



Annual Report of the RMLL Vice-President
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After a brief sabbatical I returned to the RMLL Executive when I was elected at the 2010 AGM as Vice-President.

The Vice-President's role is a bit different from other Executive positions in that there is no specific line department; instead I sit as a member of the Executive in joint decisions and "pinch-hit" for various commissioners when they are unable to perform their role. What follows is a brief discussion of the tasks that I completed as RMLL VP beyond my input at Executive meetings and as a sounding board for the other Commissioners.

First, I was asked to come up with a set of guidelines for territorial boundaries for Tier II and Tier III. I came up with a temporary arrangement for both divisions (based on minor clubs boundaries) that would be used for the 2011 season and that it would be an agenda item for the breakout sessions at the November 2011 RMLL AGM.

Second, I represented the JrA Commissioner at two Minto Cup meetings: May in Halifax and August in Calgary.

Third, I represented the SrC Commissioner in a suspension decision. This is because I had to suspend the SrC Commissioner!

Fourth, I represented the Discipline Commissioner on several important cases. I assembled a committee, scheduled the meetings, and transmitted the important information to all interested parties.

Finally, I became acting Commissioner for the JrB Tier I division following the resignation of Rob Kachor. This occurred during the playoffs, so my role was quite limited. I assessed one suspension and played a role in coordinating playoff schedules.

As Acting JrB Commissioner I would like to congratulate the Calgary Mountaineers on winning the 2011 RMLL title and finishing second at the Founders's Trophy! I also want to recognize the Saskatoon SWAT who not only hosted the 2011 Founders's Trophy, but also won the bronze medal. In speaking with participants from around the country, they all commented on how well run the tournament was. There were very few problems either on the floor or off the floor. Finally, the 2011 season saw the inclusion of the Manitoba Gryphons who played a partial schedule. There were games in Edmonton,

Calgary, and Saskatoon and both the Edmonton Warriors and Calgary Chill went to Winnipeg. The performance of the Gryphons both during the regular season (they went 7-7) and at the Founders's Trophy (they lost the bronze medal game) showed that participating in the RMLL had a beneficial impact on their player development. There remain large logistical challenges, but I am sure that the JrB Tier I division will address them at the AGM.