



**RMLL Executive Meeting
Sunday December 1, 2024 – After AGM
Delta Calgary South – Nakiska Ballroom**

Minutes

Present: Duane Bratt, Greg Lintz, Earl Caron, Chris Thielen, Norm Shaw, Melinda Campbell, Ian Stewart, Darrel Knight, Mike Medhurst and Alex Traboulay

Guests: Jack Sylvan (ALRA)

Regrets: Greg Hart and David Westwood

1. Call to Order

10:54 AM

2. Quorum

In attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Earl: To approve Agenda as circulated.

2nd Melinda

Carried

4. Approval of April 18, 2024, Minutes

Motion by Earl: To approve the April 18, 2024, Minutes as circulated.

2nd Ian

Carried

Task: Chris to post the unapproved 2025 Executive Planning Meeting Minutes.

5. Division Planning Meetings

a. ASL

Norm was acclaimed as Commissioner.

Division is requesting a proposal from Crow Lax TV to stream games.

Schedule will be tweaked to provide 2 of 3 north teams with an additional home game and South teams will make extra trip this season. Miners volunteered to be the North team to travel 4 times South and Outlaws and Rebels will have one less trip South. The North team travelling South 4 times will rotate each season.

Division requested 2-Official-Mechanic opposed to 3-Official-Mechanic.

Division requested 4-Game-Rule be changed to 3-Game-Rule.

Require clarification on what qualifies an import to be reclassified.

Issue: AB does not have Sr. A. Restricting AB Sr. B teams to only 3 Pro Players means Pro Players who reside in AB cannot play summer ball in the province they reside in.

Division reviewed 2025 Presidents' Cup flight options and decided to wait until Feb. 2025 to see if less expensive fares. If fares have not come down in price will look after booking their own flights.

Since Drafts are being held the first week of Feb., requested Protected List be unfrozen January 1.

b. Sr. C

The Franchise applications from the Parkland Posse and the Lakeland Heat were accepted and will be in the North Division. The Blackfalds Silverbacks will move to the South Division.

The Division will again have a Crossover weekend and will hold it on the weekend of May 23 to 25 in Blackfalds. Each team will play two games.

Will have a 12-game schedule, includes the 2 Crossover games. South Teams will play each other twice. The North Division will have an unbalanced schedule. Official travel and per diem fees are a concern as some teams are invoiced \$200 and other teams are invoiced \$2,000. An option is to split the ALRA travel and per diem fees amongst the teams in the Division as done in Sr. B and Tier I.

Division decided they would split the Provincial Fee amongst all 11 teams in the Division.

The Provincial Style Tournament will be held in Blackfalds or Innisfail.

Division Discipline Representatives are still Matt Martel and Stu Jobb.

Melinda was acclaimed as Commissioner and Dave Campbell was acclaimed as Assistant Commissioner.

c. Jr. A

The Division reviewed the flight options for the 2025 Minto Cup and decided to go with the WestJet option departing from Edmonton.

The Division confirmed Mon. Feb. 3 for the Graduating U17 Draft.

The Division agreed to increase their Minto Travel Equalization fee to \$3,500 from \$3,000 per team.

The Division will implement their own website, but the RMLL System must still be used.

Host Bids for the 2029 Minto Cup – The Swat would like to submit a bid to host the 2029 Minto Cup but as per the Saskatchewan gaming process needs approval by 2026. Since all 4 Jr. A teams must still be able to submit a bid, competing bids must be submitted simultaneously. The Jr. A teams are all in favour of changing the bid submission deadline for the 2029 Minto Cup.

Task: To determine revised timelines for the 2029 bids.

d. Tier I

Ian was acclaimed as Commissioner.

The Division voted in favour of the Mavericks transfer from the Mountain View Lacrosse Association to the Mavericks Elite Athletics Club.

Division voted in favour of having the RMLL book flights for Founders and in years where Founders' is in BC, SK or MB to include bus quotes along with flight quotes. If the team going to Founders' is not located in the City where the flight chosen departs from, the bus to the airport will be paid for from the interest funds on the Jr. B Travel Account.

The Division voted to increase the Founders' Travel Fee from \$500 to \$750 in 2025 and \$1000 in 2026.

After much debate, the Division voted in favour of adding a semi-final game to the Larry Bishop Morial Cup for the 2025 season. Games will be played Fri., Sat., Sun. and Mon. with each of the 5 teams playing two games on Fri. and Sat., the semi final on Sun. and the final on Mon. There is concern with a team playing in the semi-final and the final having to play 6 games on the weekend and then having to go to Founders' two weeks later if they end up being the team going to Founders'.

The Division is implementing a Tier I Strategy Committee. Dave McGarva is the Chair, and each team has a Representative on the Committee.

The Division would like to know if the 4-game-rule can be changed to just 3 games, 2 games, 1 game or no games.

The Division would like the details re the “new Player Transfer Portal” that LC is exploring with RAMP.

The Division would like to know what the playing rules will be for the 2025 Founders’ Cup.

Should the number of Team Representatives sitting at the table be limited?

e. Tier II

Mike Medhurst was voted in a Commission and Josh Moore as Assistant Commissioner.

