



**Tier II Breakout Meeting Minutes  
RMLL AGM Calgary  
Saturday, November 6, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.  
Kananaskis Room – Delta Calgary South**

**1. Introductions**

All present were thanked for attending and introductions were made.

**2. Election**

There was no interest in the Tier II Commissioner position for 2011, therefore Cindy Garant let her name stand.

**3. Review of 2010 Season**

**a. Successes**

Overall it was the general consensus of those present that the 2010 season was successful. In particular, the revised Provincial format was well received and very successful.

A suggestion was made by the Calgary Wranglers to hold a pre-season jamboree similar to the one that the Tier I division held last year. There was tremendous support for this initiative from all teams present. Lee will put together a proposal.

Innisfail offered to host a tournament if approved to the Tier II division. After some discussion it was determined that while it would be nice, unfortunately, it would be very difficult to schedule a tournament within the confines of an already tight season schedule.

**b. Opportunities for Improvement**

- Suspensions

Teams asked that there be improved communication with respect to Discipline hearings.

**Update:**

- After the meeting, Cindy spoke with Discipline Chair Mike Fynn regarding discipline hearing protocols and procedures. Specifically, communication issues were addressed. Mike and Cindy both agreed that there is room for improvement regarding the provision of clear communication to affected parties.

In spite of the cost savings, the majority of teams present felt that the one-game sudden death format for playoffs was not appropriate.

**4. Expansion**

**a. Potential Number of Teams for 2011 Season**

A total of 5 applications were brought forward:

Fort McMurray – Tier III to Tier II – **Declined by Executive**

Kitscoty – Tier III to Tier II – **Approved by Executive**

Strathmore – Tier III to Tier II – **Approved by Executive**

Innisfail – Tier III to Tier II – **Approved by Executive**

Fort Saskatchewan – New Tier II application – **Application has not been received to date**

Following presentations by the teams seeking entry to the Tier II division a ballot vote was taken.

- Each of the 5 teams received majority approval from the Tier II division. It was noted that the approval of Fort Saskatchewan and Strathmore is provisional pending the submission of appropriate application documents.
- Final approval and ratification for all of the applications must come from the RMLL Executive.

**b. North/South Format**

- There was some discussion regarding the need to establish boundaries for player's rights, etc. should the applications for Innisfail and Kitscoty receive final ratification. All affected teams agreed to work amongst themselves first to come to an agreement regarding boundaries. If an agreement cannot be achieved, the RMLL would then step in.

**5. Exhibition Game Procedures & ALRA Fees**

- Revised procedures will be sent out once ratified.
- The initiating team must contact their Assignor to assign the Referees.
- An assigning fee will be charged for each Exhibition game, (assigning fees, travel fees, and per diem for Exhibition games will be included in the year end invoice from the ALRA).
- Exhibition game fees will be split amongst the teams who played in each Exhibition game.

**6. Referee Travel**

**a. Team Referee Travel Budget**

The ALRA will provide a Referee Travel Budget for Each Team in early to mid-November

- FYI - officials do not clean up sweat blood or water on the floor surface.
- Working on an OLA and BCLA referee sharing program at the current time.
- Warren Rendon stopped in and reported the following:
  - In 2010 the ALRA lost money by taking on more than what was within the budget
  - There will be cutbacks in 2011 but Warren did not feel that the Tier II division would see significant impact.
  - Warren recognized the need for consistency around the province.

**7. Regular Season Overtime**

- Jr. A and Sr. B currently have a 5-minute sudden death overtime period if the game is tied at the end of regulation play (regular season). Cindy questioned if this should be adopted for Tier II as well?
- The majority agreed to incorporate a 5-minute sudden death overtime period.

**8. Goalie Measurement Prior to Games**

- The ALRA decided not to pursue this initiative.
- Goalie equipment will be measured by request only.

**9. RMLL Travel Fund Application**

- More information on this topic to follow.

**10. Scheduling**

- Presentation of Option A & Option B
  - The majority present voted in favour of Option 2 (see below) because extending playoffs to the August long weekend was not desirable.

