



## 2019 AGM Jr. Ladies Planning Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting called to order 9:05 am**

- Round table introductions
- Additions to the agenda: constraints, NAIG games, survey monkey review.
- Don motion to approve and Brooke second.
- Planning minutes were motion by Brooke and seconded by Natalie.
- Tammy let her name stand as Commissioner.

### **-New team applications:**

Red Deer brought forward an application for a Jr Ladies team. Red Deer Jr ladies team would have 22 girls committed to playing for the 2020 season.

Lacoka is building their female program and Mike Wood; the new president of Red Deer feels that he will be able to grow the girls program. The Jr team has the numbers for stability moving forward for the next 4-5 years. Although concerned about the retention of the team, we agreed that there is no guarantee as to whether any females will participate year to year.

The overall application was thorough and the Jr division decided to grant Red Deer a team. There will be a few players impacted from the Saints and Silvertips. They will be exercising their option to return to Red Deer since they now have a team. The mention about these players was that the current coaching staff knows that the commitment was a huge one and are glad the players are continuing to play.

However, they would have appreciated an email or a phone call before these players were actually approached as a courtesy.

We were happy to welcome Red Deer and wish them success.

The second application we received was from the Beaumont Raiders. Unfortunately, we were not able to grant the Raiders a Jr Ladies team at this time since 11 of the proposed players belong to the Capital Region Saints. The Beaumont Raiders are building a strong female program and will continue to develop. We asked them to come back next season with an application, as they have a large amount of midget girls graduating next season.

At this point, the Raiders are in the Saints boundaries and allowing Beaumont to have a team would have left the Saints with a very small roster.

The Saints are aware that they need to start recruiting girls from the Edmonton area as Beaumont is looking forward to growing their program and should be rewarded in the future for the hard work that they are doing .

-Teams were notified that they must have their Franchise Certificate paid by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

-Teams were reminded that their Body Corporate must file annually. They were all aware that this was necessary.

- A review of the RMLL System and all team events being entered was reiterated.

-Coaching certificates and PD points we mentioned. All head coaches are up-to-date with their coaching and will continue working with their assistant coaches to ensure they are on track. They are also aware that they need to have a certified female coach on the bench at all games.

-There was a reminder of using the live game stats for every game. This must be filled out before the game sheets are sent. In addition, the game sheets and referee reports must be emailed to Christine, Amanda and myself within 24 hours.

-The regular season will start April 24 & end on June 26/2020

-The Jr Ladies will play 16 games and interlock with the Sr Women, excluding the Red Deer Rage.

-The Okotoks Raiders will be the hosts for the 2020 Jr Ladies provincials. The provincials will be taking place July 3-5th. Despite the fact that this is the first stampede weekend and costs are high, the division chose to play earlier in July instead of the last weekend of July.

-The new regulation 28.14 will allow affiliates to play in the Jr Ladies provincials even if their team is not finished regular season or provincials. However, affiliates must play for their team first if games conflict.

-At the time of the meeting, the registration insurance was not increased however at the ALA AGM, the membership voted to accept the budget that allowed for a \$5 increase per person. This will be added to registrants in RAMP.

-The Division is aware that the default fines have gone up to \$1000 first game, \$1500 second game and \$2000 for the third game as well as suspension from the division.

-The affiliation process was discussed and the division will follow the proper protocol, however does believe that it is a little excessive. The coaches are aware to send the completed affiliation requests to me and to proceed with the player as long as I am notified.

-Teams will strive to get their players pictures on the website by the April 26th and that rosters are due that same day. (April 26th)

- Retention was discussed and each team was encouraged to think about and put into action a retention plan. They were asked to share what they will be doing. I

have asked them to reach out to Brooke if they need some ideas as her program has grown significantly due to her hard work on the ground.

The Jr Ladies Titans feel that they will be short a number of players this season and believe they will have a 12-person roster. Neither of the other two north teams were prepared to change the boundaries. The Drillers are expected to have a number of players turning out for their tryouts and possible cuts will have to be made. The Drillers have ensured that they will guide the players over to the Sherwood Park Titans to help with their numbers for the season.

-Heather Greenan from the Silvertips will be our discipline representative for the Jr Ladies with Don Turner from the Okotoks Raiders being back up.

-The division decided not to change the borders for the 2020 season. We will revisit throughout the season and decide at the next planning session how we will move forward.

-The NAIG team has asked for our assistance in playing exhibition games throughout the season to prepare them for nationals in Halifax. The teams have all agreed to do so. These games will be put on our schedule.

-Constraints were discussed and teams were told to request only what is necessary as a constraint. The shortage of referees and floor time is a huge issue and we must be more flexible with scheduling.

-A survey was sent out to the Jr Ladies, which we reviewed. It was great to hear from the players and we accommodated the wishes to the best of our ability.

4:10 Meeting was concluded. Motioned By Dean and seconded by Don.