



## 2018 Senior B Commissioner's Report

The 2018 season was my first as Commissioner and it was busy learning all the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and getting to know various members of the division. The learning curve was steep, but in the end there were very few hiccups. Past Commissioner Shauna Sterparn was very helpful and gracious with her time, which allowed a fairly smooth transition on my part.

There were a number of discipline issues throughout the season: three Match penalties, five Gross Misconducts, one 3<sup>rd</sup> Man In, one team administrative fine, and two forfeits by the Blackfalds Silverbacks.

Overall the league is stable, two franchises are sticking to their debt repayment plans with the RMLL. Competitively the Miners once again were very strong, the middle grouping of the teams is overall very competitive as rebuilds are coming along for many franchises. Blackfalds struggled fielding a full line up for many games and it reflected in the results of the games. The Raiders are slowly rebuilding and suffered a hiccup with an incident that led to their coach being suspended for a third of the season. He is no longer with the team, and we expect a much more positive atmosphere around the team with their new coaching staff coming in.

The St. Albert Miners once again dominated, dropping only 1 regular season game, their first regular season loss in three seasons. The play-offs saw first round match ups of the Rockyview Knights vs Calgary Mountaineers and Miners vs Edmonton Warriors. The Mountaineers prevailed in 4 games, and the Miners swept the Warriors in three games. In provincial play-offs the Miners swept the Mountaineers three games straight.

The President's Cup was held in Nanaimo, B.C. I attended as Commissioner and have a report on the event attached.

At the President's Cup, the St. Albert Miners beat the hometown Nanaimo Timbermen in an overtime thriller 10-8 capturing their third consecutive championship. This is only the third time in the history of the President's Cup that there's been a three-peat, the last time in 1988.

Yours truly,

Norm Shaw  
Senior B Commissioner