

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
February 10, 2009

Dave Millar called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Dave Millar, Marsha Smalley, Candy Towers, Rene Vandervlis and Nancy Lougheed

Association Members in Attendance: Lee Caine, Chris Kelly, Darren Garbe, Rick Muriel, Tamara Pollock, Marilyn Shand, James Ward and Jill Meraw.

Agenda – Moved by Marsha Smalley to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Candy Towers. CARRIED

Minutes – Moved by Candy Towers to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2009, meeting as submitted. Seconded by Rene Vandervlis. CARRIED.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Junior B – Dave Millar reported that a response has been received from the Ringette Alberta Committee in relation to the Lacombe Junior team's ranking for upcoming provincials. The decision of the committee remains unchanged, the Lacombe team stays as Junior B. Provincial playoffs between Red Deer and Lacombe will take place.

RAB Cup – Red Deer Ringette has not received a response from Ringette Alberta with regard to the information that was provided. It is assumed that Red Deer / Lacombe will not be hosting a RAB Cup event.

Reports

Coaches' Ice Use Guidelines – drafted by Ice Coordinator Gary Lund, noting guidelines to be followed by coaches when practice and game schedules change throughout the year.

Moved by Marsha Smalley that the Coaches' Ice Use Guidelines as presented be adopted. Seconded by Candy Towers. CARRIED

In addition to these guidelines being posted on the website, the information will be forwarded to all coaches and will be included in the coaches' package in future years.

2009 Friends-on-Ice Tournament – Tamara Pollock reported that an approximate profit of \$2890 was made. Finalization of the financial statements will be completed soon. Following discussion, it was agreed that since we will continue to use the Ringette Alberta tie-breaker policy for round robins games, clarification of that policy is required. It was agreed that having one or two examples written into the tournament rules would be beneficial in supplying that clarification. Rene Vandervlis volunteered to write an interpretation and get it verified with Ringette Alberta for inclusion in next year's tournament rules.

Tamara Pollock and Marilyn Shand volunteered to manage the 2010 Tournament.

Rustbuster Camp – James Ward reviewed the proposed policy that he drafted with regard to the annual rustbuster camp. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal to request participants to have attained a certain level of skating ability or to have an older qualified skater to assist the

participant if the participant is a new skater. It was agreed that no skating requirements would be included in the policy and that persons be advised that they are to be prepared to volunteer on ice if registering a new skater in the camp.

Moved by Candy Towers to adopt the Rustbuster Policy as amended. Seconded by Marsha Smalley. CARRIED

This policy will be posted on the website and information will be communicated to participating parties via the registration form.

Registration – Special Requests – Candy Tower initiated discussion regarding Bunny and Novice registrations, special requests that are received and the difficulty that is created in assigning players to teams while attempting to accommodate requests. Last year, a total of 142 requests were received. Following discussion, it was agreed that special requests would only be considered at the Bunny level, and only if received in adherence with the association guidelines.

Moved by Candy Tower to amend Section 3.3 of the Operating Manual in relation to Bunny/Novice Evaluations to read as follows:

3.3(3) Upon completion of evaluations and selection by the Coaching Committee, the Evaluation Coordinator will divide players into even teams.

3.3(4) Prior year's coaching evaluations may be utilized during the evaluation and team selection process.

3.3(5) Red Deer Ringette does not entertain special requests at any level other than Bunny. Special requests for Bunny level will be considered provided the request is received in writing, stating reason(s) for the request, by the registration deadline.

3.3(6) All results of the evaluation process will remain confidential, and, at no time, shall the information be shared with coaches and/or parents.

Seconded by Rene Vandervlis. CARRIED

Zone 4 – Lee Caine advised that the play off structure for the Bunny and Novice has been completed. Novice City playoffs are still being processed and format/times are dependent on ice availability.

Pub Night – Dave Appleby's Tween A team is coordinating the annual fundraising event this year, and it is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009, at Wild Bills in the Holiday Inn. Information packages and tickets were distributed to all teams in attendance.

Novice Select Team – Jill Meraw initiated discussion regarding the current policy that provides for only second-year Novice age players to participate in this annual tournament. She would like all second-year Novice players to be considered even if they are not in the second-year age group.

Following discussion, there were no changes made to the policy. It was noted that Brad Koopmans has been chosen as the coach for the Novice Select team this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Red Deer Arena meeting room. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.