Edmonton Ringette

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

EFCL Building - 7103 - 105 Street, Edmonton

Wednesday, Oct 19, 2016

In Attendance:

Marcie Arnold (President) Rob Corscadden (1st Vice President)

Leanne Devlin (2nd Vice President) Kim Herbert (Secretary)

Todd Derechey (Treasurer) Kim Patten (Open Director)

Carla Walker (Ice Allocator) Kathy Lukas (U19 Director)

Brad Gurba (U12 Director) Chris Kleinmann (U10 Director)

Brian Hoyano (Past President) Trent Franson (U14 Director)

Alexis Snowdon (Active Start Director) Jon Gosche (U16 Director)

Blair Sorensen (Equipment) Shannon Langstrom (Internal Director)

Kathy Lukas (U19 Director)

Quorum Reached

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.
2. Approval of Agenda – ADDITIONS
* review of weather policy
* evaluations process review committee
* volunteer commitment – assistant coaches
* tournament recommendations for U10 review
* travel for U10 Step 1 team
* bank accounts

**MOTION:** to approve agenda, moved by Trent Franson and seconded by Todd Derechey, carried

1. Approval of minutes for last meeting – old business

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes from Sept 28, 2016 meeting, moved by Kim Patten and seconded by Leanne Devlin, carried.

1. Updated refund policy – Marcie
* Two options proposed by Alexis Snowdon, with option B being approved
	+ If a player provides written notification of withdrawal 24 hours before their first scheduled evaluation skate, they will be issued a refund of their registration fee, less a $50.00 admin fee
	+ If a player provides written notification of withdrawal\* less than 24 hours before their first scheduled evaluation skate and before their final evaluation skate is completed, they will be issued a refund of their registration fees, less a $150 admin fee
	+ If a player provides written notification of withdrawal after team selection decisions have been made by Edmonton Ringette and players have been notified in writing and before Oct 15th, they will be issued a 50% refund of their registration fees
	+ After October 15th, no refunds of registration fees will be issued

\*written notification must be sent by email to admin@edmontonringette.com

- 14 voted in favor of this new policy with 1 opposed

1. Ice Allocator (Carla)
* Ice allocation should be completed by Dec 31st, 2016
* Donnan should be back in use by Sept 2017
* Castledowns will be closed starting March 17, 2016
* Silver Ring is Jan 20-22nd – will be held at Meadows and Clairview with some games at River Cree on the Saturday of the tournament
* Garrison is down which will affect Open teams – unfortunately the timeline is unknown at this point
* Session one schedule came out with some issues – second sessions should be cleared up – already 6 games have been rescheduled (mostly at the U10 level)
* Reschedule for weather
	+ teams are to take a snapshot of the AMA website if there are weather precautions
	+ if the team is scheduled to leave at 7:30am the day of a game – they need to go by what the weather website states when you are about to leave (not the night before) – timing is crucial, the decision needs to be made an hour before a team is to leave
	+ if it is showing yellow at the time (15km of yellow or red) – the decision needs to be made at that time but documentation is required (snapshot of AMA)
	+ a team must be in communication with the other association that will be affected by a rescheduled game as well as the ice allocator

**ACTION:** If a game is to be rescheduled due to weather, coaches must be in contact with Carla who will inform the refs

1. Treasurer’s Report (Todd)
* Sending out a complete budget shortly
* So far the amounts in the budgets are correct
* Make sure receipts for any spending by teams is submitted to Todd on a timely basis
* Klondike sponsorship runs out in Dec 2016

**ACTION:** Rob C to talk to Klondike about continuing their sponsorship

1. Registration (Kim, Shannon)

**ACTION:** Roster affiliates to be in to the registrar by Nov 1st

* Step one and Open can cross affiliate
* Teams can have affiliates at their games a maximum of 5 games throughout the season
1. Division Directors reports

Active Start

* + 2 returning player coaches
	+ Time is well spent at practices and very well organized

**ACTION:** To find out where all the small nets are located (for a total of 9 sets) – email Rob C and Blair S to let them know where they are

U10

* + Everything is going well so far – experienced coaching except one coach who is now paired up for mentorship
	+ In the Beaumont tournament and have a Golden Ticket to Red Deer
	+ U10 Step 1 travel recommendations – should we reword it to 3 tournaments total per year instead of 2 tournaments with Turkey Ring and Silver Ring
	+ It was discussed that instead of changing the whole policy, keep what we have and grant exceptions

**ACTION:** Change the tournament policy to include BGL tournaments so the U10 teams are eligible to apply for tournaments that are against other teams in their division

**MOTION:** In the Step 1 policy, to replace Greater Edmonton to the BGL area – motion by Chris Kleinmann and seconded by Kathy Lukas, carried

**MOTION:** To remove Turkey Ring and Frozen Ring from non-competitive tournaments allowed – motion by Chris Kleinmann and seconded by Kathy Lukas, carried

U12

* + Questions about goalie affiliation as there are issues at the U12A
	+ U12C won gold at the Turkey Ring and U12A won silver

U14

* + U14A attended the Turkey Ring and the Golden Ticket has been used for the Coachrane tournament – assistant coaches are working on certification
	+ U14B will be attending the Beaumont tournament – have had 2 or 3 regular season games which are going well – have 3 or 4 coaches

U16

* + Everything is going smoothly
	+ Jon to email Shannon regarding female coaching staff

U19

* + U19B – Joel needs coach support – the girls would like Megan Christiansen to coach– girls won games at the Turkey Ring
	+ U19A – girls won silver at the Turkey Ring

Open

* + No Open D team – 2A, 5B, 1C
	+ Nighthawks still to pay
	+ To maintain our status as a minor association and maintain our ice times, 25% of our players cannot be over the age of 18 – Kathy suggested we help out the younger open teams with ice times and have some of the older teams look for their own ice times

**ACTION:** To have a meeting with a rep from each open team regarding changes next year. The meeting is to be attended by Carla W, Kim P, and Marcie A.