## **Option 2 – 12 Game Unbalanced Season (6 Home/6 Away)**

**Regular Season Start Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011

**Regular Season End Date:** Wednesday, June 29, 2011

**(8 weekends excluding July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend and Victoria Day Weekend)**

**Playoff Start Date:** Wednesday, July 6

**Playoff End Date:** Sunday, July 17

**Playoff Format:** 2 game total points series

**Round 1 -** 1 vs. 4 (two game total points series – between July 6, 8 & 10)

2 vs. 3 (two game total points series – between July 6, 8 & 10)

**Round 2 –** Winners of Round 1 (two game total points series – between July 13, 15 & 17)

**Provincial Start Date:** Saturday, July 23 – (2 games played)

**Provincial End Date:** Sunday, July 24 (third game played, if needed)

**Provincial Format:** North and South Winners; best of 3 series to be played in the North in 2011

### **Update (via email sent to Division):**

*In spite of the very tight scheduling timelines, the majority of those present requested a 14-game game schedule if it was possible. As mentioned during the break-out session, it would be impossible for Christine to schedule a 14-game season within the 8 week timeline provided in option 2 and therefore, concessions would need to be made. Playing during the May long weekend was suggested as an option.*

*As the Tier II's do not traditionally play on the May long weekend because so many go camping etc., before we can consider scheduling a 14 game season in an 8 weekend timeline, teams were asked to confirm the following:*

- 1. Your team is in favour of, and will have enough players to play on the May long weekend. Yes or No.*
- 2. If yes, which day(s) of the May long weekend can you play on; and*
- 3. Confirmation that your home facility will be available on the May long weekend for games.*

*Teams were asked to provide answers to the above questions by December 10, 2010. If there is not a majority of teams that can **definitively** play on the May long weekend, the Tier II division will then revert to a 12-game schedule.*

- Deadline for Division Constraints – January 5, 2011
- Deadline for Team Time Slots and Constraints – February 1, 2011
- All schedules must be complete by March 8, 2011

#### **11. Rosters**

- Player signing start date – February 1, 2011 – first day to sign/re-sign players
- New Player Signing End Date – July 1, 2011 (11:59 p.m.) for new players of teams who are still in regular season.
- Tier II and Tier III Divisions – Trade deadline is 4 weeks prior to the Regular season end date

#### **12. CLA Transfers**

- Transfers will only be permitted between the first Wednesday of March and must be completed by 11:59 p.m. EST two business days prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of any given calendar year

#### **13. Promotion**

- Discuss having minimum standards at games (i.e., programs, announcers, etc.)
- It was determined that while it is certainly nice to have programs, announcers, music, etc., due to limited volunteerism in some clubs, it is not reasonable to impose this as a standard on all teams.
- It was however suggested that these standards be imposed during play-offs and Provincials.

**14. Annual Fees**

- All present agreed to continue with the split of provincial fees amongst all division teams for 2011.

**15. CLA Approved Nets and Larger Nets**

- The majority agreed to use the larger nets in the 2011 season.
- It was understood that these nets will need to be CLA approved by the 2012 season.

**16. GELC – ALA Motion**

- Due to time constraints this issue was not covered during the break-out session.

**17. Website**

- Kevin Murray and Amanda Thielen visited the session and provided information regarding the RMLL website, specifically:
  - Amanda asked that in order to facilitate ease of scheduling that teams provide as many timeslots as possible – both “preferred” and “alternates”.
  - For gamesheets, teams were reminded to indicate “call-up” players by marking A/P beside their name
  - Teams were also reminded that affiliates should NOT be entered as part of their roster.
  - If teams are using stickers on gamesheets, please ensure that any players not playing are crossed off on all copies
  - Players should be listed in numerical order – starting with goalies
  - Amanda reminded everyone that the end-time for penalties is when the player penalty ends – NOT when they leave the box (i.e., multiple penalties – waiting for a dead ball)
  - Teams were asked to indicate if goals are on a powerplay or short-handed