Rage meeting minutes – Sept 19- 2016

Attendance: Erin Hunter, Dan Kusk, Jeff Zinken, Larry Lowe, Deni Bostock, Crystal Zinken, Laura Oster, Dave Eisenhawer, Krista Eisenhawer, Wilson Setters, Charles LeClaire, Lee Booth, Lynn Rienguette, John Muller

1. Call to order – Dan K called meeting to order at 7:01
2. Review minutes of June 20th
   1. Motion to accept minutes from June 20, 2016 by Larry L. Seconded by Wilson S. All in favor; carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes/action list/old business
   1. Change over to Rage Fastball instead of RDMSA
4. Executive Reports
   1. Presidents Report – Dan Kusk
      1. Alberta Amateur Sport doing publication on Rage Fastball. Dan submitted synopsis of Rage Program
      2. Softball Alberta meeting in October in Camrose- Deni Bostock getting Merit Award from Softball AB. Great Job!
      3. Fall Evaluations – U14A & U16A teams posted. Thanks to all the volunteers with running the stations & evaluators.
      4. Corporate sponsorship discussed- some sponsors have approached wanting to do more for Rage Association than normal sponsorship donation.

4.2 Vice Presidents Report – Jeff Zinken

4.2.1 -Oriole Park Facility – starting up development. Hopefully will be available to use for 2017 outdoor season. Probably not ready at the start but possibly prior to season end.

4.2.2 – Coach evaluations – discussion about process. Larry L. created a new evaluation through survey monkey that’s more anonymous than the current evaluation being used. The new online survey can be emailed to the membership & will be returned to the executive. We are committed to an organization of continuous improvement & support constructive feedback on our coaches & programs.

* 1. Treasurer Report – Lee Booth
     1. Casino-$2164.91
     2. General – $40809.09
     3. Raffle – $27111.94
     4. Motion for online payment for shed power from John M-seconded by Larry L
  2. Secretary
     1. Nothing to report
  3. Director Reports

4.5.1 Equipment – Larry Lowe

4.5.1.2 – Going over equipment needs from last season to purchase for 2017. Jason Wilkins taking over Larry L. role with Rage equipment coordinator. Larry L. taking over Diamond & Facilities role from Clayton C.

4.5.2 Fundraising – Nicole Cowan

Absent-Nothing to report

4.5.3 Sponsorship – Connie Setters

Absent-Nothing to report

4.5.4 Apparel – Crystal Zinken

4.5.4.1 Getting buckets of uniforms together from season end and to storage. Uniforms in decent shape from last season. Going into 3rd season for 2017 . Will assess need for new Jersies for 2018.“Grandma” taking care of harder stained jersies for the Association. Much appreciated

4.5.4.2 Ideas for Rage Tents for teams or Tarps since they are used so much through the year

4.5.4.3 Apparel- we will have a Christmas online order in December

4.5.5 Diamond and Facility Coordinator – Clayton Cassidy

Absent-Nothing to report

4.5.6 Registrar – Denielle Bostock

4.5.6.1 Registration for A fall 2016 evaluations went smooth.

4.5.6.2 Winter workouts registration will happen Dec 1st – dates to follow

4.5.6.3 Have found a new Association Casino Coordinator- Jen S.

4.5.7 Community Relations –Tara Venaas

4.5.7.1 Needs approval for community guide for 2017 for Collicutt-comes out in December so we will promote registration for 2017 season. All in favor. Approved.

4.5.8 Evaluations – Jeff Kelley –

Absent- reported through Dan K above

4.5.9 Diamond Maintenance – John Muller & Wilson Setters

4.5.9.1 Thank you to all hands for the great maintenance that keeps our diamonds in fantastic shape and safe for our athletes

4.5.9.2 Need new bases this year-some are rough shape

4.5.9.3 Little Johns Porta Potty will be removed for the winter. Gator will be going out to Wilsons for the winter

4.5.9.4 City replaced unsafe boards on some of the bleachers

4.5.10 Casino – Dan Kusk

4.5.10.1 New volunteer coming on board of directors for Casino Coordinator.

4.5.11 Webmaster – Erin Hunter

4.5.11.1 – Website change over happening soon- RAMP has completed hockey & ringette sites and now will start baseball & softball. Laura O. will take over website as soon as that happens.

4.5.12 Tournament Rep – Charmen Boyd

Absent- Nothing to report

1. New Business
   1. Fundraising Opportunity
      1. United Games- launching app to interact with sporting events. Geared towards kids 13 and older. Presentation by Charles L. & Lynn R. Discussion tabled to move through rest of meeting. Executive to collect summary of information for board to vote on proposal.
   2. U19/U21 Program
      1. Discussion on merit for players wanting to continue to play under Rage Umbrella that may want to play ladies league or less competitive in terms of travel. Overall positive discussion to support & promote teams at this level if there is enough athlete interest.
   3. Evaluation Review
      1. Discussion on how we can continue to improve our evaluation process. Committed to maintaining an objective system. Discussion on pros and cons of live pitching component to evaluations- difficulties arise with pitching consistency. 2 evaluator system may add merit. Difficulties have always arisen with finding evaluators that are qualified. Evaluation dates- Saturday seems more conflict for athletes than Sunday. Will review for fall 2017
      2. U18 Program
         1. Discussion on our fall evaluations for U18. Past 2 seasons have had difficulty with maintaining teams. Lots of athletes at this level wanting to continue to play- over 30 athletes attended the first evaluation date this fall. Last year there was only 3 U18 A teams in the Province. Discussion on how we can continue to improve our U18 program to support teams at the A, B, or C level.
   4. Bounce Photography – review of feedback from 1st season as a new provider

5.4.1 Tabled

1. Next meeting Monday October 17th 2016 @ 7pm – Sheraton Hotel
2. Meeting adjourned at by Dan Kusk @ at 9:28 pm