Commissioner.
- Shauna talked about player movement between Sr B and Sr C - want to send players down and keep them protected if they’ve played their 4 games in Sr B. Sr B wants to eliminate the ratio - played more games in Sr C than in Sr B. The “one up” rule is an issue. When a player is sent down to Sr C once, they can later be called up. If player sent down to Sr C a second time, the player cannot be called back up to Sr B.
- Sr C will discuss as a group and advise. (Sr C breakout discussion). Sr C decided they will support Sr B to the RMLL on issues of player movement.