

**RMLL Jr B Tier III Breakout Meeting Agenda**  
**RMLL Planning Meeting and AGM**

Delta Hotel Edmonton South –

November 2, 2013 – 10:00am to 4:00pm – Lunch 12:30 to 1:00pm

**Attendees:** Larry (High River), Debbie (Wranglers), Gary (Olds), Marina (Lethbridge), Tracey (commissioner)

1. **Call to order** – 9:45am
2. **Introductions** -
3. **Approval of Agenda** – the agenda was approved with the addition of 17.0 – Fines – Moved by Larry to approve, seconded by Marina
4. **Approval of 2012 Minutes** – moved to approve by Gary, seconded by Debbie
5. **Commissioner Election** – Tracey let her name stand for commissioner and there were no other candidates/nominations
6. **Review of the 2013 Season**
  - a. **Successes**
    - i. Wranglers – nothing was given to Debbie to report
    - ii. Olds – increase in registration over previous years & increase commitment from the players to attend practises and games
    - iii. Lethbridge – good season, fourth in provincial's, decrease in player issues and increase in registration
    - iv. High River – silver in provincial's, only lost two bags of equipment in the flood
    - v. Mavericks – increase in registration due to the Sabrecats folding their junior program, increase in player commitment for practises and games, made provincials for the first time in several years, bronze in provincials
  - b. **Opportunities For Improvement** – discussion to include the midget players more so that the connection/bond to juniors is made before the end of the season, inviting them to practises, joint midget/junior practises
  - c. **Expansion** – no applications for teams were received.
  - d. **Potential Number of Teams for the 2014 Season** – 6/7 teams - Brooks Drillers advised earlier in October that they may not have a team in 2014, there is a rumour that there may not be a tier III team in Medicine Hat in 2014. Tracey will look into the latest date for them to pull out and advise them of the deadline.
  - e. **South Teams** – teams present at the meeting inquired as to why there are no tier III teams in Edmonton? Tracey will bring this question to the board.

- f. Teams not sure of numbers – teams at the table were confident they would not have issue with low registration
- g. Defaults – there were no defaults this past season

## **7. 2014 Schedule Timeline**

- a. Start date – April 25
- b. End date – July 13
- c. May & July long weekends – no games on either of these weekends, teams wanted to play on the July long weekend, they were reminded that there would/could be a referee shortage due to provincials, junior showcase games and the Canada Day tournament
- d. Evening games – yes, travel to be restricted to 90 minutes with a hopeful start of 8pm (with 9pm being realistic) – Wednesday evenings were best; Wranglers would play Olds, High River and Mavericks; Mavericks would play High River, Wranglers and Olds; High River would play Mavericks, Crowsness, Lethbridge, Wranglers and Olds; Lethbridge would play High River, Crowsness, Medicine Hat and Books
- e. Number of games in the season – increase to a 16 game season, each week to follow the Wednesday/Saturday or Friday/Sunday schedule
- f. Team restraints – will be added by the individual teams on or before the due date; graduations, arena closures, etc

## **8. Play Off & Provincials**

- a. Play Off Date & number of teams – eliminated due to extension of season and provincial weekend
- b. Provincial Date – July 18, 19 & 20, 2014
  - i. Format – tournament style, round robin with medal games on Sunday
  - ii. Number of teams – provincial format developed based on 6 teams and 7 teams – see attached
  - iii. Number of teams - duplicate
  - iv. Selection of host – Olds with Wranglers as back up
  - v. Penalty for failure to host – it was felt that no penalty for failure to host was require because the new format allowed for participation from all teams
  - vi. Hosting duties/expectations – Tracey to obtain(from Chirstine) and circulate the duties/expectations

## **9. Safety & Equipments**

- a. Concussion Program – information on the concussion program was circulated prior to the meeting
- b. Floor Conditions – the only arena mentioned was Crowsness – the first row of bleachers sit at the top of the boards. Tracey can't recall if there was plexiglass or

mesh but either one does not carry up far enough to offer protection to spectators sitting in the top two rows of the bleachers

- c. Access to mops or having towels for the floor – discussed and noted by all teams present

## **10. Coaches/Bench Personnel**

- a. All bench personnel certification – discussion about who was eligible to be on the bench and who was not; max of 6 registered with the team; trainers must be qualified based on the ALA regulations. No 'gate swingers'. A question about having an injured player on the bench act as a gate swinger. Helmet/no helmet will be brought up with the RMLL board for clarification. Fines will be imposed on teams who have non-registered persons on their bench
- b. All coaches certification numbers need to be entered into the RMLL system prior to the start of the season (48 hours)
- c. Coaches feedback forms to be completed and submitted with the game sheet – teams were reminded, was discussed at length the night before
- d. Update all team contact information
  - i. Fine for missing information – as per the regulations the fine would be \$25/missing piece of information – example: one player with no phone number and no age can result in a \$50 fine

## **11. RMLL regulation 12.2.1 Referee Intro for Minor Officials**

- a. Minor officials responsibilities & duties - as per RMLL regulations the minor officials should meet with the referees 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. The commissioner should be notified if/when a referee fails to attend
- b. Team training of minor officials – it is the responsibility of each team to seek out and properly train their minor officials.

## **12. Coach and Player Development**

- a. Getting players ready for higher Tiers and encouraging players to play and/or try out for higher Tiers
- b. Communication with all Midget players to let them know that there is lacrosse after Midget – discussion around shared practices, call ups, making the junior presence be known by the midget players. Clubs/teams will take care of this on their own.
- c. Graduating Junior Communication - this is circulated by the executive director to players within the GELC and CDLA, however, any graduating midget can attend the info session held in January. Communications should not be left up to just the RMLL as teams/clubs can connect with the players as well.
- d. Call Ups

i. Midget – needs to be approved by the coach, parents and president of midget club. Once the previous has been obtained then notify the tier III commissioner via e-mail. The commissioner requested that if it was the day before the game or earlier then e-mail was fine, however, they are NOT approved until you've heard back from the commissioner. If it is a last minute or day of request it should also be sent via e-mail.

ii. Tier III – requires approval from both the tier II and tier III commissioners. The tier III commissioner explained that if a player had a history of fighting, especially instigating/aggressor she would not approve the call up.

**13. CLA / ALA / RMLL Timelines** – circulated prior to the meeting

**14. Website**

**15. Division Operation Policy** – tier III does not have a division operational policy it uses the RMLL regulations

**16. Live Score**

a. Mandatory for 2014 Season

**17. Fines** – this was added by the Wranglers who felt that the fine they received for non-registered bench personel could have been lower had they been fined after the first, and communicated offense. It was explained that they were not fined in June because it created a cash cow but because we are volunteers who do not have the time to babysitting each team in the league. They were notified with the other teams and then a one on one written and verbal conversation occurred. The team was clear on the regulations.

**18. Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm