



**RMLL Executive Planning Meeting  
Friday October 1, Saturday October 2, and Thursday October 7 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Duane Bratt, Greg Lintz, Earl Caron, Chris Thielen, Norm Shaw (parttime), Tracey Haining, Sean Aggus, Jason Crook, Pat Hanson, Alex Traboulay, John Tyrrell, Greg Hart and David Westwood (Saturday parttime)

**1. Call to Order**

7:05 PM

**2. Quorum**

Met

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Sean: To approve Agenda.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat

**Carried**

**4. Approval of 2020 Planning Minutes**

**Motion** by Sean: To approve the 2020 Planning Meeting Minutes.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl

**Carried**

**5. Chris Letendre Memorial Tournament – Rob Letendre**

Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Memorial Tournament to held in Chris's name.  
September 2023.

Ask of RMLL:

To post Mental Health and Awareness banner on RMLL Website

RMLL teams to include Mental Health and Awareness banner in their Programs and on their websites.

To promote Tournament

**6. ALA Sept. BoD Update**

Productive weekend.

Small group. Only ALA Executive Member left is John Kilbride.

Budget:

Minor income 75% of 2019 income

RMLL Jr. Male income 90% of 2019 income

RMLL Sr. Male income 65% of 2019 income

RMLL Jr. Female income 75% of 2019 income

RMLL Sr. Female income 50% of 2019 income

ALA Representative back in budget for Presidents', Minto and Founders.

Includes 4 to 5 paid staff positions by the end of 2022

New ED to be hired by ALA AGM (Nov. 14)

Surplus of \$8,700.00

ALA LTAD Committee (18U) discussion held in camera. Committee will be started/restarted.

Notice received that D&O insurance coverage will be eliminated after 2022. ALA is looking for a new provider.

D&O insurance is void if ALA Member subleases to a non-sanctioned group.

## 7. ALA Bylaw, Regulation and Policy Revisions

No Bylaw or Policy revisions.

There were Regulation revisions, but no notice of what Regulation revisions were approved.

## 8. RAMP

### a. 2021 Registration

	Registered to a 2019 Team End of Season	RAMP Registered 30-Mar-20	RAMP Registered 16-Jul-21	Player Difference 2021 vs 2019
Jr. Male	814	563	744	-70
Jr. Ladies	164	132	131	-33
Sr. Male	438	153	265	-173
Sr. Women	97	27	35	-62
<b>Total</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>-338</b>

### Intent-to-Play Male Jr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
2004	203	425	Graduating 16U (2020 Season)
2003*	132	486	Graduating 16U (2019 Season)
2002	90	201	
2001	111	176	
2000	104	173	

### Intent-to-Play Female Jr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
2004	44	117	Graduating 16U (2020 Season)
2003	26	120	Graduating 16U (2019 Season)
2002	27	49	
2001	18	42	
2000	13	22	

### Intent-to-Play Male Sr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
1999	22	118	Graduating Junior (2020 Season)
1998	30	94	Graduating Junior (2019 Season)
1997	26	42	
1996	24	36	
1995	21	39	
1994 & below	142	291	

### Intent-to-Play Female Sr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
1999	7	23	Graduating Junior (2020 Season)
1998	6	20	Graduating Junior (2019 Season)
1997	0	8	
1996	1	8	
1995	1	11	
1994 & below	23	65	

Of the sixty-five (65) RMLL Franchises, forty-six (46) participated in the Return-to-Play.

<b>ASL</b>	4 out of 5 teams
<b>SR.C</b>	6 out of 9 teams
<b>Jr. A</b>	4 out of 4 teams
<b>Tier I</b>	12 out of 15 teams
<b>Tier II</b>	14 out of 20 teams
<b>Jr. L &amp; Sr. W</b>	6 out of 12 teams

#### b. Exemptions

26 requests – all approved  
Wheatland – 3 of which 2 were female  
GELC – 1  
CALL – 11  
SALA - 11

#### 9. Jr. Ladies and Sr. Women Division Proposal

**TASK:** Alex to provide written proposal re the Jr. and Sr. Female Division plans for the 2022 Season by November 1, 2021.

