

**RMLL Senior C  
Planning Meeting  
November 26, 2022  
Calgary, Alberta**

**Attendance:** Kris Melhus (Airdrie Mohawks), David Jones (Calgary Irish), Ryan Luedtke (Border City Rage), Stu Jobb (Edmonton Warriors), Collin Lampard (Blackfalds Silverbacks), Brad Everson (Calgary Bears), Andy Sweetman (Mount View Stingers) and Melinda Campbell (Senior C Commissioner).

1. **Call to Order – TIME:** 9:25 a.m.
2. **Approval of 2022 Planning Meeting Agenda.** Motion: To approve agenda as presented. Stu Jobb/David Jones, carried
3. **Approval of 2021 Planning Meeting Minutes, October 30, 2021.** Motion: To approve minutes as presented. Kris Melhus/Andy Sweetman, carried
4. **Commissioner Report:** The report filed at the RMLL Executive Planning Meeting was distributed. See attached.
5. **New Team Applications**
  - a. **Lethbridge 2024** – Just an FYI as Lethbridge has inquired about adding a SrC team in 2024. Questions raised were regarding their reliability, travel issues and did they owe any money to the RMLL. This was merely a FYI topic as no formal application was made.
6. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**
  - a. **Glenn Scott Invitational** – Mohawks – August 11 – 13, 2023. ALA approved their application. It is an invitational tournament of teams from Alberta and the 4 BC leagues. Question asked if Alberta teams could pick up players from other Alberta teams if they had a player shortage. Kris said he would investigate that. There is Deferred Income of \$1070 in the RMLL account for the Glenn Scott Invitational
7. **New Business**
  - a. **Team Concerns:**
    - Zero fines were issued beyond the Abuse of the Officials ones.
    - Paperwork was all received in a timely manner, not 100% on time but close.
  - b. **Schedule 2023:** Key Event Dates attached
    - i. **Regular Season**
      - Number of Games: 12 regular league games plus 2 in crossover weekend
      - Dates – April 21 to July 16, 2023. No May 19 – 22, May 26, or June 30 to July 2 and minimal games July 7 to 16 during Stampede for the Southern teams.
      - Constraints into system by January 15, 2023

- Crossover weekend – May 27 -28
- Crossover format – Location: Olds. North teams play South teams, one game Saturday, one game Sunday.

**ii. Playoffs**

- Format – Best 2 out of 3. Second place team hosts first game or neutral location depending on distance, First place team hosts second and third.
- Dates – July 19 – 23, Wednesday Saturday Sunday but distance issues will need to be considered therefore long distances may cause change to Friday Saturday Sunday.
- Times – First game to be determined by distance likely 7 p.m., second Saturday evening around 7 p.m. then late Sunday morning or early afternoon around 11 a.m.

**iii. Provincials**

- Format – Best 2 out of 3. Second place team hosts first game or neutral location depending on distance, First place team hosts second and third.
- Dates – July 28 – 30 but distance issues will need to be considered.
- Times - Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m. but again distances will need to be considered

**c. Officials** – Jack from the ALRA came to visit and hear our concerns.

- Asked if moving to the 3-man system. Jack had no firm answer. Group told Jack that we will require advance notice so the teams can budget.
- Discussion about what the Refs get from the Ref Eval form – Jack relayed that it is little to none unless there is huge problem.
- Most teams liked the idea of paying Refs directly as it gave the team a chance to meet the Refs.
- Asked the ALRA to hold a recruitment drive.
- Expressed concerns about Travel Fees. The teams would appreciate a heads up about Refs coming long distances. Mileage bills can be very hard on a team budget.
- Asked if all the invoices were in for 2022. Jack did not know.
- Asked that the Refs please print their name on the Game Sheet as well as sign.

**i.** Coach Ref Eval is being looked at for a revamp. Thank you to Tracy from the Bears who volunteered to be on that Committee. At the RMLL Executive Planning, Melinda asked at the Executive Planning Meeting about changing the timeline to 48 hours and was told no with the proviso that the fine is rarely ever issued. So please keep aiming for 24 hours.

**ii.** Why do we pay Refs at each game instead of using Arbiter? There is some history of the ALRA having difficulty getting Refs paid. This system ensures that issue does not happen again.