1. Female Coaches (Marcie)
* Need to encourage more female coaches to come out to help next year
* There were some discussions around handing out certificates to the younger female coaches as it will help with volunteer hours/resumes, etc.

**MOTION:** To put into place a $500 honorarium per female non-parent coach – this motion was not passed

**ACTION:** Marcie to draft up different scenarios regarding female coaches and incentives

1. Silver Ring – registrations, teams/pools, committee – Shannon/Leanne
* We currently have 37 teams registered but looking for 56 (should be a total of 70 teams including ours)
* U19A – only one team registered so far
* As of Oct 19, 2016 the number of teams registered so far are (not including Golden Tickets):
	+ U10 3
	+ U12A 3
	+ U12B 7
	+ U12C 4
	+ U14A 4
	+ U14B 5
	+ U16A 3
	+ U16B 4
	+ U19A 1
	+ U19B 3
* Most divisions will be pools of 5 except Step 1 – 1 pool of 6 and Step 2 – 2 pools of 4
* Silver Ring committee meeting Oct 27th at 7:00pm in the EFCL building
1. Team Banner reminder (Kim Patten)
* Banners are due by Friday the 21st – teams to get proof and coaches need to approve ASAP - $100 each
1. Fundraising/Marketing (Rob Corscadden)
* 50/50 tickets have been distributed
* Oilers – volunteer spots have all been filled
* Oil Kings – just over half full – spots still available Sunday Dec. 18th 2016
	+ Fundraising night (Dec 16th, 2016 ) is 70 % filled
	+ Tickets for the Oil Kings game need to be pre-sold at $20 each

**ACTION:** Email to go out regarding Oil Kings tickets by the end of next week – Shannon/Rob C

1. Volunteer database (Shannon)
* So far the database has been very efficient
1. Drop in League
* St. Albert currently has a Drop In League that is $250 for the season for U16, U19 and Open players
* Girls show up and throw their sticks in the middle of the rink and the ref picks teams – once a week ice slot
* If this is something our league is interested, we need to know as soon as possible so we can get ice allocated to this next season
1. Player Development (Chris Birmingham – not in attendance)
* U10 power skating full
* U12/U14/U16 28 registered – 2 spots left
1. U10/U12 Action Plan (Rob C/ Blair)
* U10 exploded this year and next year we could have up to 6 teams at the U12 level
* U10 next year, there are 125 registrations projected
* We will need to look at getting ice elsewhere to accommodate all the extra registrations – Leduc/Calmar/Calahoo
* We will also have issues with goalie equipment/coaching/jersey/evaluations
* We will need to have more directors next year as well – it was suggested 2 at the U12 level as well as 3 at U10 (1 at Step 1, 1 at Step 2, and 1 at Step 3)
* Start looking at jerseys and whether or not we need more for next season
* Need a program developed for recycling jerseys down the road
	+ It was suggested division by division with a sponsor
	+ Possibly going to one jersey
* U19 to come up with a new jersey design
* Step 1 and Step 2 should only have one jersey

**ACTION:** To form a committee to discuss action plans – Rob C, Blair S, and Carla

1. BGL Score Reporting (Brian)
* Try the new stats webpage on the BGL webpage and ensure it is easy to use – may change in session 2 (whether or not all stats are available)
1. Evaluation Process (Chris K)
* A review committee to be set up to look at all the comments in the evaluation process to review the current handbook for all levels

**ACTION:** To set up a committee to evaluate the evaluation process and clarify wording in the handbook – Chris Kleinmann

* Suggested that this committee should consist of the division directors (1 at U10, 1 at U12 and 1 at U14-U19), Loretta, Marcie, VP’s, and evaluation director

**ACTION:** Chris to email committee to review evaluation handbook and to be completed the review by July 2017

1. Volunteer Commitment - Assistant Coaches
* Assistant coaches must take the coaching certification – volunteer commitment will then be fulfilled – 1 Head Coach and 2 Assistant Coaches

**ACTION:** Shannon to figure out how many spots we need for volunteers and how many volunteers we have to ensure 2 assistant coaches won’t tax the volunteer pool

1. Bank Accounts (Kim Patten)
* Bank accounts in the managers personal name has been a bit of an issue

**ACTION:** Kim Patten to bring policy for bank accounts from other associations

1. Next Meeting will be on November 16, 2016 at 7:00 in the EFCL Building
2. MOTION: to adjourn 9:45pm, moved by Trent Franson and seconded by Todd Derechey, carried.