Edmonton Ringette

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

EFCL Building – 7103- 105 Street, Edmonton

Wednesday May20, 2015

At 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Brian Hoyano (President) Gwen Stetsko (Past Coaching Director)

Brad Kilgour (Vice President- Operations) Chris Kleinmann (U10 Director)

Rob Corscadden (Vice President – Fundraising) Ken Hogan (Goalie Director)

Sharon Giles (Vice President - Marketing) Kathy Lukas (U19 Director)

Chris Kearney (Treasurer) Chris Birmingham (Player Development)

Carla Walker (Ice Allocator) Scott Patten (Equipment Director)

Bran Law (ERC Liason) Kim Patten (U14/Open Director)

Quorum reached.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Approval of Agenda – **MOTION**: to approve agenda, moved by Kim Patten and seconded by Sharon Giles.

3. Approval of Minutes **MOTION**: to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2015 meeting, with a change to the financial report, see attachment moved by Gwen Stetsko and seconded by Scott Patten.

4. Introduction of new and returning board members - (Brian Hoyano)

5. Board Vacancy Update – (Brian Hoyano/Shannon Langstrom) – Brad Kilgour to take on the Coaching Director role for the 2015/2016 season. Brian Hoyano suggested we evaluate the Vice Presidents position in light of the fact that we no longer have a secretary position which is also a voting position. **MOTION:** to redefine executive roles due to no secretary for this season to include Vice President – Operations (Brad Kilgour), Vice President – Fundraising (Rob Corscadden), Vice President – Marketing (Sharon Giles), for the term to run from May 1, 2015 to AGM of 2016, all roles will be a voting position, moved by Chris Kearney and seconded by Kathy Lukas.

6. Equipment – (Scott Patten) – All equipment returned except for the U12B team, there is also some equipment out for 3 on 3. For next season we will require some rings for a couple hundred dollars. Scoot has been looking for goalie pads sizes 28”- 31” on Kijiji and that has not turned up anything. Averi Kilgour may have a set to sell. Evaluation pinnies have been an issue the last couple of years and Scott is recommending they be replaced. Suggestions made include, use 2 sets of jerseys, get practice jerseys or replace pinnies. **ACTION:** Scott is going to contact Klondike Cycle to what options we have and what the cost might be.

7. ERC – (Brian Law) – There is a prospect of another Open AA (another NRL) team to be coached by John Shaw, current director for the WAM. Teams would likely be formed by draft. The ERC is considering the notion that joint team planning could be a benefit, also that the potential exists for joint goalie plan. ERC is willing to provide $3500 for goalie training, while the federation provides goalie equipment, this requires more followup. Ice allocation is an issue the federation has currently lost 5.25 hours/week due to both the Wood and Silver Ring Tournaments, therefore we need to evaluate how we are going to allocate. Another meeting was suggested but Carla would like to hold off until negotiations are complete. ERC suggested that a subset of both boards with a defined agenda, on an as needed basis, is a better use of everyone’s time, as opposed to getting the entire group together quarterly. .

8. In-House and Web Registration – (Shannon Langstrom) – Thursday June 11 7:00pm – 8:30pm Clareview - Carla Walker and Shannon Langstrom to attend.

 - Sunday June 14 7:00 – 8:30pm Terwilligar – Kathy Lukas, Brad Kilgour and Brain Hoyano to attend

Open players will be required to register online or they will not be permitted to play, payment arrangements remain the same. . Open team deposits to be received by June 30th. Teams also need to talk ko Calrla Walker by June 30th regarding ice.

U10 Registration fees last season due to rolling out registration prior to RAB sending out the new matrix to be followed we had U8/9 fees set at $525 and U10 fees set at $675, this year we only have U10 can we meet in the middle at $600? – took this discussion offline.

8a. Coaching – (Gwen Stetsko) – Regarding the survey as to how we can better help our coaches this has not yet been completed but it will be prior to Brad Kilgour taking over. Coaches were very receptive to Bronwen’s ice sessions. At the AGM Danny Burrell approached Gwen in regards to participating and setting up a framework for coach mentorship. **ACTION:** Gwen to invite Danny to the June Meeting to discuss his ideas.

