

ARA Monthly Board Meeting

AGENDA & MINUTES

MEETING SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE (2012 / 2013 SEASON)	BOARD MEMBER (POSITION)	JUNE 18	JULY 30	AUG 11	SEPT 11	OCT 1	NOV 5	DEC 13	JAN 13	FEB 22	APR 1	APR 11	MAY 5
	Gareth McCullough (President)	x	X	X	x	A	A	A	A	A	x	A	x
	Ryan Reeve (Vice President)	x	A	ph	x	A	x	x	x	X	x	X	X
	Bruce Bushfield (Treasurer)	A	X	X	x	X	x	x	A	X	x	X	X
	Jennifer Rice (Secretary)	x	X	X	x	X	x	x	x	X	x	X	X
	Geoff Rice (Fundraising)	A	A	X	x	X	A	x	x	X	x	X	X
	Cam Craig (Director of Coaching and Player Development)	x	A	X	x	x	x	x	A	X	A	X	X
	Kevin RAber (Equipment Manager)	x	A	X	x	ph	A	A	A	X	x	X	A
	Blair Schiffner (Ice Scheduler)	x	X	A	ph	Ph	A	x	x	A	x	X	X
	Rebecca Raber (Director of Officials)	A	A	X	x	Ph	A	A	A	X	x	X	A
	Carol Wei (Registrar)	x	X	A	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	X	x
	Graham Schmidt (Member-at-Large)		A	ph	x	Ph	A	A	A	X	x	A	A
	Tara Craig (ROF Tournament Director)	x	A	A	x	A	A	A	x	A	A	x	A
	Candice Harmes (Volunteer Coord)	x	X	s	x	X	x	x	x	A	x	x	x
	OPEN (Public Relations Coord)	-	-										
Dave Schultz & John (Zone 2 Rep)	A	A	A	x	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Darren Spiers (Member-at-Large)	A	a	x	A	A	x	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Others			Mike Crawford	Kevin Redshaw									
Notes													
ATTENDANCE: X = ATTENDED, A = ABSENT (OUT OF THE 15 ELECTED ARA MEMBERS)													
MEETING DATE:	May 5	TIME CALLED:		1900									
LOCATION HELD:	REA boardroom	TIME ADJOURNED:		2140		Jennifer Rice							

Agenda topics

AGENDA TOPIC

TIME ALLOTTED

LED BY

RINGETTE ALBERTA AGM

RYAN

DISCUSSION	
	<p>Ringette Alberta AGM Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UAA Testing will continue with modifications – Will only be the 5 timed stations with the exception of point 2 below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shooting and Passing skill to be eliminated for all ages (4 stations for U12 and above) ○ Butterfly to be eliminated for U10 and below (only 3 stations for U10) ○ Ringette Alberta will have firm dates for completion. Policy likely – if non compliance – penalty could be an expulsion from Provincials ○ RA states mandatory UAA for the next season ○ Minimum of 2 UAA testing per year • Tiering policy to remain the same as last season – enough for 3 teams at a certain level – 1 – A / 1 – B / 1 – C for exampl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If Outliners exist from UAA scores – ex. A Team in Town A is the same average UAA score as the average B Team in the Province / vice versa – will be dealt with the normal Advance / Retreat process

- Still looking into a “pre-retreat process” May move up dates.
 - The Advance / Retreat process policy is being looked at to move up the dates from the past.
- U10 and below tiering
 - Associations will not be permitted to have an “All Star” Stage 3 team this season. Ringette Alberta will step in
 - Associations will be strongly encouraged to mimic the Tiering policy of U12 and above for large associations
 - U10 to use a combination of UAA / U10 Stage flow chart and game play to find the right fit for the Player and families
- Goalie Policy
 - RA looking at implementing a Goalie Policy
 - U12B and below – one player cannot play more than 50% of the total games
 - U12A and above – full time Goalies are permitted
- Effective Tournament Access
 - RA to develop a policy / strategy to track the number of Tournaments every team is accepted into for that particular season.
 - Goal is to standardize the dates for all the Tournaments – before Xmas and after Xmas – will stop Assoc. playing around with their dates to capture teams before other Associations deadline.
 - Will also give the Tournament Coordinators more visibility on the Teams that have applied and to hopefully equal out the opportunity for Teams – NW1 get into 8 Tournaments / NW2 gets into zero – TC would know before accepting teams
 - Work in progress for sure – ARA should look at continuing with 2 separate dates and making the pools larger per age group.
 - We should keep 2 tournaments per year, more exposure and bigger pools of teams will make our tournament more desirable.
- CTI Program is being revamped – website etc
- Coaching Clinics – we should get in our request in to RA for hosting
 - Looking to condense program further – may take out Ethics portion
 - More formalized Shot Clock Training program will be developed – web based
- New RA policies being developed for next season – Concussion, Poor weather, Goalie play
- Officiating
 - Looking at developing a mentor program – Ringette Calgary utilizing this approach

DECISIONS

ACTION ITEMS

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DISCUSSION	<p>Report will be provided at AGM.</p> <p>May look at other providers for credit card transactions (cost this year was 2393.92)</p> <p>Having 2 tournaments was definitely more profitable.</p>		
DECISIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
See financial statements from bruce.			

