



2022 Jr. B Tier I Planning Meeting

November 26, 2022

Delta Inn South - Rundle Room

1. Meeting was called to order by Jason Crook at 9:30am
2. Additions to agenda
 - Marketing & Communication Ad Hoc Committee member needed
 - Commissioner Honorarium
 - Founders 2025
 - Referee Committee member needed

3. Approval of 2022 planning meeting agenda

Motion to accept agenda made by Terry, second by Jason, all in favor

4. Approval of 2021 planning meeting minutes

Darren questioned RMLL transparency that was in 2021 minutes. The minutes from the June 2021 meeting are online but nothing recent. Jason confirmed that there has not been a meeting since June 2021 as most everything is done by email.

Motion to accept minutes made by Tony, second by Dave, all in favor

5. Tier change request – Cranbrook Outlaws

Presentation by Russ Shepard - All details were made available prior to the meeting. Russ summarized points of emphasis for bid.

Discussion:

There were some concerns expressed by teams:

- Lack of referees in Cranbrook area. Refs would need to be brought in from Alberta.
- Extra travel & costs for current teams.
- There is a lack of goalies in the area.
- Concerns regarding the presented budget as it doesn't include all travel costs

There could be some scheduling options to help them fit into one of the divisions. The Outlaws do have another option (Okanogan league). Cranbrook should look to book exhibition games against Tier 1 opponents to gauge their competition level.

Vote for accepting the Cranbrook Outlaws application to move to the Tier 1 division

Accept - 2 (Mounties, Chill)

Reject - 13

Cranbrook Outlaws will not be participating in Tier 1 for the 2023 season

6. 3 Ref Mechanic

Jack Sylvan from ALRA joined the meeting to discuss the 3 ref mechanic:

- It is good for development
- Bring Tier 2 refs up for experience
- The age gap is significant. There are lots of young refs that aren't of age
- Need to get better at recruitment and retention.
- There is a big change from 2 to 3 ref system as it is a different system with different positioning required
- 3 refs makes sense as there is more coverage on the floor
- It opens development behind the scenes.

Concerns expressed by teams:

- Didn't see development using the 3 ref system
- Usually had 3 senior refs, no junior refs
- Didn't see value as we didn't get better reffing for the higher cost of \$800
- Want to see more development
- Juniors were changing the game by either not making any calls or making bad calls & seniors weren't correcting calls
- Should have training ref in the box
- Younger refs need to know their role
- Should focus on skill not age
- ALRA needs to be more organized. Teams need to know when 3 vs 2 so they can budget.

Comments:

- Don't have resources to develop because of lack of refs
- Need more junior officials to ref games
- May need to accept less experienced refs & sacrifice for betterment of the game
- ALRA needs to develop & get better
- We should expect growing pains
- Tier 1 teams need to support & set the tone
- Division liaisons will help develop
- Teams want a meeting between refs & coaches before games
- Teams should take advantage of specialized ref course for players which improves IQ & awareness.

ACTION: Talk to David about interprovincial agreements

7. Commissioner Election

Request for nominations -

- Ian Stewart was nominated by Tony
- Blair was nominated by Terry

Election - Tony Stewart elected as new Tier 1 commissioner. Blair is willing to help out/back up as required.

Motion to destroy ballots made by Jason, second by Brad

Compensation Discussion: It is tough to find people. Society is moving in the direction of compensation (i.e. coaches are paid) so it is worth talking about. RMLL will work out details. Some felt that there would be different expectations for a paid commissioner, such as having a strategic plan and vision in place.

Motion to support Commissioner honorarium to Tier 1 Commissioner made by Darren, second by Jason. All in favor

8. Promotions

a. Important dates

■ Graduating Info Nights

1. Jan 13 - South - in person
2. Jan 6 - North - in person
3. Jan 10 - Central - Zoom

■ Combines

1. North Combine – Jan 21 Servus Place
2. South Combine – Jan 28 Saddledome

b. Team promotion requirements (twitter, Instagram, SOG etc.)

Twitter & Instagram - All teams should be supporting one another on social media. Like and retweet posts, make comments.

SOG - not enforceable. Goalie stats are important. Teams need to make an effort to track SOG during games & put on website through game sheet app.

c. Tier 1 Podcast

Dave worked with Cody on the podcast. There were 14 episodes and 2100 listeners. Appreciated participation by teams. Demographics: young men (18-22) & old men (45-59). They are looking for a sponsor. RMLL is once again giving \$500. Need to generate more revenue.

