Leduc Ringette Association  
Agenda  
September 13, 2017  
Rotary Room, LRC @ 8PM

Regrets:

Guests:

**In Attendance: Chelsea Cameron, Kari Baker, Kristine Gullickson, Bonnie Lammie, Angela Hewlett, Christine Pittman, Craig Stuparyk, Kerri McKinnon, Pam Horn, Mike Baker, Troy Thember, Karen Clark, Dean Charpentier, Ashlee Martinook, Crystal Wolfe, Cory Gering, Brenda Goddu**

1. Call to Order: **8:06 pm**
2. Approval of August minutes – **Christine approves, Pam seconds, All in favor**
3. Additions to Agenda - **No**
4. Reports/Updates – Read prior to meeting:
5. President's Report – Chelsea Cameron
6. Vice President – Kari Baker
7. Treasurer's Report –Kristine Gullickson

* Bank Balance: As of August 7 - $187336.83
* See attached documents.

**The bank account balance is at $187,336.83 because a check was deposited for the CRC that was for them but made out to our association for $100,000. A check will be written back to the CRC for this amount.**

1. Secretary - Bonnie Lammie
2. Ice Allocator's Report – Angela Hewlett

I applied for provincials, the application was more work than I anticipated. I had to have a complete ice schedule for submitted as well as event schedule.

Happy to report we were accepted to host U16A, U19A, and Open A, March 2 – 4th, at the LRC.

Ringette Alberta has approved my Ice schedule and I’m working with Jessica and Bernadette at

The city to get a contract in place.

I have handed back ice on Friday 5:45-6:45 SEPT 29th for pictures and Halloween Oct 31st.

I have submitted our ice to the Black Gold League, Sept 5th, for the first session, running Oct 2n to November 19th, 2017. Once what is not being used for games is given back, I should be able to post a full practice schedule during session 1.

I have the practice schedule made for SEPT, just waiting for teams to be finalized to post.

I have submitted ICE to NARWA for OPEN. We had to submit 15 slots for the entire season. I have given Murray the scheduler a heads up for our tournament.

I have booked the Ice for the ref Clinic Oct 15th 4:45 – 6:00pm, also the Oil Kings room at the LRC from 1 – 4:30pm. I requested a separate invoice from the city as we pay it but we need to get one to Ringette Alberta as they reimburse us these costs. I have given one to RIC and one to the treasurer.

1. Referee-In-Chief's Report – Christine Pittman

We currently have a New Level 1 clinic booked for Oct 15th in Leduc.  List of clinics is available on Ringette Canada's Website.

Received interest from Harlie Kallichuk (Zone 5 AA player U16) on becoming a referee. I let her know that she will not be paid mileage for home games if she chooses to ref in Leduc as her home association (she lives in Sherwood Park however they are at their max # for new referees) Since she plays for Z5, she will likely be around Leduc often as they have regular ice in Leduc. **Do we provide clinic reimbursement if we accept her?**

I have not heard if Brady Watts has registered for a Level 1 clinic yet, not sure if he is still interested? Concerns regarding potential game conflicts was hindering their registration for a clinic.

NARRA Board Meeting to be held Wed. Sept 20th, and I plan on attending. Updates on game fees for officials and mileage should be available that evening.

Please send all requests for officials through me to ensure games are covered accordingly, league games MUST take priority. Teams are responsible for covering the costs of Refs including mileage, unless otherwise arranged through the league or association prior to game being played.

Current list of officials:

Christine Pittman

Fred Hofstra

Sydney Hofstra

Megan Littlewood

Jennifer Littlewood

Alyssa Suchan

Kennedy Horn

Bella Broughton

Rylee Thember

Megan is currently living in Stettler, but will be around occasionally to pick up a few games. Jen is attending University and will also be limited to game availability.

Alyssa, Bella, Kennedy and Rylee will be taking on higher level games and getting more experience this season, especially exhibition games. They will of course be partnered with an experienced official who will be able to provide constructive feedback in order to develop their skills.

1. Equipment Manager's Report - Craig Stuparyk

* Tim Hortons jersey order submitted few weeks ago before deadline.
* waiting for final team numbers to assess jersey counts per team.
* Proposing we buy another keely glove for upcoming season.
* All other goal equipment is adequate.