**iii. Ref Statistics**

RMLL Total: \$37,304.63 Assigning - \$3,234.00 (\$6 per) Mileage - \$32,560.63 Per diem - \$1,510.00	Total Games – 570 Ex Games - 21 Regular Season - 454 Playoffs – 50 played Provincials - 45
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- iv. No E-transfers to pay refs. Cash or cheque only. If paying by cash, have them sign a paper acknowledging payment. Create a simple form with game number, date, their name, and signature.
  - v. We can not know who is coming. The Referee Assignor will provide appropriate coverage.
  - vi. Abuse of Officials includes any form of swearing at, near, in reference to the Ref.
- d. **Streaming** – The RMLL is looking into this as a way of growing the sport. SrC is not interested this at this time. Teams in SrC run a very tight budget so their primary concern was cost. They have little audience. The technology at many facilities is old.
- e. **Team Costs:**
  - Ref Travel Fees is the primary concern for most teams. As it is a bill, they have no control over.
  - Teams are encouraged to get sponsors to help with team costs, but most had very little team sponsorship.
  - Franchise Fees are holding for 2023 - \$1000 including contingency fee.
- f. **Registration Fee increases Lacrosse Canada** – Just a FYI that the Intent to Play fee is increasing in 2024.
- g. **Future Direction of the RMLL** – Greg gave a presentation on Friday evening about increasing growth of the game through increased awareness. There will be future surveys and a committee to pursue this topic. SrC needs to send a representative for this Marketing Committee. Melinda will approach a suggested name.
- h. **UBER and Super Coaching Clinics** - April 14 – 16 in Okotoks. Attending gets a coach Comp Intro training. It is cost effective. Please encourage your guys to get Coaching Certification. They first need Community Development before taking Comp Intro. UBER is the Ref Clinic which is also excellent certification for your players to get.
- i. **EAP and Franchise Certificate review** – Everyone was given a Franchise Certificate to review and note errors. They are asked to please get those errors fixed in the system right away to ensure the right people are getting contacted as required. Everyone was given an EAP to review as well. Melinda will take the revisions and create one giant set for the SrC for the start of season.
- j. **Game Sheets** – These can be done online BUT ONLY if your jerseys are the same for the whole season. Apparently, this is easiest done on an iPad. You would still need to submit the paper version for verification.
- k. **Discipline Committee Representatives:**

Thank you to Matt from the Miners and Kris from the Mohawks for volunteering to do this again for SrC.
- l. **Awards:**
  - i. 2022 Winners: Offensive Player of the Year: Kevin Brown of the Silverbacks  
Defensive Player of the Year: Eric Bullanoff, of the Irish  
Goalie of the Year: Brad Everson of the Bears
  - ii. Future Awards:
    - Offensive Player of the Year will be the Points Leader

- Defensive Player of the Year and Goalie of the Year – each team will select a nominee from their team, and each team will vote from those generated pools of names. You can not vote for your own players.
- iii. Medals –Provincials for Gold and Silver
- m. **Team Events** – Instructions on how to that was distributed. See attached.
- n. **Regulation Changes:**
  - i. ALA – Changes that effect Major Lacrosse was distributed. See attached.
  - ii. RMLL Highlights of the ones that affect Senior C.  
5.10 Each Franchise in SrC Division will be invoiced \$10 for their division specific plaques. DELETED.  
12.6 Referees may allow a water break when asked by goalie. The part about it not being a timeout is removed.  
13.2.1 Off-floor are no longer required to meet in the Ref room 20 minutes before the game.  
15.2 Cash or cheque for Ref payments in exact amount. SAME AS BEORE  
28.10.2.1 SrC playoffs require 4 regular season games. Senior B playoffs require four games BUT games as SrC call up to SrB do not count.  
39.9 Third man in WILL be assessed a one game suspension.  
39.10 5.1.1 and 5.1.1.1 Bond release is 24 months (2 playing seasons)
- o. **Quick Reminders and Deadlines:**
  - i. Check your lockers – have your Coaches check theirs. If you find any mistakes let Chris and Jillian know right away. FYI, there are lots of ways to earn PD credits in there too.
  - ii. Remember to file your Society paperwork and once you have Proof of Filing get it to Jillian and Chris. Just me a head up.
  - iii. Comp Intro workbook due this year by December 31. Next year, it is three months after the season ends.
  - iv. Your roster needs to be fully entered four day before the first game of the season – Full name, Address including Postal Code, ONE phone number, Birthday, jersey number, Intent number.
  - v. Each player needs a photo on their profile
  - vi. All kids under 18 on the floor between periods MUST WEAR HELMETS.
  - vii. Remember to submit Game Sheets, Ref Evals and Game Stats
  - viii. Please do not send children to collect trophies. Send a player then share with your families.
- p. **Commissioner Honorarium and Election** – Group discussion leads to final decisions of no to Commissioner Honorarium and to acclaim Melinda back into the Commissioner role.