Since Josh is now Assistant Commissioner, another individual from Tier II will be required for a Discipline Representative.

The Division felt the GAP Analysis Info presented was valuable. Will hold the crossover weekend again in 2025 on May 3 and 4 in Sylvan Lake.

The Division decided not to hold a Tier II Draft.

The Regular Season and Playoff Schedules will remain as in 2024.

The Tournament Style Provincial will be the top two teams from the North and top 2 teams from the South with the host not playing in the Provincials if they are not one of the qualifying teams. The Schedule will change to 2 games on Fri., two games on Sat. and two games on Sunday. The Bronze and Gold games will be on Monday with the Bronze or Gold game being played first depending on travel distance of the team furthest away.

The host will be the Calgary Wranglers, and the games will be played at Brentwood on the August long weekend (August 1 to August 4).

The Division will implement a 1st and 2nd All Star Team.

The Division agreed in principle to accept the Wranglers transfer from the Hornets to a new body corporate.

To try to increase retention from Minor to Major, the Tier II teams will try and attend U17 practices to promote Tier II. Tier II would also like examples of players that have played Tier II and then went on to Tier I, Jr. A, Sr. B, Sr. A and the NLL. Perhaps to come up with videos of these players talking about the importance of playing Tier II.

2025 MacDonald Cup Bid Submission - it was overwhelming from the clubs that Alberta is not in favour of hosting the MacDonald Cup until such time as the Tier 2 Teams from British Columbia commit to participating in all the Western Canadian Provinces which host the MacDonald Cup.

f. Major Female

Alex was acclaimed as Commissioner.

The Division will not have a combine.

The Division will not hold an Info Session or participate in the Graduating U17 Info Session for Jr. A, Tier I and Tier II.

The North teams will not implement a draft but instead will implement a “holdout list”.

The South U17 Graduating U17 Draft will be held on Feb. 2, 2025.

The Red Deer Riot will host the Tournament Style Provincials.

The Major Female draft deadline will be changed to June 15.

The Division would like to implement the 3-Official-Mechanic.

The Discipline Representatives will continue to be Don Turner and Joe Machado.

The Executive was not in favour of renaming the Major Female Point Leader Award from the Stacy Dziwenko Award.

6. Business Arising from Planning Meetings

a. Parkland Posse Sr. C

Motion by Earl: To accept the Division decision to accept the Parkland Posse Sr. C Franchise Application Request.

2nd Alex

Carried

b. Lakeland Heat Sr. C

Motion by Darrel: To accept the Division decision to accept the Lakeland Heat Sr. C Franchise Application Request.

2nd Earl

Carried

c. Mavericks Elite Athletics Club

Motion by Darrel: To accept the Division decision to accept the transfer of the Mavericks from the Mountain View Lacrosse Association to Mavericks Elite Athletics Club.

2nd Ian

Carried

d. New Commissioners

ASL (Sr. B) – Norm Shaw acclaimed

Sr. C – Melinda Campbell acclaimed as Commissioner and Dave Campbell acclaimed as Assistant Commissioner.

Jr. A – Greg Lintz continues as Interim Commissioner

Tier I – Ian Stewart acclaimed

Major Female – Alex Traboulay acclaimed

Tier II Commissioner

Motion by Darrel: To accept Mike Medhurst as the Jr. B Tier II Commissioner.

2nd Ian

Carried

Motion by Earl: To accept Josh Moore as the Assistant Jr. B Tier II Commissioner.

2nd Darrel

Carried

e. Regulation Revisions

i. There is no change to the Regulation re the 4-game-rule.

ii. 3-Official-Mechanic

Motion by Darrel: If a division has a National Championship, then the 3-Official-Mechanic is required for all games played by in that Division (Regular Season, Playoffs and Provincials).

2nd Melinda

Carried

f. Division Discipline Representatives

ASL (Sr. B) - ?

Sr. C – Matt Martel and Stu Jobb

Jr. A - ?

Tier I – Bonnie De Groot & Terry Dokken

Tier II – Mike Clark & ?

Major Female – Don Turner & Joe Machado

7. Business Arising from AGM

a. RMLL Planning Meeting and AGM

Will go back to being held on Fri., Sat., & Sun. with awards presented on Fri.

Task: Chris to investigate location options such as Edmonton, Red Deer, Jasper, Canmore, Banff, Cold Lake.

b. U17 Affiliate Issue Due Lethbridge Minor Lacrosse Issue

Task: Duane will send a letter from the RMLL Executive to the ALA BOD appraising them of the issue and requesting a possible solution.

c. 2025 Founders' Cup Playing Rules

With rules of play differing across the Regions, at this point it is not known what the playing rules will be for the 2025 Founders' Cup. The playing rules are usually decided at the competition meeting held before the tournament games start.

8. Minto Bid Presentation (Date/Time)

Task: Chris to ask Andrew if Raiders would be available on Dec. 9, 10 or 11 to present their bid to host the 2026 Minto.

9. Next Meeting

Thurs. Jan 30, 2025 – 7:00 PM

10. Adjourn

Motion by Norm: To adjourn at 1:30 PM.

2nd Earl

Carried