1. Registrar's Report – Kerri McKinnon

As of September 9th, there are 133 registered players:

• Active Start – 6

• U10 – 43

• U12 – 14

• U14 – 23

• U16 – 13

• U19 – 22

• Open – 12

**Releases:**

• 10 Releases have been received and granted

**Withdrawals:**

• 16 withdrawals have been received to date

**Requesting a move up/down:**

• McKena Fleischhaker (U12) requesting U14

• Trista Wolfe (U12) requesting U14

• Brooklyn Watts (U14) requesting U16

1. Zone 5 Rep. Report – Pam Horn

**Critical Dates**

* **Thursday, Sept. 21** – First session blackout dates need to be submitted by *ICE ALLOCATOR*. Please note, these are Association blackouts ONLY, not for individual teams.
* **Sunday, Oct. 1** – Teams’ contact information needs to be submitted by *BGL REP*.
* **Monday, Oct. 2** – Session 1 schedule for U16 and U19 is released; game play begins Oct. 6
* **Sunday, Oct. 8** – Session 1 schedule for U10 – U14 is released; game play begins Oct. 13 for U12 and U14, Oct. 20 for U10.
* **Tuesday, Nov. 14** - Ice for second session league play needs to be submitted by *ICE ALLOCATOR*.
* **Thursday, Nov.16** – Self Advance and Self Retreat Deadline
* **Saturday, Nov. 18** – Second Session blackout request deadline, submitted by *ICE ALLOCATOR*.
* **Sunday, Nov. 19** – All session 1 game results need to be submitted to BGL Statistician. Last game of session 1 schedule.
* **Nov. 22 – 30** – reschedule week.
* **Monday Nov. 27** – Second session schedule released.
* **Friday, Dec. 1** - Session 2 games begin.
* **Dec. 21 – Jan. 6** – Christmas break; no games scheduled.
* **Wednesday, Jan. 31** – *ICE ALLOCATOR* to submit ice for U10 playoffs.
* **Sunday, Feb. 4** – Last scheduled league game for early provincials (U16A, U19A)
* **Feb. 11 – 25** – Last scheduled league games for all other divisions, except U10.
* **Sunday, Mar. 4** – Last scheduled league game for U10.
* **Mar. 10 – 12 and Mar. 17 -20** – U10S2 and U10S3 playoffs.

- Entry of team stats for all games this season will change somewhat – a procedure will be coming from BGL. Basically, U10 may only need to enter scores and upload game sheets. Other divisions may require more data entry. **Team rosters will be recorded as first name, last INITIAL only and CANNOT be marked as PRIVATE.** We may be using a simple #1-18 for player numbers, and NOT the jersey – this should be indicated in the procedure to come.

- **BGL Operations Updates**

- **Off-Ice Minor Box Officials** – U10 divisions – each team to provide 2 box workers. Home team provides time clock and penalty box workers; Away team provides score sheet and penalty box workers.

- U12 and higher divisions – Home team provides 3 box workers for time clock, shot clock, and penalty box; Away team provides 2 box workers for score sheet and penalty box.

- PLEASE NOTE – Box workers may exchange roles **if they mutually agree.**

- **Period lengths** – U10, U12 and U14 periods are all 18 minute stop time, regardless of time slot duration.

- U14AA and higher divisions are all 23 minute stop time and require 75 minute ice slots.

- **Number of games in a session** – U10 divisions session 1 has 6 games and session 2 has 8 games.

- U12 and U14 divisions’ session 1 has 6 games and session 2 has 10 games.

- U16 and U19 divisions’ session 1 has 8 games and session 2 has 8 games.

- **Repooling** – BGL repooling meeting is Nov. 21. Then there is a provincial repooling meeting on Nov. 22 to set the final divisions of play for each team. Whatever they decide will be the final level of play approved for your team at Provincials. THERE ARE NO APPEALS.

**NARRA (Officiating) Updates/Reminders**

- This is a rule change year, so all officials must attend a refresher course. Your early games may have an official that hasn’t taken the course yet, but this is okay as long as the coaches are notified prior to the game *(I suggest this is done by Ref-in-Chief*.)

- Check shot clocks PRIOR to the season to ensure they are in working order (Equipment Manager).

- Jerseys need to have a number on the front and back – NOT on shoulder or wrist to replace the front or back.

- Ringette Canada is creating a video about body contact, and possibly another one about tripping and hooking.

- NARRA will send referees to attend coaches meeting at the start of the season to explain some penalty or not-penalty calls, if requested.

- Issues with referees need to be reported to NARRA or nothing can be done about them.

- Associations should be moving towards using an Application form to accept referees. This could help control numbers of officials better, or to find a certain type of person who may succeed better at officiating than others. (Ref-in-Chief and ??)

**Other**

- **Alberta Winter Games** this season, Feb. 16 – 18, 2018 in Fort McMurray. Zone 5 will be looking for ice to host tryouts and practices for the team. Athletes must be aged 13 – 16 as of Dec. 31, 2017.