8. **Adjournment - TIME:** 12:15 p.m.

## **Item 4: 2022 Commissioner Report**

### **1. Growth and Recruitment - Detail like # of players, # of teams, # of games this season compared to last. Specifics re targeting growth and recruitment over the season.**

As the Senior C Division looked to the end of the pandemic restrictions and essentially starting anew due to the two-year break, we are pleased to say that while the locations may have shuffled, we maintained 8 teams. In 2022, the Calgary Bears completed their first complete season with the Senior C division. Unfortunately, the Okotoks Erratic did not join us. All the other 2019 teams returned for 2022: Completing the South Division with the Bears are the Calgary Irish, Airdrie Mohawks, and the Mountain View Stingers. The North Division consists of the Blackfalds Silverbacks, Lloydminster Rage, Edmonton Warriors, and the St. Albert Miners.

Overall, the Division maintained practically the same number of players compared to the pre-pandemic numbers. In 2022, the numbers were 247 compared to 2019's 248. Two teams increased in size from 2019, one stayed the same, four lost players anywhere from one to ten players. The Bears arrived on the scene with a large roster. Despite having rosters of 28 to 34 players many teams struggled to dress the 18 runners and 2 goalies over the course of the season. The need to call up Junior players ran all the way through to the Playoffs. Teams continued to add players to their roster over the course of the season.

During regular season play, each team played only the other teams within their division. Each team play the other three teams twice at home and twice away. This allowed each team a total of 12 regular season games. Playoffs were a two-game round in both the North and the South. The winners went on to play for Provincial Champion in another two-game round. The North Champions, Edmonton Warriors, defeated the Blackfalds Silverbacks. The South Champions, Airdrie Mohawks, defeated the Mountain View Stingers. Provincial Champions were the Airdrie Mohawks.

Most of the Senior C players are men over the age of 27. Many of them have reached the point in their lives, where they are not only players, but they are also coaches and volunteers with their children's teams.

### **2. Season Overview**

The overall view is that the Senior C Division had a great season. They had to shake off the cobwebs while adjusting to a new Commissioner, but they were happy to be back playing.

### **3. Season Accomplishments**

The biggest accomplishment was that there was a season. The fact that the number of

teams and players remained the same pre and post pandemic is a major accomplishment. Every game was played. Very few players were suspended. Every game sheet was submitted. Every Ref Evaluation completed.

#### **4. Season Setbacks**

The season was one that started out slow. The state of the world simply did not guarantee that a season would be possible as we approached it in February and March. This meant the planning stages were rather held up with teams not receiving schedules until late. This unsureness meant that schedules could not be adjusted once released. This meant one team had all their home games within weeks of the start. A different team had games starting at once one a week, then nothing for a while, then several games in one week. Several teams noted that the crossover weekend between in the North and South was greatly missed.

Throughout the season, the floors of the centres came up as a topic. The humidity inside arenas turned the floors to glass. The playing surface in another facility caused a wicked rash if a player tripped and fell on the slightly rippled artificial turf.

As Senior C approached the end of the season, several people noted the fear of the final Referee travel fees and the possibility that might break their teams financially. At Senior C, no team charges the fans to come watch and sponsorship is uncommon.

#### **5. Looking to the Future/Upcoming Season Goals**

Senior C is a unique environment. Their goal is to play this high intensity, physical game balanced out with the reality of being able to get up and go to work the next day. My goal is to support them in this endeavour while giving them a place where the players' spouses and children can come and cheer.