#### 10. New Team, Tier Change Requests & Franchise Transfers

Deadline November 1, 2021

**TASK:** Chris to post to RMLL website

#### 11. Promotion

##### a. 2005 16U Communication

Send out December 15, 2021

**TASK:** Duane and Chris to draft.

**b. 2003 & 2004 Player Communication**

Send out December 15, 2021

**TASK:** Duane and Chris to draft.

**c. 1998, 1999 and 2000 Player Communication**

Send out December 15, 2021

**TASK:** Norm and Tracey to draft.

**d. RMLL Registered Players**

Jr. Players Birth Year 2001 & 2002

Sr. Players Birth Year 1999 and prior to 1999

**TASK:** Duane and Chris

**e. North and South 2005 16U Info Session**

**South - TASK:** Chris to confirm Fri. Jan. 7, 2021 – 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Rose Hall with Kevin.

**North – TASK:** Once South is confirmed, Chris to confirm Fri. Jan. 14, 2021 with Kevin/Terry

**Central – TASK:** Once North is confirmed, Chris to confirm Thursday before North with Rampage. Tentative date, Thursday Jan. 13, 2021.

**f. North and South Jr. Combines**

**South Combine – TASK:** Duane to check with the Roughnecks to see if combine can be held on Sat. Jan. 22 as Roughnecks play Vancouver Warriors that evening.

**North Combine –** Can hold either Sat. Jan. 22 or Sat. Jan. 29 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 PM at Servus Place – Tudor Field. Format for the North Combine will be as previous years.

Format – 2 80-minute scrimmages

15-minute warm-up at start

5 periods – 14 minutes each

**TASK:** Chris to confirm with Kevin, once we know date for South Combine as due to Central players, combines should not be on the same date.

**12.2022 Nationals**

Minto Cup – Will be in ON (host/dates TBD)

Founders Cup – Brampton ON (dates TBD)

Presidents' Cup – Miners to host – August 28 to September 4

**2023 Minto** – Alberta to host.

Host Bids required by December 1, 2022.

**2025 Founders'** – AB is planning on hosting as per rotation. Host Bids are required by December 1, 2023.

**Note:** The \$2,000 travel/accommodation fund that the ALA usually gives to the AB team representing AB at Founders' and Presidents' will not be given this year as it was not in the ALA 2022 Budget.

**2022 Canada Games – August 6 to 21, 2022 – Ontario's Niagara Region**

No decision yet on restrictions for 17U players who are registered to a Jr. team other than they cannot participate in either Founders' or Minto. First priority is supposed to be to their Canada Games team.

### **2022 Minor Provincials**

Will be held in Lakeland from July 7 to July 10, 2022.

**2023 NAIG** – July 15 to 23, 2023 in Kijipuktuk, Halifax.

## **13. Development**

### **a. Super Coaching Clinic**

Will be held April 1 to April 3 – Okotoks Recreation Centre

Revised – Oct. 7 continuation of meeting – Will cancel April 1 and just hold on April 2 and 3.

Shamrocks confirmed they will play in the X Game Sat. night

**Task:** Chris to ask SWAT if they would like to play Shamrocks in the Ex Game  
Missed the July 15 deadline to request \$2,500 funding from ALA

### **Uber Clinic**

**TASK:** David to find out in ALRA will be holding the Uber Clinic in conjunction with the Super Clinic again.

### **b. Coaching Certification**

**TASK:** Chris at the end of Jan. 2022 will ask ALA to confirm coaching certification of coaches listed on RMLL Franchise Certificates.

**ALA** - Waiting for ALA to advise if 2<sup>nd</sup> year coaches who only have Community Development – In-Training need to take Comp Intro – In-Training as well as completing the floor session for Community Development, so they are Community Development Trained.

### **RMLL Coaches:**

1<sup>st</sup> year coaches need to be Community Development Trained

2<sup>nd</sup> year coaches need to be Comp Intro – In-Training

3<sup>rd</sup> year coaches need to be Comp Intro – Trained

4<sup>th</sup> year coaches need to be Comp Intro Certified (Sr. B, Jr. A and Tier I)

## **14. COVID-19**

### **a. Vaccine Passport/REP**

Commissioners will not be asked to track, players, coaches, trainers, managers, etc. vaccine status.

Franchises/Spectators will need to follow facility rules re COVID-19 restrictions and vaccination status.

### **b. RAMP Health Check App**

The RAMP APP is still mandatory.

## **15. Referees**

### **a. 2021 ALRA Invoicing**

Invoices were not e-mailed out until Oct. 16, so Franchises were given 30 days to submit payment from invoice date which was Sept. 28. As per our Regulations, this invoice is supposed to due 10 days from invoice date.