- **Travel to Fort McMurray** for league play will be subsidized again this year; $500 from Fort McMurray Association and $500 from BGL.

- SGV will be splitting their **Sweetheart tournament** – U12B, U14A and U16B divisions will play in December (winter); all other divisions will be in February (Classic).

- EDM will be splitting their **Silver Ring tournament** – U16 and U19 divisions will be in November; AS – U14 divisions will be in January.

1. Fundraising & Bingo Report – Mike Baker

**Bottle drive this Saturday, Sept 16 – there are only 11 volunteers and we need more**

**Send out an email every day until Saturday to remind people that this counts towards their volunteer hours. Also, Ashlee can plug this on our social media accounts.**

**Reminder that there is an account set up at the bottle depot under Leduc Ringette and if you take your bottles in anytime during the year you can donate the funds to Leduc Ringette.**

1. Coach Coordinator – Troy Thember

**Coaching applications have not changed since last month. Once the teams are set there should be more people stepping forward to coach the teams their kids are on.**

1. Manager Coordinator – Karen Clark
2. Player Dev. Report – Dean Charpentier

* Conditioning Camp
* Overall the camp went well, considering this is the first year we have had it.  Some comments with regard to more skating and will ensure more for next year.
* Team Revolution was very good to work with and tried to adapt the sessions accordingly. They even had ringette sticks!  Will add more Dryland as the players really enjoyed the one session at the gym.
* Acknowledgment went out on Facebook to Team Revolution. Thanks for that.
* Would like to purchase Gift Cards for on ice help specifically for: Bree Fedor, Kennedy Horn and Grace (?). Missing anyone?
* UAA's

 - U10/U12 and U 14 Evals completed. U14 UAA's scheduled for Thursday.   Teams will be assigned in the coming days.

- 200 Hockey evaluators did a great job both on and off the ice.  Wade specifically brought out 1 or 2 people with ringette experience as they do for Beaumont, Edmonton, Sp. Grove, etc.

 - Volunteering, Etc. - How can we improve the process?

 - Coaching staff should be helping with these.

 - Thoughts/Suggestions??

* Power skating

 - Will look into PS sessions for the 4:45 Wednesday slot once the early season slows down.

* Goaltending

- Would like to have at least one session per month (maybe 4:45 slot) where we have someone come out and work with all "potential" and current goalies.  This can be open to any player.

* 3v3 Spring League

 - In early discussions with Wade about having a local team in the 3v3 ringette league.

 - Need to look into ice (roughly 10-12) spots for April/May.

**Teams should be set by the night of Sunday, September 17th.**

1. Social Media Director – Ashlee Martinook

* I have created a buy and sell for ringette gear as per a request. I believe everyone can post in there.

1. Tournament Coordinator's Report – Crystal Wolfe
2. Webmaster Report – Cory Gering
3. PR & Marketing – Brenda Goddu

**Local Meats is doing the Chili Cook Off Downtown Leduc on Saturday Sept 30 from 11 – 2. They have asked if Leduc Ringette wants to come help out with this event. They sponsor at the U16 level so Cory Gering is going to look into getting that team together to help out with this.**

**LA Nissan will sponsor at the U14 level.**

**United Cycle will sponsor at the U12 level.**

1. Unfinished Business:
   1. Goalies – Offers, incentives for U10, U12 & U14.
   2. Banners 🡪 No word back from the city yet.
2. New Business
   1. U19 Team Size

**21 players for this team and only 1 goalie**

**Can only dress 18 players on the bench at any time. Thought some players might want to move to Open but anyone that Chelsea has spoken with wants to stay on the U19 team. Having a team of 10 and a team of 11 is not viable.**

**Chelsea has been speaking with other associations at this level:**

**Spruce Grove has 3 goalies but don’t want to release any one of them. Beaumont has room for a couple more players but these spots are not guaranteed. St. Albert has enough for 2 ½ teams but are not willing to send their players here. They want players to go to them. Sherwood Park also has spots available to be filled.**

**Karen Clark reached out to hockey to see if we could get a goalie from hockey to come but they are short on goalies as well.**

**If the team stays at 21 players this is doable but there will be a lot of juggling with the players. A player sitting rotation schedule might have to be made for fairness. All players should still show up to the games as they are part of the team.**

**A meeting needs to be scheduled for the parents and players to go over all of the options the players have.**

**Mandatory Meeting for the parents will be held on Sunday, Sept 17 at 5:30 (one parent for each player must attend) and a mandatory meeting for the players will be held after the practice. (Kerri will send out an email)**

1. Next Meeting: **TBD**

1. Adjournment: **9:08 pm**