## Item 7b:

### 2023 Key Event Dates

Item	Date	Location	Who
Graduating U17 Welcome (female and mail)	e-mailed out mid-December 2022		Graduating U17 Players
North Graduating U17 Info Session (male)	Fri. Jan. 6, 2023		Graduating U17 Players
Central Graduating U17 Info Session (male)	Tues. Jan. 10, 2023	via Zoom	Graduating U17 Players
South Graduating U17 Info Session (male)	Fri. Jan. 13, 2023		Graduating U17 Players
Female Graduating U17 Info Session			Graduating U17 Players
North Combine (4:00 to 7:00 pm)	Sat. Jan. 21, 2023	Servus Place South Field House - Field House SP	Graduating U17 & Jr. Players
South Combine (12:30 to 3:00 pm)	Sat. Jan. 28, 2023	Saddledome	Graduating U17 & Jr. Players
Female Combine			
Sr. B North Draft			Graduating Juniors
Sr. B South Draft			Graduating Juniors
Jr. A Draft			Graduating U17
Tier I North Draft			Graduating U17
Tier 1 Rampage/Mavericks Draft			Graduating U17
Tier I South Draft			Graduating U17
Tier I Barracudas Draft			Graduating U17
LC Transfer Opens	Wed. March 8, 2023		
ALRA Advanced Development Project	Sat. April 1 & Sun. April 2, 2023		Tier I
Easter Weekend	Fri. April 7 to Sun. April 9, 2023		
Blackout Dates	Fri. April 14 to Sun. April 16, 2023		All RMLL
RMLL Super Coaching Clinic	Fri. April 14 to Sun. April 16, 2023	Okotoks	RMLL Coaches
Uber Clinic	Fri. April 14 to Sun. April 16, 2023	Okotoks	RMLL Referees
Jr. A EX Game Weekend	Sat. April 22 & Sun. April 23, 2023	Calgary	Jr. A Teams
Tier I Regular Season Start Date	Thurs. April 27, 2023		Tier I Teams
Female Only Comm. Dev. Clinic	May-23	Calgary	Jr. and Sr. Female Teams
Female Only Comm. Dev. Clinic	May-23	Edmonton	Jr. and Sr. Female Teams
Sr. C Crossover Games			Sr. C Teams
Victoria Day Weekend	Fri. May 19 to Mon. May 22, 2023		
NCAA	Fri. June 9 to Sun. June 11, 2023	Calgary	Jr. A & Tier I
GELC Playoffs (no blackout for Major)	Mon. June 19 to Wed. June 28, 2023	Edmonton	Minor Lacrosse
LC Transfer Closes	Wed. June 28, 2023 - 3:00 PM ET		
CDLA Canada Day Weekend	Fri. June 30 to Mon. July 3, 2023	Calgary	Minor Lacrosse
Calgary Stampede	Fri. July 7 to Sun. July 16, 2023		
Jr. Ladies Provincials			Jr. Ladies
Minor Box Provincials (potential Major blackout)	Fri. July 14 to Sun. July 16, 2023	Edmonton	Minor Box
Alberta Summer Games	Fri. July 20 to Sun. July 23, 2023	Okotoks	U15 (13 & 14)
NAIG Male U17	Sat. July 15 to Sun. July 23, 2023	Halifax, NS	U17 (15 & 16)
NAIG Male U19	Sat. July 15 to Sun. July 23, 2023	Halifax, NS	U19 (17 & 18)
NAIG Female U19	Sat. July 15 to Sun. July 23, 2023	Halifax, NS	U19 (17 & 18)
Minor Box Nationals Male U17	First Week of August	SK	U17 (15 & 16)
Minor Box Nationals Female U17	First Week of August	SK	U17 (15 & 16)
Jr. Ladies Nationals?	First Week of August?	SK?	Jr. Ladies
Tier I Provincials	Fri. August 4 to Mon. August 7, 2023	Beaumont	Tier I
Tier II Provincials			Tier II
Sr. C Glen 'Moose' Scott Invitational			Sr. C
Western Canadian Tier II Championship	3rd week of August (Aug. 21-26)	BC	Tier II
Field Nationals U19 Male	Labour Day Weekend (Sept. 1-4)	PEI	U19 (17 & 18)
Field Nationals U19 Women	?	?	U19 (17 & 18)
Ross Cup (Men's Sr. Field)	Thanks Giving Weekend (Oct. 6-9)	?	
Founders' Cup	Third Week of August (August 14-20)	BC	Tier I
Minto Cup	Sat. August 19 to Sat. August 26, 2023	Bill Hunter, Edmonton	Jr. A
Presidents' Cup	Labour Day Weekend (August 28-Sept. 3?)	Akwesasne?	Sr. B

