

Treasurers Report – 2020 Season (the one that wasn't)

As the 2020 year comes to an end I am sitting here trying to think about what to write that could even attempt to do justice to the “season that wasn’t”. As this insidious virus sweeps the world the RMLL was not able to sidestep its path and we ended up cancelling the entire 2020 season. One might think that’s it then, no season, no costs. Unfortunately, that is not reality. The league incurs a number of costs before the season even starts. Our AGM, which was held last November, is the first large cost event we encountered for the 2020 season (our year-end is September 30th). We also had a number of scheduling commitments not the least of which were the January midget showcases in both Edmonton and Calgary.

The 2020 year also saw the demise of one of our Sr. B franchises. The Calgary Raiders folded their operations and with it the RMLL had to write-off \$4,000 in bad debt. The Raiders ran into financial troubles approximately 4 years ago. We worked with the team and they were able to repay over \$4,000 of the original debt however they could not overcome their current situation. We currently have another club in a similar situation as the Raiders were in last year. At this time we do not believe these amounts are uncollectible however we are watching the situation closely, a situation not made any easier in the era of COVID.

Notwithstanding all of the negative events of the year we can say the league is in a relatively comfortable financial position. We do have some money in the bank thanks, in large part to our casino licence, which will allow us to restart the 2021 season. With respect to the casino licence, we had expected another one in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020 however this has been pushed back and the AGLC will let us know when our new date will be. We expect at least a 12 month delay however the final date will be dependent on how the province deals with COVID.

As in years past I conclude with my thanks to all the volunteers of our members. I ask you all, for the sake of your game, to keep the faith. We will all rebound from this virus and will once again be having fun out on the floor. In addition, as I do almost every year, I would like to give special thanks the Board of Directors for their efforts to help steer the RMLL. Thank you Chris for the countless hours keeping everything organized and running. Thank you John for being the brains behind dissecting our policies and bylaws. Thank you Duane for your leadership and representing us at the ALA level and thank you to everyone else for being the glue for all your divisions.

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Treasurer