Edmonton Ringette

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

EFCL Building - 7103 - 105 Street, Edmonton

Wednesday, Sept 28, 2016

In Attendance:

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

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

Rob Shkrobot (Coaching Mentor) Kim Patten (Open Director)

Brad Gurba (U12 Director) Scott Patten (Evaluations)

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

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

Loretta Antonello (U19 Director) Lesley-Ann Finnen (Ref-in-Chief)

Blair Sorensen (Equipment) Shannon Langstrom (Internal Director)

Kathy Lukas (U19 Director) Sharon Appelman-Eszczuk

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 Lesley-Ann Finnen, carried
3. Approval of minutes for last meeting – old business

* **ACTION:** Meeting with James Keillor regarding ice allocator position

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes from the Aug 17th, 2016 meeting with amendments, moved by Leanne Devlin and seconded by Brad Gurba, carried.

1. Approval to adopt minutes from the April board meeting

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes from the April 2016 board meeting with amendments moved by Rob Corscadden and seconded by Kim Patten, carried. All past board members accepted.

1. Ice (Carla – not in attendance)

* Carla has been in contact with BGL and the new policy states that each association can only use 3 reschedules per year
* There will be zero blackout dates in the first session and 2 in the second session

1. Treasurer’s Report (Todd – not in attendance)

* Todd is working on transferring funds to the ERC and will have an updated budget at that point

1. Registration (Kim, Shannon)

* Active Start 1 - 34
* Active Start 2 - 37
* U10 – 3 Step 1 teams of 14 each
* U10 – 4 Step 2 teams, 3 at 13 and 1 at 12
* U10 – 2 Step 3 teams, 1 at 13 and 1 at 12
* U12A – 11
* U12B – 11
* U12C – 1 at 13 and 1 at 12
* U14A – 14
* U14B – 14
* U16A – 13
* U16B – 13 (1 overage goalie player)
* U19A – 15 (1 goalie)
* U19B – 20 (18 skaters and 2 goalies)

Predictions for next year

* U10 – 124
* U12 – 73
* U14 – 47
* U16 – 50
* U19 – 65

1. Evaluations (Scott, Brian)

* Next year it was discussed that ERC have their evaluations before Sept 1st, 2017 to make it easier for the association – evals were very hectic
* Concerns were discussed about the number of defence required to be selected by coaches (Jon Gosche) – the policy needs to be addressed regarding the way it is worded in relation to the number of defence required
* Suggestion for our association to review the evaluation process by talking to other associations

**ACTION:** Loretta to speak to Bow View regarding their evaluation process and report back to Edmonton Ringette on their process

* Need to streamline the process especially at the U10 level
* U12 level also needs adjusting – the bottom 1/3 should not be skating with the top 1/3 as parents were frustrated by this skate time – the decision had been made this year to have the top 1/3 and bottom 1/3 skate together instead of not having them skate at all

**ACTION:** Division directors to make comments about the evaluation process at the U10 and U12 level and give to Brian Hoyano

* Overall our process worked – our numbers in the UAA evaluations matched other associations and their player placements – all of our teams are where they are supposed to be
* Some discussion around beginner 2007 born players and starting at Step 2 instead of Step 3 since they will be moving up to U12 the following year – these players will show more development at the Step 2 level

1. Coaching – (Chris Birmingham/Shannon – not in attendance)

* Coaching is all set for the season including junior coaching positions
* If there are still girls who would like to be junior coaches, they can either coach alone at the U10 level or help out at the Active Start levels as a pair

1. Coaching Mentoring (Rob Shkrobot)

* 3 coaches are already paired up with mentor coaches – all set up and now waiting on ice time for coaching sessions

**ACTION:** Division directors to let Rob Shkrobot know if there are any coaches who would benefit from coaching mentorship

* Coaches meetings - U12 to U19 Oct 5, 2016 CAC 7:00pm

1. Division directors updates

Active Start

– Active start is starting the first weekend of Oct

– lots of coaches have signed up to help – 8 – 10 coaches for Active Start 1 and 15 coaches for Active Start 2 – coaches meeting has already occurred – still looking for jerseys

U10

– evaluations went smoothly – 118 now registered – one comment on evaluations being too long

U12

– very little backlash – very well organized

– a couple of comments about not letting the A players skating with the C players as it creates frustration

– one parent withdrew but it was because of a gymnastics conflict

U14

– very straightforward – no complaints

U16

– went well – a female coach is needed at the U16 level

**ACTION:** Kim to ask Open players if they would be interested in coaching at the U16 level

**ACTION:** to discuss the role of the female coach on the bench

U19

– 58 registered – 17 playing for ERC, 2 playing for other associations, 1 quit due to injury, 1 playing for the U of A and 1 moved to open

* some discussion around teams bumping up a level (i.e. B to A) and having to compete at the level they bump up to in provincials
* Golden Ticket – if there is a tournament a team would like to go into – need to figure out numbers since we have less ice time for the Silver Ring – this needs to be discussed at the coaches meeting
* It was suggested that there should be one golden ticket per team from the U12-U19 levels
* Before golden ticket is issued, teams need to assess which teams would be competitive and play at the same level