9./10. June School Summer Marketing/Learn to Play – (Sharon Giles) - This is the time we target kids while they are still in school with Learn to Play. The possible Come Try It events are scheduled for Saturday June 13th, 5-6 pm at Terwilligar and Sunday July 12th, 4:40-5:30pm at Clareview. The conversion rates for Come Try It events as presented by Ringette Alberta are as such: 447 in the spring with a conversion rate of 43% compared to 255 in the fall with a conversion rate of 60%. This suggests that the fall would be e better time to host an event. **MOTION:** for summer marketing program to include Come Try It Events June 13th and July 12th and add an additional 2 in August/September. With this no Learn to Play is required. Moved by Brain Hoyano seconded by Carla Walker. Once the Come Try It events are secured pamphlets reflecting those dates need to be available for distribution.

11. RAB/AGM Update – (Brian Hoyano/Shannon Langstrom) – Meeting Minutes are available on the Ringette Alberta website [www.ringettealberta.com](http://www.ringettealberta.com). RAB has evaluated the current state of the UAA and the results were none conclusive as all associations did not complete the testing the same way if they even reported scores at all. In light of this associations voted to complete only the timed drills and at the U10 level do away with the butterfly. These scores will be submitted by a set date and the numbers may be used to seed for the second session. There is a better goalie program coming modeled after our current program as development is paramount at the younger age grouping. There is serious discussion regarding smaller nets for the younger age groupings. Equitable tournament access was discussed. Reffing and respect to refs was discussed and Shannon Langstrom requested a presentation from RAB to take place at our Coaches meeting in the fall. Marketing the sport was also discussed and with that a discussion arose regarding hiring someone to streamline the processes.

12. Goalie Development – (Ken Hogan) – Ken Hogan is the new director. We currently have 2 hours/week set aside for Gold in the Net. **ACTION:** Brain Hoyano to show Ken how the sign up for this process works. Questions asked, how do we get U10 group sessions? How do we get the coaches coached? Can goalie training be integrated into practices? How do we get 5 count out? Barrnett Arena in Lacombe currently has the smaller nets we would like to move to.

13. Evaluations – (Brain Hoyano/MP Duxbury) – Tabled to next meeting

14. Player Development – (Chris Birmingham) – Chris Birmingham is taking over from Jeff Kristenjenson. Chris has already contacted Wade from STM and is waiting to hear back from Quantum. Quantum is developing a ringette program. We need to evaluate how much and when we offer player development this season, as we are short on weekend ice. Active Start may need to move to weekday ice as our Saturday Crestwood ice is no longer available. There may be 2 weekend slots opening up at CAC, Kim Patten to advise.

15. Apparel – (Brian Hoyano) – This has been a trying task the last couple of years we would like to look at moving to an online store approach. Parents can buy independently, we receive a % back. This store may exist through ur sponsor Klondike Cycle as if the y receive enough business from us over the course of their 2 year contract they will sponsor Silver Ring again for $10000/2years. If Klondike Cycle is not able to produce we have a couple different options available. Discussion surrounding the new game pants like St. Albert as per the comment made at the AGM arose and while we are looking at new pant design options we are not currently in a position to purchase as an association that many pants. New look of pant to be researched.

16. ePact – (Brain Hoyano) - ePact is a centralized system for forms to be filled out and accessible online. Cost is $1/player/year + set up fee of $100-$600. Privacy issues were a concern, therefore we are not interested however the question was asked do we do enough to be sure our coaches are carrying medical information? First Aid kits could possibly be supplied. **ACTION:** Brad Kilgour to research supplying first aid kits.

17. Next Meeting – June 17, 2015 @ 7:00pm

18. **MOTION:** – to adjourn 9:47pm, moved by Kathy Lukas, seconded by Gwen Stetsko.