ICE SCHEDULER

DISCUSSION	<p>November ROF Nov 14, 15, 16 2015 – will have all 4 ice surfaces at Ron Ebbeson and Genesis place.</p> <p>Mar 4, 5 & ,6 - 2 sheets at genesis (open B and U10 and below tournament)</p> <p>Mar 11, 12, 13- 2 sheets at genesis for provincials (U12B U14A or U16B)</p> <p>2nd ROF moved up which may have a better turnout.</p> <p>Preseason Ice Aug 30 to Sept 27th -50 hours of ice</p> <p>Sept 15th need to have team formed.. preseason ice should be planned out prior to Aug 1st, and if we do not need it all plan to give it back by Aug 1.</p> <p>Aug 30 – Sept 15 – 2hours a night and some weekend ice as well.</p> <p>School starts Aug 31 ?????</p> <p>Season Ice Have the same ice as last year PLUS: Sunday night for open B at 9:15 genesis 3 hours for Friday at plainsman. Extra hour at the plainsman on a Saturday. Game ice on Saturdays from 10:30 to 3:45</p> <p>Did get a later ice on Thursday</p> <p>2 morning slots have been set aside Tues and Wednesday 6:45 to 7:45 gold ice</p> <p>Monday at Genesis place 4 slots instead of 3 (Monday 4:15 – 10 pm genesis)</p> <p>Thursday 6 to 10:15 plainsman</p> <p>Friday 4:30 to 5:30 Active start</p> <p>Power skating 5:45 -9:15 on Friday Plainsman.</p> <p>CARSTAIRS ice – dynamic 2 week window. Every couple of weeks need to phone. Still looking for extra ice elsewhere (Beiseker, Cardel, PSA, crossfield)</p> <p>Goalie and Coaches clinic 1 more hour on a Friday. Christmas ice? Start January 3rd.</p>		
DECISIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

Blair to send out summary of ice. Need to determine Christmas ice		
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Registration

DISCUSSION	<p>30 registered already. Did not put on volunteer options. Carol will add these as it makes it a bit easier to organize volunteers.</p> <p>Cam to put volunteer opportunities on website. Listing of what they are. Give them Idea when it is.</p> <p>Credit card and Debit, no cheque options.</p> <p>Volunteer cheque information Pant information and Volunteer commitments all on website, they will have to click that they have read these.</p>		
DECISIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Add volunteer opportunities to registration and description on website.			

Affiliation

DISCUSSION	<p>Affiliation policy. Should not be affiliating when no affiliation is needed. RA has left it up to interpretation. Needs to be clear so that this is not abused again.</p> <p>Spruce Grove has a good policy</p> <p>There is no restriction as to the number or type of games an affiliate player may play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using best practice, coaches of all teams are generally only permitted to use affiliate players when their team roster falls below ten skaters to bring the number to 10 skaters. Coaches will generally offer equal opportunity to affiliates as replacement players by rotating with no single affiliate consistently chosen. Affiliate players generally are not to be attending the affiliate team's practice ice. The intent of player affiliation is not additional player development or additional ice time for a select few players. This creates an environment of preferential treatment and animosity among members of our association. The regular practice ice is for the regular rostered players to have full development time and attention with their coaches and fellow players. In rare instances when an affiliate is needed for a game and it's necessary to attend practice for a specific reason, it must be cleared with the affiliate's regular coach prior to. This should be a rarity and not the norm. The use of practice ice will be monitored by SGRA for compliance to guidelines. For affiliation purposes, the next lowest level is defined in the Ringette Alberta 5.0 Player Affiliation policy, Section 5.03 - Table 1 Affiliate players main responsibility is to her full time team's schedule (practices, league games, exhibition games, playdowns, provincials and tournaments). <p>This needs to be monitored</p> <p>Need to have consequences.... Game suspensions for the coach etc</p>		
DECISIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Cam will draft up a policy and send it out prior to AGM			

Equipment

DISCUSSION	<p>Still need inventory of all jerseys. New jerseys should be hung and old ones removed. Need to organize storage and look for other options. Hockey is able to store more jerseys in the same amount of space, need to organize better (dual racks) Look for other storage options</p> <p>Shot clocks- quote for new shot clocks. We had 5 sets. (1 set MIA) Need to find these and keep better track of where they are, where they are kept and whether or not they work.</p> <p>Need 2 portable working sets.</p> <p>Cam has ask for a quote for cost of shot clocks.</p>		
DECISIONS			
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Advertising

DISCUSSION	<p>City view ad has already been in.</p> <p>Registration notice in both papers, city view and rockyview. Signs are up on East lake and by the museum.</p> <p>Office door logo.... Classic autographics.</p>		
DECISIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Cam will get quote for updating office door logo.			

Website

DISCUSSION	<p>Documents being updated for website: Volunteer positions Program descriptions. Player evaluation process... UAA needs to be revised. Mentor Jr coach - Description of what a mentor is and what a junior coach. Clarification. ...what are their roles. Nominations on site.</p>		
DECISIONS			
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Geoff to edit nomination form to make it a fillable PDF. Nominations can be sent to secretary.			

OTHER

AGM- ryan working on power point
 CIF funding- Geoff has sent in application for provincials funding