**ACTION:** Let Marcie know when Golden Ticket is to be used – an email confirmation must be sent from the receiving association

* This year, teams could potentially be bumped down a level
* Fort McMurray – their association met with other associations at the BGL and it was decided that teams will be travelling there to play league games this year – they are offering a $500 travel budget to teams who come and play
* U12B, U14A, U16B and U19B all have teams – going to try and arrange for two teams to travel there together (probably U12B and U14A – U16B and U19B)
* Travelling to Fort McMurray will not be an option – fine will be upwards of about $1,000
* Once the schedule is figured out, coaches will all have a meeting to figure out the best way to deal with the travel

1. Fundraising (Rob Corscadden)

* Oil Kings – we received 2 dates
  + Big ringette night featuring Edmonton Ringette – Dec 18th – 600 ticket commitment which works out to 30 per team $18 per ticket at the door $28 – suggested by the Oil Kings to sell the tickets for $20 each to make it a fundraiser – could make around $1,200

**ACTION:** Rob to see if he can get these tickets for the coaches meetings

* + Dec 16th – we need volunteers for Chuck a Puck (16 volunteers needed) – we are looking to make around $5,000
* Oilers – we need 60 volunteers for the 50/50 night – Rob tried to change the date but the date is set unless another association wants to switch with us
  + Looking to make around $15,000 for this fundraiser
  + The Oilers will pay $1,500 for a bus to take volunteers to the game since parking is an issue
  + Volunteers must be there 2-3 hours before the game but will leave in the middle of the third period

**ACTION:** Call for volunteers to be posted on the website – min 40 people selling, 10 cash counter, 2 machine dockers, 1 printer assistant, 2 coordinators, 2 coin counters and 10 on the sub list

* + 10 spare volunteers must show up to the bus and if they are not needed, they can go home but will still receive their volunteer credit
* Edmonton Ringette 50/50 for our own association – update website on a regular basis as to the amount available to win

**ACTION:** Rob C, Kim P and Sharon A to be on the 50/50 committee – organize, get licence and print tickets before the coaches meeting

* Team banner - $100 – they will be ready for the end of October – if teams don’t go through the association, they cannot use the Edmonton Ringette logo

1. Refund/Evaluation policy (Marcie/Brian) – discussion on the refund policies that we currently have and if they are acceptable

**ACTION:** Alexis to reword the refund policy with two different options that will be voted on at the October board meeting

* Evaluation policy
  + 1 skate missed – players scores will be averaged
  + 2 or more skates missed – a player will be removed from the mandatory pick list but they can still be a coaches pick\
  + Doctors note is necessary if evaluation is missed due to illness or injury

1. Goalie update (Marcie)

* Ken Hogan has arranged for Gold in the Net sessions
  + There have been some complaints about Gold in the Net sessions as it is more geared towards hockey than ringette but we went with it because of ice times - open to suggestions for new session next year
  + Limiting the number of sessions goalies can attend – if extras come available, contact coaches for extra spots
  + Shannon thinking 3 sessions per goalie
* The executive will be working on the goalie affiliates this year
* RAB will be coming out with an emergency goalie affiliate policy this year

1. Player Development (Chris Birmingham – not in attendance)

* U10 powerskating full
* U12/U14/U16 10 spots left

1. Sliver Ring (Shannon)

* Teams need one or two volunteers per team to be on the Silver Ring committee which will be run by Leanne Devlin
* First meeting will be at the end of October
* Online registration – form should be out by the end of the week but we need to make sure our fees are updated

2015/2016 fees

AS2 $250

Step 1 $500

Step 2 $575

Step 3 $575

U12 $650

U14 $700

U16 $700

U19 $700

* Once team numbers are known, division directors will help pick out teams that will be playing in the Silver Ring

MOTION: To raise the fee by $50 for each division of the Silver Ring, moved by Blair Sorensen, second by Rob Corscadden, carried

1. Grocery Card fundraiser (Sharon)

* This year it will only be one card – Sobey’s and Safeway on the same card
* All ready to go and will be presented at the coaches meeting
* It will all be completed by November – and cards will be activated before they are distributed

**ACTION:** Shannon to post grocery card info on the website after the coaches meeting

1. Apparel (Loretta, Shannon)

* October 15, 2016 will be our apparel day where teams can go and try on samples
* Stadium is located on 119th street and 113th Avenue – Kingsway area
* Teams are to work with Stadium directly with choices that have been made by the board in the colors black, purple and grey
* Logo will not be available to any other supplier

1. 3 on 3 (Marcie)

* A decision needs to be made on whether or not we want to continue with this program
* Need a volunteer to run the 3 on 3 program
* Suggestion was made that one team be made up per division and play with the St Albert 3 on 3 program

**ACTION:** Marcie to speak with St Albert about their 3 on 3 program

1. Board Vacancies (Marcie)

* Kathy Lukas volunteered for the ERC liaison
* Statistician - need someone to set up and keep track of teams scores as BGL is requesting one from us
  + Managers are now responsible to record scores and stats for each game

1. Next Meeting will be on October 19, 2016 at 7:00 in the EFCL Building
2. MOTION: to adjourn 9:35pm, moved by Rob Corscadden and seconded by Brad Gurba, carried.