

2024 Alberta Major Female Division Planning meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Saturday November 25th, 2023

Held at Delta Edmonton South

Present:

Okotoks Ladies Raiders, Don Turner and Don Payne
Calgary Cardinals, Dean Halcro
Rockyview Silvertips, Robin Finley
Red Deer Riot, Rachel Wood and Mike Wood
Capital Region Saints, Sue Jobb
St. Albert Driller, Brooke Huber
Sherwood Park Titans, Joanne Parsons.

Call to order:

- 9:20 am

Adoption of 2024 division agenda:

- **Motion** by Robin Finlay to accept, second by Don Turner. **Carried**

Election of Commissioner:

- Three calls for nominations, none presented. Alex Traboulay to remain as division commissioner. **Carried**

Acceptance of the 2023 minutes.

- **Motion** by Brooke Huber to accept the 2023 minutes, second by Sue Jobb. **Carried**

Business arising from the 2023 minutes.

- None

Business arising from the 2024 RMLL Exec meeting.

- Franchise fee increase to \$1150 (\$950.00 / \$200 contingency fund)
- ALRA ref game fees increase \$159 for two refs per game.
- RAMP fees, no increase to date.
- RMLL budget. \$14,000 deficit.

Business arising from the 2023 season.

- Alex presented concerns about trades for provincials at the end of season, no rules or regulations were broken, but the 'win first' philosophy was suggested. The division and teams need to ensure proper trade practices to positively promote the female game. No recommendations were suggested from discussion.

Action. Coaches to review trade deadlines and trade rules and regulations and inform their team accordingly.

- Division will be using electronic game sheets for the 2024 season. Stacy Howse presented details.

Action. Stacy to distribute instructions and provide help.

Action. Teams to purchase/provide laptop, ipod, etc. and get personal trained.

Instagram page update.

- Brooke presented info on Instagram activity. The page is successful. Discussion and ideas on more content, video, pictures, etc. All teams to help promote the page.

Action. Teams to offer help and content to Instagram page.

Junior draft and boundaries.

- Draft date. TBD. South teams to work on schedules.
- Combine. No combine for South draft.

Action. South teams to use winter camp floor times to invite U17 grads to attend and have all coaches present to evaluate.

Action. Alex to get 2023 U17 Fury player stats and distribute to South teams.

- Increase draft rounds. Discussion resulted in increase draft rounds to eight (8) and to include over age Fury players 2024 draft.
- North teams Drillers, Saints and Titans will still use current player boundaries. Will review again at the 2025 division planning meeting.

Provincials

- Host: Silvertips, 2024. Red Deer Riot, 2025.
- Date: July 19-21, 2024 in Calgary (Max Bell Arena)
- Format: Round robin, top four teams or top three and host. ALA provincial.

Season timelines.

- Season start and end. Start, Friday April 26th, end Sunday July 7th.
- Team Alberta to use May long weekend to try-outs.
- Team constraints.

Action. Teams to determine second year, high school graduation players and work team schedule around graduation dates. Also if teams have many players away a school please enter team schedule constraints accordingly.

U17 info session.

- We will run the female U17 info sessions alongside the male sessions.
North, Friday January 5th, 2024. 7:00 pm at the Central Lions Recreation Center.
South, Friday January 12th, 2024. 7:00 pm at the Acadia Recreation Center.

Action. Teams to attend meetings.

Action. Alex to send out invite and division welcome letter to U17 and 2023 overage players

New team applications.

- North Sr. female franchise application (Drillers) Stacy to present.

Motion by Mike Wood to accept Sr. Female Drillers application to play in the Alberta Female Division for 2024. Second by Brooke Huber. **Carried**, Don Turner opposed

- Calgary Cougars franchise re-instatement application. Alex to present.

Motion by Sue Jobb to accept the Cougars re-installment application to play in the Alberta Major Female Division in the 2024 season. Second by Brooke Huber. **Carried**. Opposed Mike Wood.

Division discipline reps.

- Don Turner and Joe Machado will continue as discipline reps the Alberta Major Female Division.

New business.

- More weekday games. Teams discussed playing more weekday games and playing in and around the Red deer area. South teams and Red Deer engaged in talks on playing weekday games in Carstairs. Discussions on weekend style tournament play for regular season games.

Adjourn.

- **Motion** by Joanne Parsons to adjourn meeting at 12:00 pm. Second by Sue Jobb. **Carried**