Edmonton Ringette

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

EFCL Building – 7103- 105 Street, Edmonton

Wednesday February 18th, 2015

At 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Brian Hoyano (President)

Brad Kilgour (Vice President) Carla Walker (Ice Allocator)

Chris Kearney (Treasurer) Kathy Lukas (U16 Director)

Sharon Giles (Marketing/2nd Vice President) Brian Law (ERC Liason)

Rob Shkrobot (U10 Director) Shannon Langstrom (Internal Director)

Marcie Arnold (U12 Director)

Quorum reached.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:12pm.

2. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION**: to approve agenda with additions, moved by Kathy Lukas and seconded by Marcie Arnold.

3. Approval of Minutes **MOTION**: to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2015 meeting, moved by Chris Kearney and seconded by Brad Kilgour.

4. Silver Ring Review – (Brian Hoyano) – Overall the tournament was a success, there were a few minor adjustments that we will need to make next year.

- (Carla Walker) – We need more ice if we are going to continue running the tournament the same way. More buffers were required at Terwillegar. Finals require an additional 15 minutes for medal presentations. We have to many rinks involved in the tournament. It is important to remember for next year that prior to creating schedule a discussion is had with Terry Schade regarding her guidelines. A new issue has arisen, the city will no longer allow us to call Silver Ring a special event, because it is annual and takes more than 36 hours of ice time. The implication of this is that regular season ice spots would need to be given up in order to get more ice for Silver Ring. One of our obstacles is getting ice for the ERC Wood Tournament. The Special Event issue is still being discussed as many associations are going to suffer from this new ruling. Ice Allocations happen at the end of May. It would be ideal to get only ice at Terwillegar and Meadows next year. Discussion surrounding ice…Do we shrink the tournament? Are the 4 games worth it? Would it be worth discussing with the ERC getting there own ice?

 -It was also suggested we have an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in place for our arenas next year. We should also have access to First Aide Kits at each arena. Possibly place the Phone Numbers and Arena addresses on Arena Managers badge.

 - A free registration draw was offered to individuals who brought in sponsorship, ie: one entry into draw for every item you bring in. It is possible that the google doc was not filled out correctly by the managers so there fore we need to find out who sent what in. Action: Shannon Langstrom to send message out to managers to get list of what family brought in what items.

 - Also up for discussion was has the West Edmonton Mall Experience run its course? **MOTION:** to keep our membership registration fees the same but not run a special event including West Edmonton Mall Waterpark or Galaxyland fundraiser during the 2016 Silver Ring Tournament, moved by Brad Kilgour and seconded by Marcie Arnold. Motion carried

5. Treasurer Report (Chris Kearney) – Chris provided Silver Ring balance sheet as well as overall balance sheet. See attached. We will be close to break even this season. We should have the money to arena signs at a cost of approximately $1600.

6. U6 Director Report – (Blair Sorensen) – Absent

 U10 Director Report – (Rob Shkrobot) – The Step 1 teams are doing ok. The Step 2 teams are losing badly and the Step 3-2 is losing bad while Step3-1 is starting to see some improvement. It was brought up that one fo the Step 1 coaches had spoken with a ref and asked that penalties start getting called however the ref coordinator has requested that no penalties get called just warning and ref explanation. This is something that should be communicated to the coaches.

U12 Director Report – (Marcie Arnold) – Playdowns are beginning. U12C-2 has won Silver in Hinton, Gold at Silver Ring and Gold at Frozen Ring. U12C-1 is struggling. U12B is competitive and U12A just won against Spruce Grove.

U14 Director Report – (Kathy Lukas on behalf of Kim Patten) – U14B-2 is struggling and Blair feels he has no coaching support. Scott Patten was going out but due to many time conflicts has not been able to continue.

U16 Director report – (Kathy Lukas) – U16A Losing quite badly but are having a ton of fun. U16B have not had any successes on the ice, however Michelle Morgan is doing well as she does not want a bunch of assistance. The girls are having fun under Michelle’s positive guidance.

U19 Director Report – (Carrie Erwin) – Absent U19A is doing well. U19B teams have not reported any issues, but we are aware of struggles. Several players have quit the U19B-2 team and it would be a good idea to some exit interviews. Discussion surrounded not enough players on the ice and maybe we need to cut back on ice for U19B. The U19B-1 team went to Kelowna in January.