### **b. ASL – 2 Man or 3 Man**

ALRA wishes to implement 3-Man-Mechanic in 2022. However, due to potential shortage of Officials may only be able to have some games with 3-Man-Mechanic.

**c. Jr. A – 2 Man or 3 Man**

ALRA wishes to implement 3-Man-Mechanic in 2022. However, due to potential shortage of Officials may only be able to have some games with 3-Man-Mechanic.

**d. Tier I 3-Man-Mechanic**

ALRA wishes to implement 3-Man-Mechanic in 2022. However, due to potential shortage of Officials may only be able to have some games with 3-Man-Mechanic.

**e. Responsibility re Visiting Teams Entering/Exiting Floor**

Not the ALRA responsibility but the Home Franchise responsibility.

**f. Coach Referee Evaluation Form**

Will continue to use in all Divisions in the 2022 Season.

**TASK:** Commissioners to remind their Franchises that the Form must be completed by the Head Coach.

**TASK:** Chris to circulate how the info is used.

**TASK:** Chris to create new Report by Division which provides the average scores for the Division. Report will be sent out monthly.

**TASK:** Greg and David: To provide a summary/presentation of the info collected for the 2022 Season at the 2023 Planning Meeting and 2022 AGM.

**TASK:** Chris to implement an electronic version for the 2022 Season

**g. LC Box Rule Book**

**ALA:** Waiting for ALA to advise if LC is having a new Box Rule Book for the 2022 Season or if we continue to use the 2019/2020 Rule Book which was the same as the 2017/2018 Rule Book.

**16. Administration**

**a. RMLL Regulation 38.1.1.**

**TASK:** Commissioners to ensure they are following RMLL Regulation 38.1.1. when they are issuing fines and/or suspensions.

**38.1.1.** Where a game infraction occurs that is subject to a suspension and/or fine, the Division Commissioner shall forward the referee report, if one is provided, together with the Commissioner's initial position on penalty, to the affected Franchise and invite the Franchise to provide a submission or comment. If the Commissioner applies the suggested suspension and/or fine, then the Commissioner will send the standard letter to the Franchise. If the Commissioner decides to increase or decrease the suggested suspension and/or fine, then the reason or reasons must be communicated in the letter.

**TASK:** Commissioners to review their Suspension/Fine Letter templates to ensure correct RMLL Regulation # is being quoted and to ensure letter does not state to courier the payment as you cannot courier to a box number.

**TASK:** Earl to determine if e-transfer should be an option on the letter.

**b. Division Roster Deadlines**

**First Regular Season Division Game prior to May 1**– 4 days prior to the first Division Regular Season Game

**First Regular Season Game on or after May 1** – 4 days prior to May 1

**Note:** Players may be added or released from a roster if never exceeding the max roster size until the roster frozen date.

**Roster Frozen Dates:**

**Last Regular Season Division Game prior to July 1** – Frozen on last day of scheduled Regular Season Game.

**For Divisions still in Regular Season after July 1** - The last day to release a player is July 1 and only may add a player released prior to July 1 between July 1 and July 15. Rosters are frozen on July 15 at midnight.

**c. Electronic Game Sheet**

Currently the RMLL uses an electronic game and a paper game sheet. We are not yet in a position to eliminate the paper game sheet.

**d. RMLL Tournament 4v4 Option**

**TASK:** Chris and John to draft a new Regulation under the RMLL Tournament Regulation to allow a 4v4 game play option.

**e. Winter League**

On September 24, the ALA asked if we had any concerns with the approval of the Miners 4v4 League.

The info on the ALA Sanctioning Event Form is very vague. All it contains is Box 4v4 which is not listed as an option on the Form. Date is Oct. 4, 2021 to Jan. 31, 2022. Level is Jr. and Jr. Ladies. Does not mention Sr. although e-mail alludes to Sr.. Arena is Beaumont Recreation and Sports Centre.

Does tampering not apply?

Are Franchises holding the rights to these players okay with this?

Are Referees required for a 4v4 League?

Are the teams mixed female and male or separate female and male teams?

**Motion by Greg:** The RMLL is very supportive of activities that deepen engagement around lacrosse and expand the playing into non-traditional calendar months. In order for us to support this specific initiative we just need clarity on a series of questions.

2<sup>nd</sup> by John

**Carried**

**f. Commissioner Action Items**

-Confirm Franchises for 2022 Season

Sr. B, Jr. A & Tier I – 2022 Protected List – size, increase from what date to what date?

