

2022 Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League AGM

ASL 2023 Planning Session

Saturday Nov 26, 2022, 09:00 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to order. 9:32 AM, attendees: Geoff Wright Rebels, Darren Kinnear Miners, John Kilbride Mounties, Rob Forgrave Outlaws, Keith Berg Knights
2. Adopt Agenda, Added items 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20.
3. Review/Accept 2022 Minutes. Approved
4. Business Arising from 2022 Minutes. None to note.
5. Business Arising from 2022 Season. Confirmed protected list expands to 50 names pre-draft then drops back to 40 names for season.
6. LC Proposed Fee Increases. No longer a proposal this was passed at the 2022 LC SAGM last week. A \$6 increase for players in the 2024 season plus another \$5 increase in the 2025 season for a total of \$11 increase by LC, this increase will show up on the Ramp intent to play registration for players. Coaches LC fee increase is the full amount of \$15 for 2024 season this will be billed to teams by ALA as usual for their bench staff yearly.
7. Coach Certifications. Every Coach needs to do a double check of their coaching certifications.
8. Draft vs Recruitment Model. The group was not against a recruitment model but agreed it would need much more discussion and a formalized plan and could not be implemented for 3-5 years as every team would need time to let traded draft picks be utilized and have the ability to plan for the implementation of a recruitment model, draft stays the same for 2023 season dates proposed by Norm are okay with the group, North draft is hosted by Rebels (needs to be confirmed) South we are not sure who's turn it is to host but the south teams are okay with a Zoom draft night.
- *If Necessary* 2023 Draft Dates:
North Wednesday February 10
South Thursday February 16
9. League Awards – voting processes moving forward, Group has added a rookie of the year award we all agreed this was a miss for this year, (this award will not be named after anyone)

Nominations for I award will be done right after the regular season ends. teams cannot nominate anyone from their own team for the player awards, (League MVP, Rookie of the year, Offensive player of the year, Defensive player of the year, Goalie of the year or Coach of the year). Nominations for community builder, Volunteer of the year and Lifetime MVP must include a small Bio along with the nominations. Voting for these awards will be done during the first round of playoffs and the awards will be announced / presented during the provincial finals Game 3 or 4.
10. Live Streaming. Streaming is the next level for our League, the group is very interested in it but we all run on very tight budgets and can't afford most options or find the volunteers to implement ourselves, we would encourage streaming over the broadcast model, IF the RMLL can find a broadcast or streaming model that is no coast to the teams we would support, until then each team will continue what they are currently doing or not doing.
11. 2023 Schedule. We will increase from 12 games to 14 games for 2023 season, the travel will stay the same as 2022 for 2023 season the extra games will be between the reginal teams. IE Knights / Mounties will play each other 5 times and the 3 north teams 3 times each, North teams will play each other 4 times each and the south teams 3 times each.
12. 2021 Season Constraints Season to start last weekend in April and end 3rd weekend in July, Rebel are attending tournament in Parag as usual so they will have a later season start date and will have a condensed schedule because of it. Rebels seemed to be only North team interested in traveling to Calgary during stampede in July for games Miners and Outlaws asked to not do this, Knights and Mounties also do not wish to travel to Edmonton during stampede for games. IE the season should finish off with mor reginal games schooled and try our best to not have travel north or south.
13. RIC Report. No report provided by ALRA!!! Jack Sylvan for th ALRA joined our meeting mid-morning, we talked about the 3-man system, all teams asked for a formal notification as to when they have a 3-man game scheduled so we can have the proper funds for payment. The group all agreed that we didn't see jr officials in Sr B games that had the 3-man system when done was usually always with 3 very seasoned Officials calling the games, this doesn't not meet the selling point or development of JR officials that the ALRA stated as the reason for the 3-man system. Jack did point out that the top end officials of the RMLL are also trying to get WLA games and NLL contracts so them working a 3-man system is development for the Sr officials, which our division was okay with. We are okay continuing with limited 3-man games max 3 per team during the season. All in all, we thought the majority of our games were officiated well, not matter how many officials were working the games.
14. New Business-Open Discussion
15. Election of Commissioner. Norm Shaw let his name stand, no other names were proposed so Norm was acclaimed as commissioner.
16. RMLL asked for a division rep to attend an Officials review process committee, Keith Berg will attend this committee for the ASL.
17. RMLL asked for a division rep to attend a marketing and communications committee, John Kilbride will attend this committee for the ASL
18. Commissioner honorariums, ASL teams are okay with this suggestion, but every RMLL should put in the same total \$\$ if this needed t happen, we would ask the RMLL to formalize a proposal for review as each division is different in Number of teams, time commitments etc. Also, how would this effect RMLL bylaws and nonprofit rule, IE a paid member can't vote at meeting.
19. 3-man system for officials. We agreed that this agenda item was covered when Jack joined our meeting earlier in the morning
- 20 NLL style rules. we will follow official LC rules, no one wants to play one set of rules in Alberta then have to switch back to LC rules when attending Nationals. We would support the NLL style of rule changes as long as it came from LC
16. Adjournment 12:35PM