## MINUTES OF ALBERTA JUNIOR A LACROSSE 2023 PLANNING MEETING

November 26,2022 Calgary Delta South

In Attendance: Duane Bratt (Mounties); AJ Jomha (Miners); Randy Trobak (SWAT); Jesse Fehr, Mitch Bannister; Ryan McBride (Raiders). Greg Lintz (Acting Commissioner).

- 1. Meeting called to order at 9:05 and agenda approved with additions from RMLL Planning Meeting.
- 2. Lengthy discussion about refereeing and the relationship between league and ALRA. Desire to be more of a partnership than employer-employee relationship. Concerns about calls and issues are submitted but feedback never received or communicated. Responsibility for issues surrounding the game such as operational shot clock. Discussion about debriefing by referees returning from national championships. The meeting was joined by Carmen from the ALRA and discussion about appointing an ALRA rep to the Junior A division. Further discussion about scheduling regular zoom meetings with Junior A teams and those refs doing Junior A games to review clips and points of emphasis.
- 3. Season review. Generally, the new rules (such as 8 second rule) discussed and generally positive reviews. The crease rule was discussed.
- 4. Streaming. The Alberta teams expressed general satisfaction with HN Live in Alberta. The SWAT will continue with their provider in Saskatchewan.

Usage numbers: Regular season total 545 viewers X 17\$ =

Playoffs total 626 viewers X 17\$

Cost was \$5000.00 per team.

The Alberta teams agreed to continue with HN Live for this year.

5. Discussion about unexpected cost of flights for Minto Cup. Unexpected extra \$7000.00 hit per team.

ACTION ITEM: Flights to Minto.

Date to Book early. Duane and Christine and Commissioner to ensure flights (25 plus 6 staff) booked early.

MOTION: Moved by Duane Seconded by Randy, that Teams will each pay \$3,000.00 in 2023 towards cost of travel to Minto in BC in 2024. CARRIED.

6. Schedule. Kelly has a draft of schedule for circulation and approval. Pre-season tournament in Calgary, April 22 and 23, 2023.

- ACTION ITEM #2: SWAT has requested the Raiders to switch their two games scheduled for May 13 and 14 2023 in Saskatoon to the May long weekend to coincide with minor tournament. Raiders agree to consider request and advise.
- 8. AWARDS: the league has instituted awards in the past for MVP, Defense, goalie, rookie and others but has not awarded them since 2019. Agree to award these at draft for this season. Next season at end of year. Coaches vote. Duane is to ask Sean Aggus for his sheet.
- 9. Website. Agreed website is ok but needs to be updated more regularly. Updating and live scoring issue tabled to next meeting. Content on our website and directing people to our website. Up to date scoring? Goaltender stats? Perhaps work with HN live to post shot stats,
- 10. ACTION ITEM: Find out who has the domain name for Alberta Junior A Lacrosse. We need to dismantle junior A site and stay with RMLL site.
- 11. Player's head shot photos should be up on website by July 1.
- 12. Discussion of relationship with BC and Ontario lacrosse and discussion of Canada wide league or adoption of common rule. Generally, Ontario is enthusiastic about discussing these issues-BC is less so.
- 13. There was a brief discussion about adding a second team in Edmonton. AJ advised that he is aware of the issue and of a couple of potential people to operate another team.
- 14. OPERATING POLICY: Duane's 2013 draft is last version. Forward any ideas or changes to commissioner by end of December. Duane is going to do something with this.
- 15. DRAFT: February 13th 7 pm at Acadia.
- 16. Ryan McBride agrees to be Junior A representative to RMLL Marketing and Communications Ad Hoc Committee.
- 17. Travis Getz agrees to be on the referee evaluation form committee.
- 18. Discussion of potential names for new commissioner. Discussion of honorarium for Commissioner tabled.
- 19. Next Meeting. January 22, 2023 at 2 pm by Webex or Zoom. ADJOURNED 3:45 PM.