**TASK:** Commissioners to provide all required Division info by Nov. 30 (Division Planning Meeting Minutes, Division Scheduling Constraints, Draft Dates, etc.), so communications can be drafted and sent out by December 15 and website can be updated with 2022 Season info.

**17. Executive Reports**

Missing reports from Vice President, Executive Director, Treasurer, ASL Commissioner, and Development Commissioner.

**TASK:** Duane, Sean and John are sending revised reports.

## **18. Rebels Funding Request (23K) – Dave McGarva**

One time \$500 request to assist with Tier I Pod Cast

## **19. Communication/Press Release Protocol**

**Motion by Chris:** To accept Communication Policy as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl

**Carried**

## **20. Kelly Mitchell Recognition**

**TASK:** Norm to discuss with the ASL Division to determine if their MVP or Offensive Payer Award could be named in recognition of Kelly Mitchell.

Would be a RMLL ASL Award and the award handed out annually would be a RMLL expense.

## **21. Casino**

The RMLL Casino is currently scheduled for Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 in Calgary. Earl will send out request for volunteers in January 2022.

## **22. 50/50**

**Tabled** – Earl is still investigating.

## **23. Paid Commissioners**

Could only pay Commissioners if RMLL was restructured.

## **24. Financials**

### **a. 2021 Franchise Fee**

**Motion by John:** The 2021 Franchise Fee for the Return-to-Play will be set at \$0.00 for all RMLL Franchises.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat

**Carried**

### **b. Contingency Fund**

At the 2020 AGM our Franchises asked us to work towards having a extra funds to cover a full years operating expense.

2017 expenses - \$152,442.89

2018 expenses - \$153,489.09

2019 expenses - \$159,094.24

Average over the 3 years is \$155,000.

An annual contingency fund fee of \$200 per Franchise, based on 65Franchises, would bring in \$13,000. Thus in 13 years would have \$155,000.

**Motion by Earl:** To create an annual contingency fund fee of \$200.00 per Franchise which would be invoiced as a separate item on the Franchise Fee invoice starting in 2022.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris

**Carried**

**TASK:** Chris and John to draft the new RMLL Regulation

### **c. Commissioners and Nationals**



Will not include Sr. B, Jr. A and Tier I Commissioner expenses to attend Presidents, Minto and Founders in RMLL Budget as in ALA Budget for Representatives and advised the Commissioners will be the ALA Representatives.  
Will include in the Budget, the expenses for the Tier II Commissioner to attend the Jack Riley Tournament.

**d. 2022 Division Additional Franchise Invoice Fees**

**e. 2022 Presidents' Cup Travel Fund**

**Tabled** as Norm was not present for this discussion.

**f. Bonds**

**Motion by Sean:** Due to Miners Sr.C one default in 2018, their \$1,000 Refundable Application Bond will be kept for the 2022 Season and if no defaults in 2022 and in good standing will be refunded at the end of the 2022 Season.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracey

**Carried**

**g. 2021 Financial Statements**

**h. RMLL and ALA AR Summaries**

**i. 2022 Budget**

Unable to hold South Combine at Saddledome.

**TASK:** Chris to explore other options like the Regional Field House.

Super Clinic now just Sat. and Sun. Fee \$150 for further info and \$200 for Comp Intro. RMLL unable to pick-up hotel accommodation expenses for Minor coaches.

Larry Bishop is now the ALA Tier I Provincial Round, so since a Tournament Style, ALA will pick-up expenses for ALRA assigning fee, Referee game fees, Referee mileage, Referee per diem and Referee hotel expenses.

**Motion by Sean:** To keep the \$32,120.00 as deferred income for the 2022 Season.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex

**Carried**

**TASK:** Chris to complete the Budget, send to the Executive for comments and then send to the Executive for ratification.

**j. 2022 Franchise Fee**

**25. RMLL Planning Meeting and AGM**

**a. RMLL AGM**

**b. Elections**

**TASK:** Given revised Bylaws now in effect, Chris to ask John who is up for election at the 2021 AGM.

**c. Division Planning Meetings**

**d. Division Agendas**

**e. Division Minutes**

**f. Division Scheduling Constraints**

**26. Executive Meeting After AGM**

Will hold after the AGM.

**27. ALA AGM**

**28. New Business**

**29. Next Meeting**

**30. Adjourn**

**Motion by Sean:** To adjourn meeting at 7:49 pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracey

**Carried**