Twitter promotions are a constant challenge. Teams should be liking and retweeting to the fanbase. It was suggested that teams are alerted when podcasts are available and they can promote through their own social media.

Cody's twitter & instagram handle - *janneronpxp*

d. Drafts

I. Tier 2 draft

Why do we still have this draft? In 2022 only 3 players were drafted. This is only done in the South & Central. The North teams just recruit & add to their protected list.

Motion - Remove the Tier 2 draft from the Central & South drafts & expand U17 draft to 20 rounds, making all Tier 2 players free agents made by Brett, second by Don

1 opposed (Silvertips), 14 in favor, motion passed

II. Protected list

- Post draft - 45
- Pre season - 45
- In season - 35 (April 11th deadline)

e. All Star/Awards

I. Games vs Teams

The league should be able to have All Star teams on paper, but games aren't feasible. Each division should have their own all star team. 5 players + 1 goalie per division. Present at Larry Bishop or playoffs or at games.

Motion - All Star teams in each division with representation from each team to be submitted to commissioner by June 30th made by Garyn, second by Brendan. All in favor

II. Awards

North will be doing their own awards

III. Names of Trophies

Motion to rename South point leader trophy to Kelly Mitchell Trophy made by Chill, second by Mounties. All in favor

Motion to rename North point leader trophy to Chris Letendre Trophy made by Terry, second by Tony. All in favor

Motion for single season overall point leader award to be Jim Burke Award made by Vay, second by Terry. All in favor

IV. RMLL pays for awards

f. Talk Today

Terry and Dave sit on the Board of Chris Letendre Memorial Foundation. The foundation raises awareness for Mental Health and provides tools to deal with mental health. Goal is to eventually raise funds.

Each team would have one person act as a mental health champion. This is a person that can be called at 2am to talk. They would take a 2

day training course through CMHA. Every player would then attend a workshop (1 day, 6 hours) for tools to help yourself & recognize others

Would like this to be a division wide initiative. CLM Foundation will cover the costs - \$33,000 first year, \$50,000 for 3 seasons

Need teams to commit:

- set aside time for players to attend course
- facilitator training (2 days online)
- 1 event or 1 game as mental health awareness

Chris Letendre Memorial Foundation is currently looking for funding. They are looking at a Memorial Tournament in 2024. Terry is the contact. Dave to provide information on ways to donate.

Motion - Junior B Tier 1 division will support and participate in the Talk Today program made by Dave, second by Heather. All in favor (unanimous).

9. Development

a. Coaching Requirements

- **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
- Locker is all up to date. Need coaches to review and keep PD points up to date

b. Super Clinic – April 14-16, 2023, in Okotoks - RMLL covers costs of travelling coaches - 6 PD points

10. Administration

- a. Annual Filings - reminder (info on RMLL site if needed). Send a copy to Christine/RMLL
- b. Tier 1 Travel Fund
Interest of \$1623.93 for us to use as we wish. We will leave it for now
- c. Fees
 - I. ALA fees – Status quo
 - II. RMLL Franchise fees - \$800
 - A. Provincial Fee - \$250
 - III. Contingency Fund - same as 2022
 - IV. Proposed LC fee increase - going ahead in 2024 for every coach, player & ref
 - V. Founders Team will receive \$4000 from ALA & \$5500 from RMLL (\$500/team)
 - VI. ALRA end of season fees coming
- d. Affiliation Rules
RMLL Regulation - For U17 players, teams need approval from coach & parent sent to the Commissioner (cc club president and LGB president). for Tier 2 players, teams just need coach approval.

Remember affiliation is a privilege not a right
- e. Team Movement
What input does the league have for a change of venue?
There are no regulations. Need to have a discussion with RMLL
- f. Larry Bishop Hosting
Agreement and rotation are in place. If a club can't host, then it goes to the next club on the list/rotation.