 Open Director Report – (Kim Patten) – Absent

7. Year End UAA Evaluations – (Brian Hoyano) – Carla to find ice for the Evaluations after it starts becoming clear which teams are done for the season.

 2005 – 1 hour

 U12 - 2 hours

 U14 - 2 hours

 Any of these players can come to any of the above times. These numbers can be used in the fall for evaluations if they turn out to be higher than the player score in the fall.

7a. West Jet Raffle – (Brian Hoyano) – Division Directors to check with teams to get tickets from Gloria. The proceeds will be used to cover the shortfall of provincials and the rest will be donated back to the federation.

8. 3 on 3 Spring League – (Brian Hoyano) – At time of meeting we had 16 registered for Division 1, 21 registered for Division 2 and 27 registered for Division 3. We will take 44 players per division, 1 more per team than last year to make up for players who did not show up, as we do not have many back to back ice slots therefore it is not as easy to grab a player from the game before or after you. This gives each team 10 skaters and 1 goalie. We will have a sub list of 5 players per division and will charge these players $10/game.

9. U14A, U16A and Open A Provincials – (Kathy Lukas) – U16A letter has not yet been sent out. Apparel info just arrived to day so waiting to see who made provincials after this weekend. Best to call Ringette Alberta t verify teams on Monday. Not sure if bowling is going to happen yet waiting to find out what kind of interest there is first. Sharon Giles is able to help with the online programs if the information is sent to her sooner rather than later.

9a. Lacrosse – (Shannon Langstrom) – Edmonton’s Lacrosse Association has contacted Shannon Langstrom in the hopes of finding a ringette team to play box lacrosse in the spring. There is one Come Try It Event on Tuesday February 24th, but they are willing to host a Ringette player only event at a time of our choosing would there be interest? Target age group is U12 and U14 but they would accommodate U10 and U16 as well. Brian Hoyano stated that it would be a good idea to support another sport and maybe throw back that if we come to your event can you promote ours? Information to be sent out to parents from division directors.

10. Club Excellence – (Brian Hoyano) – This is an organization that helps get policies and procedures in order. Ringette Alberta is encouraging associations to participate, however it is not required at this point. This is something Brian Hoyano will be working towards. There are 3 levels and we are at the affiliation level. Facility Usage may start to be based on whether or not you follow a program of this sort as well as there may be other benefits that we do not yet know about.

11. Respect In Sport – (Brian Hoyano/Shannon Langstrom) – Reminder needs to be sent out that Coaches will be required to take this course this year. Special consideration will be given to those who complete it prior to the evaluation process in the fall however, it will not to be completed until October 31st, 2015. The $30 will be reimbursed upon completion. Parents will also need to complete the Respect in Sport online program. The expectations are that one parent from every household complete the program prior to a player being allowed to register. The $12 for the program will not be reimbursed. Introduction instructions for registration forms will need to be clear. Respect in Sport is ..and before you complete the registration form please ensure you have these documents on hand, Alberta Health Care Number, and Respect In Sport certification Number etc……

12. New Board Members – (Brian Hoyano) – Now is the time to start talking to anyone energetic and interested in a board position next year. The positions we will be filling are as follows: 2nd Vice President, Marketing Director, Registrar, Goalie Director, Coaching Director, Ice Allocator, Evaluations Director (1 person with a possible 3 people helping out… 1 for U10, 1 for U12 and U14, and 1 for U16 and U19), Active Start Director, Referee In Chief, U16 Director (Kathy Lukas to fill Carrie Erwin’s spot at U19).

12a. Player Evaluation Form – (Rob Shkrobot) – See attached sample. The player evaluations should come from the head coach perspective. These evaluations can be used for team formation in the fall, and should equalize the draft process for new coaches. Rob Shkrobot to modify the sample to exclude Year in Category, Player Tiered Correctly, Early Rank and (possibly) Position. Inclusions will be Sportsmanship, Commitment/Reliability and Effort.

13. Next Meeting – March 18th, 2015, 7:00pm.

14. **MOTION:** – to adjourn 10:15pm, moved by Brad Kilgour, seconded by Kathy Lukas.