

**RMLL Senior C**  
**RMLL Planning Meeting Agenda**

Delta South – Edmonton

Medicine Hat Room

November 10, 2018

**Attendees:** Colin Lampart (*Silverbacks*), Ryan Luedtke (*Rage*), Riley Damen & Wayne MacIntosh (*Irish*), Jason Schmidt (*Miners*), Gary Gaudette (*Stingers*), Marc Cleary & Leon Perrier (*Erratic*), Tom Frank (*Mohawks*), John Younger & Dan Thomsen (*Pioneers*), Travis Gibbons & Clint Lamarsh (*Heat*), Kevin Kohut (*Warriors*)

1. **Call to order** – 9:11am
2. **Introductions** - *The division introduced themselves to those new to the table*
3. **Additions to the Agenda** - *There were no additions to the agenda*
4. **Approval of 2019 Planning Meeting Agenda** – *approved as circulated by Dan and Marc*
5. **Approval of 2018 Planning Meeting Minutes** – *approved as circulated by Jason and Leon*
6. **Commissioner Election** – *Tracey Haining by acclimation*
7. **New Team Applications**
  - a. **Olds**
    - *20 confirmed players*
    - *10 committed to part time*
    - *Coaching staff in place:*
      - *Garry Gaudette*
      - *Laine Foshaug*
      - *Andy Sweetman*
        - *All would be player coaches*
    - *Strong bank account - +\$10,000*
      - *Shared between three teams; Stingers (TII) and Mavericks (TI)*
    - *Repurposing jerseys for the first year and working on sponsorship for new jerseys*
    - *Young team – most ages are 22 years to 25 years*
    - *Strong relationship with TI and TII team allowing easy access to affiliates if needed*
    - *Good financials included with the application*
    - *Realistic expenses and revenue*
    - *2 ALRA officials with level 3 or higher in the area*
    - *Olds Sportsplex has two floors available for lacrosse. Bowden and Didsbury are 15 minutes away and can be utilized if needed*
    - *Mountainview Lacrosse Association runs several programs that are held in high regard by the players in the CALL area. Although until this year these teams have operated under the umbrella of the Olds Lacrosse Association they have been independent and self sufficient*
    - *It was unanimous within the division to accept this team*
  - b. **Lakeland**

- The team will be under the umbrella of the Lakeland Lacrosse Association
- Lakeland has been in good standing (from what I recall) since their inception 6 years ago
- The finances seem a bit low but we did consider that the team has access to floor at \$50/hour as well as a practice facility at no cost. The team also has the financial support (we have it in writing) that the minor club will cover any financial shortcomings the team may encounter
- Guaranteed \$1000 in sponsorship funds as well as casino sponsorship
- They have 17 confirmed players, however, they have only been recruiting for a month. They are actively recruiting from the military base and other areas with hopes to secure additional players
- Travis is an ALA Lacrosse Ambassador
- Has played 25+ years
- The application states that Lakeland graduates 4-8 juniors a year
- Access to 4 junior teams for affiliates
- Good relationship with the Lakeland Heat TII team
- Michael Groves is head coach and manager
- Commissioner concerns that the team is not aware of the amount of administrative work involved
- Learned tasks that will come with time and if they ask for help when they need it
- The division, as a whole, was concerned about the number of confirmed players but did relax when Clint and Travis reminded them that they had only completed one month of recruiting
- Blackfalds Silverbacks were against the team because of travel (+/- 4 hours NE from Edmonton)
- The Lethbridge Pioneers reminded the Silverbacks that they would have the same amount of travel from Lethbridge to Olds and was not concerned about the distance
- The Silverbacks were reminded by another team that a no vote should not be cast based on travel alone
- Commissioner pointed out that the Mountainview application was quite similar. That once you removed the positive relationship the division had with Gary, Andy and Laine it was almost the same application. Are we approving Mountainviews application based on previous history?
- Commissioner reminded the division that we all thought the Miners were going to dominate as well as being well organized – they did not do either in their first season
- All teams agreed that there are hiccups and trials the first year or two
- Vote:
  - 5 yes – Rage, Irish, Warriors, Erratic, Miners
  - 3 no – Silverbacks, Mohawks, Pioneers

## **8. Business Arising from 2018 Meeting Minutes**

- a. **Goalie, offensive and defensive player of the season** – each team to contribute \$10 towards a plaque for each winner – will be invoiced with franchise certificate and other split costs
- b. **Treasure Cove Casino Canadian Senior Invitational Lacrosse Championship (formerly the ALCAN)** – teams will continue to contribute \$120

to go towards the team registration fee of the provincial champion or the next highest ranking eligible team

## 9. Division Concerns:

### a. North

- Default games continue to be a concern for the north teams. They were reminded that they should be calling the commissioner when they realize they are at risk of defaulting a game. Not to just send a text after they have contacted the opposing team and the officials. The Rage will not be scheduled games over the Father's day weekend (June 15 & 16) as they have had games defaulted two seasons in a row on that weekend.
- The Rage are moving the team from Vermillion to Lloydminster. The team will rename to the Border City Lacrosse Association. They are working on obtaining their corporate status with the government and their own membership with the ALA. The team went under the umbrella of the Vermillion Minor Lacrosse Association for the 2018 season.

