

2020 Junior B Tier 1 Planning Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2019

- 1) Mike Fynn called the meeting to order
- 2) Introductions by attendees – all teams in attendance
- 3) Additions to the Agenda – Larry Bishop Memorial Tournament
- 4) Motion by Terry to accept 2020 Planning Meeting Agenda
 - Seconded by Angela
 - 2020 Agenda accepted and passed
- 5) Motion by Dave to accept 2019 minutes
 - Seconded by Donnie
 - Minutes accepted and passed
- 6) Commissioner Election
 - Rebels nominated Mike Fynn for Commissioner
 - Seconded by the Marauders
 - All in favor, motion passed and accepted
- 7) Promotions:
 - South Graduating U16 night Friday, January 3, 7:00 – 9:00 Acadia Rec Center
 - North Graduating U16 night Friday, January 10, 7:00 – 9:00 Central Lions Hall
 - South Combine at Saddledome Saturday, **February 8**- any player in attendance will receive a ticket to the Roughnecks game that evening
 - North Combine at Servus Centre Saturday, January 25
 - Minor Provincials held in Calgary July 12-14, 2020
 - Mike will check into ALA to setting up coaching clinics for mid-June for anyone still needing points- **The last available coaches meeting will be in May thru the CDLA in Calgary, need more info for the rest of teams.**
- 8) Draft Dates
 - Junior A – February 10, 2020
 - Junior B South – Marauders to Host February 12
 - Junior B North – February 8
 - Junior B Central – Olds and Red Deer February 12
- 9) Coaching Development
 - Motion by Dave regarding Survey sent by ALA to players should have involved RMLL
 - Seconded by James
 - Accepted and Passed
 - Most Coaching staff did not see this survey and would have liked input and would like to see the results
 - Super Coaching April 3-5, 2020, coaches need to ensure they have their points and are certified for playoffs, accommodations covered for those who live out of town
- 10) Game Day
 - Much discussion around Referees and the lack of and those refs who are best to ref playoffs
 - Need retain and support refs
 - Home team must supply 20 balls to the visiting team

- Ref evaluations must be done – there is an electronic version on the website but then it isn't sent in with the Game sheet
- All teams must have an EAP in place. There is a new form on the RMLL website that is to be downloaded and used.
- RMLL System Team Events must be update for every team event
- 4 call up players per game maximum

11) Schedule

- 10 Home Games and 10 Away Games
- Regular Season will start April 26, 2020
- Must play 4 games between July 1 -15. RMLL ruling to ensure teams are not stacked
- Trade Deadline is July 1, 2020
- Send all Blackout dates to Christine by November 30, 2019
- Teams to Winnipeg – Crude and Warriors
- Teams to Saskatoon and Regina – Mounties and Cudas
- Larry Bishop Memorial Host is the Marauders on August Long Weekend
 - i. 2 options discussed – Top 2 teams best of 5 and top 3 teams best of 3. A vote was held and the decision was to leave status quo – best of 3
- Division Operating Policy – Christine is currently working on and will send out to all teams before Christmas

12) Founders Cup 2019

- Hosted by Brampton August 9 – 16, 2020
- Kevin will look into booking tickets. He will book from Calgary or Edmonton, depending on where the tickets are cheaper from.
- There are funds available from the interest on the RMLL account to pay for a bus if the team travelling needs to get to a different city for the flight
- RMLL pays for the deposits on hotels and flights and then is reimbursed by the team

13) ALRA

- Ref evaluation forms are mandatory
- CLA is working on having all provinces have consistent Refing
- Trey suggested with coaches and refs have a pregame meeting 15 minutes before the game to see what Refs will be looking for in the game
- Can this be implemented in RMLL? Mike and Christine will talk to RIC – David.
- Referee Mentorship needed to retain Refs
- Christine presented the spreadsheet on how fees for Refs were split between teams
- Regina has concerns with paying for Alberta teams as their fees are extremely high as their Refs travel
- Motion from Regina Barracudas to opt out of sharing travel costs for Alberta refs. Seconded by Jason. Motion Passed

14) Equipment

- All nets must now be replaced with black mesh
- All equipment but be CLA approved

15) Operating Policy

- This will be send out by December. There will be a conference call to ratify the policies so they are implemented for 2020 season. This is for Jr B Tier 1 exclusively.
- Any suggestions that may benefit Tier 1, please send to Christine as soon as possible
- Any applications for Tier 1 – these teams must play exhibition games before they are accepted to ensure they are competitive

16) Old Business

- Motion from the Mike if the cost difference on the flights for Founders is within \$20 to book cheapest flights to Toronto. 7 teams are South and 4 are North. Terry seconded this motion. Accepted.
- Travel to be discussed every year based on the location of Founders
- Discussion from Terry whether Winnipeg can host the Larry Bishop Memorial. They would need to have families willing to come to Alberta to host. Teams agreed this is fine
- Motion by Terry to get into the rotation of hosting the Larry Bishop tournament on Alberta soil. Seconded by Mike. Accepted.
- Blizz and SWAT will come back with a proposal with plans for hosting a successful tournament in Alberta
- Mike talked to Jesse Fehr with replacing Provincials with Larry Bishop. Who would cover costs for trophy, banners, and medals? ALA does not contribute to the Memorial tournament. RMLL has budgeted for this. **Will have a final decision on Jan.18/19 at the ALA regulation meeting.**

17) RMLL Invoices

- All invoices must be paid timely. If an etransfer for an invoice is sent to RMLL (Earl Caron's personal email), an email must first be sent to 3 board members referencing what the payment is for. Once this has been approved, Earl will then accept the etransfer

18) New Business

- Social Media from some team accounts has proven to show poor sportsmanship and venting. Anything on team accounts must be positive, proactive and promote the game.
- Code of Conduct Policy – anything derogatory could result in disciplinary action
- RMM and ALA have guidelines for communicating on social media. Can only discipline team, players, coaches, manager, trainer or minor official. Cannot discipline family members. Please ensure all communication on social media is positive
- Teams can take action to control parents which is an internal matter
- Discussion to do away with "B" in Tier 1. Can we make a new patch for Tier 1? Concerns over divisions with everyone having their own logos and website. We are here to promote on floor talent. "B" will be left in Tier 1
- Christine informed teams that a picture should be uploaded of all players into the RMLL website
- The RMLL executive will always advocate for all teams to the ALA. All minutes from ALA minutes are on the website
- Ensure team proxies are done for the ALA meeting if not attending

- Terry Dokken had formed a subcommittee last year to promote Jr. B. Would like Awards for Best Player and Best Goalie per division. Response was lacking and he would like this revisited.

Webcasting

- Dave (Rebels) discussed how they have been webcasting all of their games. They ran cable to the router to hard wire to ensure good signal. City of Fort Saskatchewan helped out and helped make possible. The cost was \$2850. The Broadcaster runs on 12 ounce sports. The average viewers is 105 per game. 27 people listening to Internet Radio.
- This is boosting their attendance and their social media. The Broadcaster may run a podcast. Sponsorship can be sold.
- Amateur sports TV in Winnipeg was \$1500 for Founders.
- Dave and Trey will look into further to see if there is one platform for all teams.
- Currently live streaming – Crude, Chill (some games), SWAT, Blizzard and Rebels.
- Mike made a proposal to have teams see if their arena has Wi-Fi and for live streaming capability. Mandate to be done February 1, 2020.
- Dave will send out further information.

19) Meeting adjourned by Mike Fynn.