

## Red Deer Ringette Association Annual General Meeting April 20, 2017 7:00 pm Baymont Inn & Suites

## **Red Deer Ringette Association - AGM**

## **Executive Member Attendees:**

⊠ Mike Sullivan - President

□ Candy Towers – Past President

☑ Ariana Ruppert - Treasurer

⊠ Braden Kilpatrick – Vice President

⊠ Elaine Dies - Secretary

☑ Dana Hannett – Vice President U10

Item	Discussion	Follow up by
Welcome and Introductions to Annual General Meeting— Mike Sullivan	7:08 meeting called to order Welcome Rob M from the City of Red Deer Rec Department	
2. Adoption of Agenda	Pam Jones Mike Sullivan	
3. Approval of AGM Minutes from April 21, 2016	Pam Jones Mike Sullivan	
4. Annual Reports	President:	
	Membership - 3% increase of 8 players over last season - 248 vs 240	
	Recruitment - 14 attendees to Intro Program, 29 attendees to Try It sessions, both programs well received by attendees.	
	Good showing at home tournament	
	Good number of teams made it in finals this season (4 teams to provincials after first round of playdowns, 1 team made it to second round of playdowns).	
	Goalie development has been well received, good attendance, will continue into next season. It is a significant gap in our organization, next season most U12, U14 and U16 teams will not have formal goalies. While we can "get by" using a rotation, the lack of trained goalies at the upper levels has a significant impact on team competitiveness. At U12 it should be stressed that a player can play goal without fearing they will be "stuck" in goal all the time.	

Policy manual has been re-written to bring it up to date and address issues that have come up in the past season. Will be posted to web over the summer. Key changes include residency statement, social media and electronics statement, clarity on evaluation procedures, clarity on membership of committees etc.

We continue to evaluate methods to improve the overall program. One consideration is to offer power skating or skill development on Sunday evenings. As always, we require volunteers to support these initiatives.

The feedback has been very positive with respect to the Intro program, so there again, it would be beneficial to run this program again next season as it provides an economical and context correct atmosphere to introduce players to ringette partway through the season. I would see placing an ad in the fall activity guide which should increase participation numbers and lead to higher enrolment the following season.

Based on the above items, this sets the groundwork to consider a rec style program in the 2018/2019 season if we have enough interest to form 4 teams. It would require 2 additional ice times a week and follow a pond hockey format (partial practice, partial game in the same ice slot). The introduction of this program would coincide with the return of the downtown arena and the college arena and the subsequent additional ice spots that should then come available.

The concept of a rec division will also be supported by concepts being discussed at this years RAB AGM. There is significant work being done to enable growth in the sport in a number of contexts that would support sport for life.

RAB AGM and conference registration is open, there will be a number of workshops this year to take part in. Any member of the association can attend the conference and are encouraged to take part.

Recognition to Dana for her service as U10 VP over the last 2 seasons, to Darren Garbe who has served multiple roles over the years and is now "retiring" from active service with the association.

Vice Presidents:

Braden - nothing additional to report

Dana - Good season, participation in BGL this season made things a lot easier. Learned a

		lot over the two years.  Treasurer - treasurer report  Registration fees \$113 144  Sponsorship & Donations \$500 down significantly  Motion to adopt 2017 financial statement: Pam Jones	
5.	New Business	Discussion None	
	5.1. Executive Election	President – no election required – Mike Sullivan  VP – no election required – Braden Kilpatrick  VP – U10 – no election required – Chris McCullough - ask if he would like to share anything.  Treasurer – no election required – Arianna Ruppert  Secretary – no election required – Elaine Dies  Registrar – no election required – Pam Jones  Director position changes – TBD	
6.	AGM Closed	Meeting called to order 7:30	