



**RMLL Executive Meeting
Sunday November 27, 2022 – After AGM
Delta Calgary South – Atrium - Nakiska Ballroom**

Minutes

Present: Duane Bratt, Greg Lintz, Chris Thielen, Melinda Campbell, Jason Crook, Darrel Knight, Alex Traboulay, John Tyrrell, Greg Hart, and David Westwood.

Regrets: Earl Caron and Norm Shaw

1. Call to Order

10:48 AM

2. Quorum

In attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Add Overtime, Posting Executive Planning Meeting Minutes and ALRA Liaison.

Motion by John: To approve Agenda.

2nd Alex

Carried

4. Division Planning Meetings

a. ASL

Commissioner not present.

b. Sr. C

No issues.

c. Jr. A

A Commissioner was not elected but some names have been identified for follow-up.

Will implement a Zoom Meeting with ALRA every few weeks to discuss any items that may have come up from games.

Have a draft schedule and hope to have final schedule by December 15.

Task: David and Chris to determine a process for receiving and communicating back to requestor re an Officiating question.

Task: David and Chris to see about having Officials talk with coaches re “points of emphasis” five minutes prior to game start.

d. Tier I

The Tier I teams elected Ian Stewart as the new Tier 1 Commissioner.

The Tier I teams did not approve the request of Cranbrook to move from Tier II to Tier I.

The Tier I Division passed a motion to implement the Canadian Mental Health Association's Talk Today Program which would have each Tier I team have a “Mental Health Champion” and would be mandatory for each Tier I player to attend Mental Health / Suicide Prevention Workshops (3.5 hours). Funding for this program will be provide by sponsorship secured by the CLMF.

Task: Jason to send Duane the Tier I Meeting Minutes.

Task: Duane, John, and Greg L. to review.

Task: Duane to draft a communication to the Tier I Division asking that it be held in abeyance while seeking further information with respect to the Project given some Members of the Executive expressed concerns about potential legal and liability issues.

e. Tier II

The Tier II teams elected Darrell Knight as the new Tier II Commissioner.

The Tier II teams approved the application of the Chaos Junior Lacrosse Club as a full member team of Tier II.

Mountain View Stingers will host the 2023 Provincials. Going forward, Tier II will request Host Provincial Bids alternating between North and South. Host may or may not be one of the two top North teams or South teams.

The Western Championship is now an invitational tournament, so Tier II will no longer require each team to donate \$300.00 to be used for the two teams attending from AB.

The RMLL Tier II Bank Account, which currently has no funds, is to be deleted.

Tier II wants the current 4 Divisions on the website replaced with just a North and South Division.

The boundaries for Graduating U17 are not changing for the four North teams, Titans, Posse, Warriors, and Crude.

f. Jr. Ladies

The Jr. Ladies teams reappointed Alex Traboulay as the Jr. Ladies Commissioner.

The Jr. Ladies requested the name of the Division be changed to Alberta Major Female Lacrosse.

Given there is currently only one Sr. team, and the Division did not want to create "Major Female Teams", with players 17 years and older all on the same team, the Division will continue to play an interlocking schedule with Sr. Female teams. Are hoping for an application for an Alberta Major Senior Female team from the North. Deadline to receive is Thursday, December 15.

As per David, the Sr. Women's Referee Game Fee of \$79 per Referee will be deleted, and all games, for Alberta Major Female (Jr. or Sr.) will be \$73.00 per Referee.

The Jr. Ladies teams requested that RMLL Regulation 39.15 be deleted.

39.15. Any Senior Women Division or Junior Ladies Division player receiving 5 double minor check from behind penalties in one Season will be given a one (1) game suspension and a possible fine. If in the same Season, the player receives three more double minor checks from behind, the player will be given a three (3) game suspension with a possible fine and if the player. If in the same Season the same player receives 3 more double minor check from behind penalties, they will be suspended for the rest of the season and a possible fine.

The Cardinals, Silvertips and Raiders will have a full draft of Graduating U17 players.

Provincials will be tournament style with the top 3 teams and host.

Sr. Female teams will not be eligible for the Championship.

5. Business Arising from Planning Meetings

a. Chaos Tier II

Motion by Greg: To ratify the Tier II Division decision to accept the Chaos Junior Lacrosse Club as a Franchise in the Junior B Tier II Division.

2nd John

Carried

b. Cranbrook Outlaws

A communication was received by the RMLL President from Cranbrook requesting the RMLL Executive either overturn the Tier I decision or grant conditional approval for the 2024 season if Cranbrook met certain conditions. It was agreed the Executive would not overturn the decision of the Tier I teams, however, it delegated the President to communicate with both Cranbrook and the Tier I teams to work out a solution for the potential admission of Cranbrook into Tier I for 2024, if certain conditions could be agreed upon and were met by Cranbrook.

Task: Duane, John, and Greg. L to draft a response to the e-mail received from Russ Sheppard and to circulate to the Tier I Division.

c. New Commissioners

Motion by Jason: To ratify Ian Stewart as the new Tier I Commissioner.

2nd Greg H.

Carried

Motion by Greg H.: To ratify Darrel Knight as the new Tier II Commissioner.

2nd Alex

Carried

d. Discipline and Appeals Commissioner

John Tyrrell advised the Executive effective February 1, 2023 he would be stepping down as Discipline and Appeals Commissioner and that the Executive would have to find a replacement. Given past experience he recommended, if possible, that his replacement be a lawyer.

e. Strategic Planning

Next Steps: Set-up the link and send to all for input in early February.

f. Streaming

Task: Greg to put together a survey

Marauders and Shamrocks volunteered for pilot and will see if a couple of teams from the North are interested as well as from Chill and Mounties.

g. Overtime

A request had been made by the Tier II Division to change the awarding of points for an overtime game with the winner receiving 2 points and the loser receiving one point. After some discussion it was agreed overtime rules in the RMLL would remain as per ALA and LC.

h. Posting Annual Executive Planning Meeting Minutes

Will post once they are approved by the Executive.

6. Commissioner Honourarium

Tabled until next meeting.

7. Marketing and Communications Ad Hoc Committee

Tabled until next meeting.

Task: Chris to send Duane the Division Representative names, so he may send a communication that the mandate will be sent to them by the end of January 2023.

8. ALRA Liaison

Task: Chris to send Greg. H. and David the names of the Representatives from each Division.

9. Business Arising from AGM

AB RMLL teams plus Swat and Blizzard to donate \$250.00 each to NAIG towards the player registration fees of 2023 AB U19 lacrosse players and to donate \$100.00 each in 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 to NAIG towards the player registration fees of the 2027 AB U19 NAIG lacrosse players.

Task: Darrel to provide Chris with the details of who to write the cheque to.

Task: Chris to invoice the RMLL teams plus Blizzard and SWAT in January 2023.

10. Next Meeting

TBD

11. Adjourn

Motion by Greg L.: To adjourn meeting at 1:05 PM

2nd Alex

Carried