11. Scheduling

a. Scheduling Dates

- I. Teams must have their team home game time slots and team constraints entered into the system by Jan 15, 2023
- II. ALRA Advanced Development Weekend - April 1-2 in the North. *Need teams - Crude & Warriors offered to participate. An offer should be sent to Cranbrook to participate
- III. EAP Due April 15
- IV. Junior A Exhibition Game weekend - April 22-23, Calgary
- V. Regular season start date - April 27
- VI. Larry Bishop Memorial Cup - August 4-7, Beaumont
- VII. Founders Cup 2023 - Port Coquitlam August 14-20. RMLL will book hotels. Winning team will be responsible for booking their own transportation - bus or plane.

b. Division Alignment

Idea of having only 3 divisions was brought up - North 6, South 6, East 3. We could have more weekday games. 4 teams easier than 5 at Larry Bishop but the host club would make less money.

Decided to leave at 4 divisions. Christine will look at tweaking the schedule.

c. Playoff format

North would like to see a change to playoffs. 5 game format for division finals. This would mean a shorter season and weekday games

East definitely can't make it work and it would be tough to make it work in other divisions as well

12. New Business

- a. Founders Cup 2025 - host bids due December 1, 2023 - submit to RMLL who will make the decision. Criteria is the same as LC.

- b. Ref Liason - Jason Crook
- c. Marketing & Communication ad hoc committee - Dave
- d. Manitoba Blizzard are now officially Winnipeg Blizzard
- e. Operating Policy – Christine is updating. It will be sent to the division for input when done

13. Next meeting - TBD

14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Terry to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm,
second by Darren

APPENDIX A

Tier I Division Travel – As per 2018 Division Realignment

AB Teams to Winnipeg

2017 - North goes - Outlaws and Rebels to Winnipeg and Crude and Warriors to teams in the South Division

2018 - South goes - Mounties and Shamrocks to Winnipeg and Marauders and Cudas to teams in North Division

2019 - Central goes - Rampage and Mavericks to Winnipeg and Chill and Silvertips to teams in North and South

2022 - North goes - Crude and Warriors to Winnipeg and Outlaws and Rebels to South teams

2023 - South goes - Marauders and Cudas to Winnipeg and Mounties and Shamrocks to North teams

2024 - Central goes - Chill and Silvertips to Winnipeg and Rampage and Mavericks to teams North & South

2025 - North goes - Outlaws and Rebels to Winnipeg and Crude and Warriors to teams in the South Division

2026 - South goes - Mounties and Shamrocks to Winnipeg and Marauders and Cudas to teams in North Division

2027 - Central goes - Rampage and Mavericks to Winnipeg and Chill and Silvertips to teams in North and South

2028 - North goes - Crude and Warriors to Winnipeg and Outlaws and Rebels to South teams

2029 - South goes - Marauders and Cudas to Winnipeg and Mounties and Shamrocks to North teams

2030 - Central goes - Chill and Silvertips to Winnipeg and Rampage and Mavericks to teams North & South

...and so on.

AB Teams to Saskatchewan (Swat and Kings)

2017 – Marauders, Shamrocks and Chill to Swat

2018 – Central goes – Silvertips and Chill to Swat; Rampage and Mavericks to Kings

2019 – North goes – Warriors and Rebels to Swat; Crude and Outlaws to Kings

2022 – South goes – Mounties and Cudas to Swat; Marauders and Shamrocks to Kings

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2029 – Central goes – Rampage and Mavericks to Swat; Silvertips and Chill to Kings

2030 – North goes - Crude and Outlaws to Swat; Warriors and Rebels to Kings

2031 – South goes - Marauders and Shamrocks to Swat; Mounties and Cudas to Kings

...And so on.

Winnipeg to AB

2017 – Crude, Warriors, Rampage, Marauders, Shamrocks, Mounties and Chill

2018 – Cudas, Marauders, Warriors, Outlaws, Crude and Rebels

2019 – Silvertips, Chill, Shamrocks, Mounties, Marauders and Cudas

2022 - Outlaws, Rebels, Silvertips, Chill, Mavericks and Rampage

2023 – Mounties, Shamrocks, Warriors, Outlaws, Crude and Rebels

2024 – Rampage, Mavericks, Shamrocks, Mounties, Marauders and Cudas

2025 – Crude, Warriors, Silvertips, Chill, Mavericks and Rampage

2026 – Marauders, Cudas, Warriors, Outlaws, Crude and Rebels

2027 – Silvertips, Chill, Shamrocks, Mounties, Marauders and Cudas

2028 – Outlaws, Rebels, Silvertips, Chill, Mavericks and Rampage

2029 – Mounties, Shamrocks, Warriors, Outlaws, Crude and Rebels

2030 - Rampage, Mavericks, Shamrocks, Mounties, Marauders and Cudas

...and so on.