#### Founders' Cup

2024 - Held in the East

2025 - Held in Alberta

Team Hosting Bid Submissions required by: December 1, 2023

#### Presidents' Cup

2024 - Held in West

2025 - Held in East

2026 - Held in West - Potential of AB Hosting

Team Hosting Bid Submissions would be required by: December 1, 2024

#### Minto Cup

2024 - Held in BC

2025 - Held in ON

2026 - Held in RMLL

Team Hosting Bid Submissions would be required by: December 1, 2024

#### ALA Sponsorship of Major Teams Attending Nationals

Team Attending Founders' Cup - \$4,000.00

Team Attending Presidents' Cup - \$4,000.00

Team Attending Minto Cup - \$4,000.00

In years where AB is hosting, the second AB Team attending will be given the \$4,000.00 if having to travel over 100Km to the Event.



## **Item 7m:**

### **RMLL System Team Event Functionality and Requirement:**

Each RMLL Franchise is required to complete an Event entry in the RMLL Team Management System for all their Franchise lacrosse activities for their rostered players, Graduating Juniors and their Division Free Agents, held in Alberta during the off season (from now until the first scheduled game of the Division). Franchise lacrosse activities include: team conditioning camps, team pre-season practices, team dry land training, team training, team tryouts, team drop-in-floor-time, exhibition games, etc.

**Note:** This system functionality does not replace the ALA Travel Permit, request for Beer Gardens, requests 4 vs 4 Winter Leagues, requests for tournaments, etc.

Once a Franchise completes the entry of an Event, an automatic e-mail notification is sent to the ALA Office automatically sanctioning the Event and thus ensuring the activity is covered by insurance.

#### **To Add An Event:**

- On the top of the team page click on the 'Communications' tab.
- Once under the 'Communications' tab, click on the 'Events & Announcements' tab

#### **Event Instructions**

Create and manage team events at the Events tab. Click on the 'New Event' button and complete the form.

If you are hosting a series of tryouts, camps or practices, enter them as a multi day event or a single day event, but in both be sure to list all the sessions in the description. Make sure your start date is the date of the first event and your end date is the date of the last event.

Click on the 'Save' button at the bottom of the screen.  
Click on the 'Sanction' button at the bottom of the screen.

The bottom date entry is for when and how long the event appears on your teams web page.

There is no cost for a Team Event, they just need to enter in the system.

If they are holding an activity which includes players from other teams, Divisions, running 4 vs 4 league, etc. then they need to complete the ALA Form "Request for Non-League Programming Authorization" and submit the form and \$100.00 to the ALA.



## **ALA Regulation Changes Affecting Major**

### **REGULATION 40 – CAMP/NON-LEAGUE SANCTIONING**

The Alberta Lacrosse Association is dedicated to player player and sport development through cooperation with Member and Non Member organizations by promotion and the sanctioning of camps and non-league programs. The sanction process is for any camps and non-league programming.

40.01 All programs sanctioned by the ALA must be open to all ALA Members.

40.02 All programs sanctioned must not compete with ALA or ALA Member Club programming.

40.03 All programs sanctioned by the ALA must have all instructors/coaches adequately trained as per Lacrosse Canada Minimum Coaching Standards for the 14U age division. List of all instructors/coaches must be supplied.

40.04 New player camps and programs operating more than five (5) days must register players who were not registered with the ALA the previous regular season in RAMP. ALA Registration fees will apply.

40.05 Entities who are not ALA Members must be registered as a Body Corporate.

40.06 Entities who are not ALA Members must provide an insurance certificate with 5M Liability and the ALA co insured.

40.07 ALA Members cannot request sanctions for non-ALA members.

40.08 ALA Members are prohibited from securing floor time for non-ALA Member sanction requests.

40.09 Alberta Lacrosse Association sanction will only be available for ALA Members who are in good standing and for Non-Members who adhere to the ALA Code of Conduct.

40.10 The camp sanction fee for the year for Members will be \$100 per camp. For Non-Members will be \$300 per camp. For non-profit, Non-Members will be \$200 per camp.

40.11 The ALA will communicate only ALA sanctioned camps to the ALA Membership.

**25.08** All workbooks required after attending a NCCP clinic must be completed by December 31 of the year of the season following the clinic. Coaches who have not completed the workbook by their deadline are suspended until the workbook has passed the Lacrosse Canada grading process.

**25.10** All coaching clinic requests are to be submitted to the ALA office a minimum of 45 days prior to the requested clinic date by the local governing body.