### b. South

- The teams felt they had a good season

## 10. 2018 Schedule Timeline

- a. **Start date** – April 27, 2019
- b. **End date** – July 13, 2019
- c. **Non-Playing weekends** – May Long and July Long
- d. **Days of play** (Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
- e. **Number of games in the season** – 15
- f. **Crossover Weekend** – May 24, 25 & 26, 2019 – 3 games/team – Olds/Central Alberta
- g. **Division & Team Constraints** – see attached division constraints – team constraints due mid-January

## 11. Post Season

- a. **Play Offs** – July 14, July 20 & 21, 2019
  - First place in each North and South division will be given a buy to the play off round. Teams in second and third place, in their respective divisions, will play one game on Sunday July, 14, 2018. The winner of this game will move onto the play off series against the first place team
  - Play off's will be a three game series with a full or mini game if tied 1 win apiece on Sunday July 21. One game will be played on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. If the third game (mini or full) is required it will be played 30 minutes (if full game) and 10 minutes (if mini game) following the conclusion of game number two
  - The division will seek approval from the ALA Director of High Performance to be allowed to hold a tie breaking mini-game instead of the regulated full length game

- **Motion:** Dan motioned that the division will request an exemption from the Director of High Performance. If the exemption is granted the formation for the divisional final will be a two game series with a 1 minute mini-game if needed – seconded by Leon
- b. **Provincials** – July 27 & 28, 2019
- Three game series with a full or mini game if tied 1 win apiece on Sunday July 21. One game will be played on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. If the third game (mini or full) is required it will be played 30 minutes (if full game) and 10 minutes (if mini game) following the conclusion of game number two
  - The division will seek approval from the ALA Director of High Performance to be allowed to hold a tie breaking mini-game instead of the regulated full length game
  - **Motion:** Colin motioned that the provincial final will be played as a best of 3 series. An exemption from the Director of High Performance will be requested to allow for the 3<sup>rd</sup> game to be a 10 minute mini-game, if required, to break a tie. The first game will be played on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> and games 2 and 3 will be played on Sunday, July 28, 2019 – seconded by Dan

## 12. New Business

- a. **Tournaments** – strongly encouraged, good support from the division. Dates to be held need to be prior to the officials certificates from the previous year expiring (March 31) if you are having it very early and/or not on the Uber Coaching Clinic weekend. Tracey has offered her assistance to any team who would like to host a tournament. The Mohawks would like to host the Treasure Cove Casino in the coming year/s and in order to do so they would need participation from 4 Alberta teams. As per new ALA regulations game times cannot be modified. They must be 60 minutes like a regular season game.
- There is a hope that in the future the Treasure Cove Tournament would include Alberta in their location rotation and it would eventually become a true National Championship for the Sr C division
- b. **Equipment** – see 13.J

## 13. Reg Changes, Reminders and things you should know

- a. **Affiliations** – regular season & provincial's – you can now call an affiliate during their play offs and provincials (not minor) – if at any point in the process the player, coach, commissioners, etc. do not approve you need to respect that decision
- b. **Post Game Admin Work** – make sure your game sheets, ref evaluations and game stats are entered on time. Tracey will no longer chase you for them. You will get one reminder, once in the beginning of the season that they are due/late, administrative fines will

*be applied after that. If you need an extension it is up to you to ask for it. It is a waste of volunteer resources to be continually sending nagging emails*

- c. **Invoicing and Payments** – *you receive email notice of all invoicing coming your way (franchise certificates, end of season ref mileage and per diem, fines). Please ensure they are paid on time. There are teams in other divisions that owe significant amounts of money to the RMLL. We cannot complain about them going unpaid if there are some of you with invoices that are not being paid on time.*
- d. **Body Corporate** – *last night John did a presentation on how to maintain your body corporate status. A soft-copy will be made available for you to review. If you are not the only team under your body corporate you are responsible for the finances of the others. If any one team under your status is placed in bad standing it affects all of the other teams as they too are placed in bad standing.*
- e. **Game Sheet App** – *do you want to use the game sheet app? You can download it from the RMLL website*
- f. **Coaching – PD Points** – *coaches need to accrue 20 points over a 5 year period in order for your certifications to be valid. Be sure to go in and list any courses you have taken as well as each year you coach. The Super Coaching clinic is worth several points, however, we are still unsure as to how many points it is worth. Some coaches may be falling behind and will find they have to start over come next year*
- g. **Super/Uber Clinic** – *April 5, 6 & 7, 2019 in Okotoks – the RMLL has set aside funds to assist with accommodations for coaches who are more than 100kms away from the venue*
- h. **Team Events** – *this no longer means clinics and camps. It also applies to fund raisers and any event organized for your team – BBQ, pub night, etc*
- i. **Minor Provincial's** – *July 10-14, 2019 in Calgary*
- j. **Equipment – helmets/facemasks** – *make sure your players are compliant as this will be highlighted by the CLA to the officials*
- k. **Exhibition Games**
  - *Ref Fee's - two divisions – to be paid at the rate for the higher division*
  - *Game times – all games must be played as per regular game lengths – no changes*
  - *Number of players on the bench – cannot exceed 18/2*
- l. **RMLL Casino** – *April 23 & 24, 2019 at Casino Calgary*

14. **Adjournment** – 2:45pm