Swat to AB

2017 – Silvertips (2), Mounties (2), Rebels, Outlaws, Warriors and Rampage

2018 – Mavericks, Marauders, Cudas, Rampage, Outlaws and Rebels

2019 – Crude, Outlaws, Shamrocks, Mounties, Marauders and Cudas

2022 – Marauders, Shamrocks, Chill, Silvertips, Mavericks and Rampage

2023 – Silvertips, Chill, Outlaws, Rebels, Warriors and Crude

2024 – Warriors, Rebels, Mounties, Shamrocks, Marauders and Cudas

2025 – Mounties, Cudas, Silvertips, Chill, Mavericks and Rampage

2026 – Rampage, Mavericks, Outlaws, Rebels, Warriors and Crude

2027 – Outlaws, Crude, Mounties, Shamrocks, Marauders and Cudas

2028 - Marauders, Shamrocks, Chill, Silvertips, Mavericks and Rampage

2029 – Chill, Silvertips, Outlaws, Rebels, Warriors and Crude

2030 – Warriors, Rebels, Mounties, Shamrocks, Marauders and Cudas

...and so on.

Kings to AB

2018 – Cudas, Marauders, Chill, Silvertips, Crude and Warriors

2019 – Warriors, Rebels, Chill, Mavericks, Rampage and Silvertips

2022 – Mounties, Cudas, Outlaws, Rebels, Crude and Warriors

2023 – Rampage, Mavericks, Marauders, Cudas, Mounties and Shamrocks

2024 – Crude, Outlaws, Chill, Mavericks, Rampage and Silvertips

2025 – Marauders, Shamrocks, Outlaws, Rebels, Crude and Warriors

2026 – Silvertips, Chill, Mounties, Shamrocks, Marauders and Cudas

2027 – Warriors, Rebels, Chill, Mavericks, Rampage and Silvertips

2028 – Mounties, Cudas, Outlaws, Rebels Crude and Warriors

2029 – Rampage, Mavericks, Marauders, Cudas, Mounties and Shamrocks

2030 – Crude, Outlaws, Chill, Silvertips, Mavericks and Rampage

...and so on

APPENDIX B

Larry Bishop Memorial Cup

Hosting Order – As per November 2014 Planning Meeting Minutes

- All Playoff Games are played in Alberta
- The championship weekend will alternate between the North and the South each year.
- Order – is based on the order of finish in league standings in 2014
- Should new Alberta teams join the division, they will be placed in sequential order after the current 9 Alberta teams.
- Should additional out of province teams be accepted into the league, the division may reconsider how hosting of playoffs will be administered.

Championship Weekend Hosting Order

Championship Weekend Hosting Order			
South		North	
2014	Mounties	2015	Crude
2016	Chill	2017	Warriors
2018	Shamrocks	2019	Rampage
2022	Marauders	2023	Outlaws
2024	Silvertips	2025	Rebels
2026	Mavericks	2027	L-Cudas

2019 Expenses – Split By 15 Teams

Team	Playoff Assigning	Playoff Per Diem	Playoff Travel	Referee Game Fees	Referee Accommodation	Floor	Team Invoice Total
Calgary Chill	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Calgary Mountaineers	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Calgary Shamrocks	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Edmonton Warriors Tier I	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Fort Saskatchewan Rebels	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Lethbridge Barracudas	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.70	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.85
Manitoba Blizzard	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.70	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.85
Okotoks Marauders	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.70	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.85
Mountain View Mavericks	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.70	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.85
Red Deer Rampage	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.67	\$ 46.70	\$ 144.83	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.85
Regina Barracudas	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.66	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.84	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Rockyview Silvertips	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.66	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.84	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Saskatchewan SWAT	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.66	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.84	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Sherwood Park Outlaws	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.66	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.84	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
Crude Lacrosse Club	\$ 2.20	\$ 36.66	\$ 46.69	\$ 144.84	\$ 38.54	\$ 250.91	\$ 519.84
	\$ 33.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 700.40	\$ 2,172.50	\$ 578.10	\$ 3,763.65	\$ 7,797.65