



2019 Executive Director Report

The function of the Executive Director is to carry out the administrative support of the RMLL on behalf of the Executive. Although a volunteer position, this role is a full-time job for all twelve months of the year.

2019 was a hectic season but less challenging than the 2018 season. From implementing the new website and migrating over to the new website through, Graduating Midget communications, Graduating Midget Sessions, combines, implementing revised Franchise Certificate process to meet body corporate requirements, revising accounting implications of body corporates, implementing RAMP registration for players, to the number of Senior B, Senior C and Jr. A teams, creating the RMLL schedule, to the export of the schedule to Arbiter, the resignation of the Sr. Women's Commissioner and the Administration required for the Super Coaching Clinic., the first four months of 2019 flew by.

The Graduating Midget "welcome" documents were posted to the RMLL website January 12 and this year included the RMLL RAMP Intent-to-Play instructions. Copies of the documents were handed out to everyone attending the North and South Information Sessions.

We again held our North and South Graduating Midget Information Sessions. The North Session was held in Edmonton on Wednesday January 9 at the Central Lions Senior Rec. Centre. The South Session was held in Calgary on Friday, January 11 at the Acadia Recreation Centre.

Once again, the RMLL held our North and South Junior Combines. Online Registration was used again for the both Combines. The North Combine was also held on Saturday, January 26 at Servus Place in St. Albert. Forty-three players registered of which four were goalies. The South Combine was held on Saturday, February 2 at the Scotiabank Saddledome in Calgary. Eighty-four players attended which included eight goalies.

The RMLL Super Coaching Clinic was held on the weekend of April 5, 6 and 7 in Okotoks. Fifty-nine coaches registered for the Clinic of which nineteen attended for further information and forty attended for their Competitive Introduction Course. This year the RMLL paid for the accommodations for eighteen coaches attending the Clinic who resided a hundred or more kms outside of Okotoks.

Currently all fifty-nine Alberta RMLL Franchises are under a body corporate. Hopefully all will complete their annual filings and will remain compliant in the 2020 season. New applications for an Alberta Franchise must now include a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation or a copy of their annual filing.

The ALA again used RAMP as their Registration System. This year we implemented a new process where the player paid their ALA Player Registration Fee directly to the ALA when they completed their RAMP Intent-to-Play. This process worked out extremely well. Alberta RMLL Franchise Holders are no longer invoiced this fee at the end of Season. There were only a handful of duplicate registrations which were easily identified and sent to the ALA issue refunds. The additional benefit was all players who participated in tryouts, practices and/or games but who were not on a final roster at the end of the Season were registered in the ALA Registration System.

	RAMP	Registered	Unassigned
	Registered	2019 Team	2019
	15-Jul-19	End of Season	End of Season
Jr. Male	813	766	47
Jr. Ladies	165	156	9
Sr. Male	439	408	31
Sr. Ladies	96	92	4
Total	1513	1422	91

Unfortunately, due to the unique nature of the RMLL, the registration of coaches, managers, trainers and executive did not run smoothly. However, the good news is that going through the process this year, we now know what is required from coaches, trainers and managers for us to be able to assign them to their various franchises and roles. In 2020, coaches, trainers and managers will be able to register in RAMP at the same time as players. However, the registration of executive is still an issue. Hopefully, we'll be able to resolve this as at planned meeting with the ALA and RAMP in the next couple of months. Going forward, the ALA will still invoice the Franchise Holders at the end of the season the ALA Registration Fee for coaches, trainers, managers and executive.

Ongoing administration included such activities as New Team Franchise Requests, scheduling constraints, rosters and bench Personnel, Division transactions, Sr. B Jr. A and Jr. B Tier XX Man Protected Lists, game changes, reports, invoicing and collections, monthly financial reporting, bond tracking, Regulation revisions, management reports, etc.

Contracts included Hartzler Enterprises for bookkeeping, SportzSoft for the RMLL System and website and the City of Calgary for the RMLL arena.

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