



**AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)  
AA Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2022**

**In attendance via Zoom:**

Melody Rock	Eva Hasell	Michael Liao	Shelann McQuay
Liane Falconer	Kim Ung	Greg Denham	Leigh Sauer
Carrie Hehr	Cristina Mutiso	Holly Popiel	Amanda Roach
Jenny McConaghy	Colin Dyck	Stephanie Dyck	Wendy Anderson
Adam McKnight	Michelle Rolles	Becky Scheer	Michelle Byers
Caley Mineault	Chris Lister	Kelly Cayer	

- 1) **Call to Order** – 7:03 pm
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve made by Michael Liao, seconded Carrie Hehr – approved.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** from March 15, 2022 AA Committee Meeting – Motion to approve made by Michael Liao, seconded Cristina Mutiso – approved.
- 4) **Reports:**
  - a) **President (Melody)**
    - i. **WCRC & CRC recap**
      - Congratulations to all teams who participated in WCRCs and CRCs. Calgary AA is proud to recognize success of all teams at these competitions including:
        - WCRC: U14AA White (Gold medal), U14AA Blue (5<sup>th</sup> place finish)
        - CRC: U16AA Surge (Bronze), U16AA Matrix (Quarter-final finish), U16AA Grit (Consolation semi-final finish, U19AA Raid (Silver medal), U19AA Team AB (Compete) (Bronze medal), and RATH (Gold medal).
      - Special recognition goes to U16AA Surge, U19AA Raid, and Calgary RATH for being awarded the Agnes Jacks True Sport award in their respective division for sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the CRCs.
    - ii. **Ringette Alberta (RAB) updates**
      - **IPOE/PEO**
        - Thank you to everyone for feedback re: proposed IPOE/POE changes. The AA Board continues to liaise with our membership, other associations, and RAB (Ryan Devlin, President) re: proposed IPOE/POE program changes. Calgary AA’s main concern is the impact of proposed changes on the U14AA program and on U16AA/U19AA operations in future years. Calgary AA would also like to ensure that our association has a voice at the table to provide meaningful input to any proposed AA program changes moving forward. Calgary AA Board did seek external legal advice to better understand RAB policies related to program changes and to provide clarification of our Association’s options moving forward. Calgary AA made a formal Notice of New Business request including resolutions to ensure IPEO/PEO would be discussed at AGM, which was added to the RAB AGM agenda. Three Calgary AA Board delegates will attend the May 1st AGM (delegate allotment is 3 voting members - based on membership registration). There will also be 1-2 Board members attending the April 30<sup>th</sup> conference (topics to include RAB governance, JAAs, U16/U19 tiering, and male inclusion in the sport).



- iii. Ringette Calgary (RC) updates
    - RC's AGM upcoming on May 11, 2022.
    - AA policy approval
      - Further to input from the AA Policy Review Committee and in consideration of recent RAB policy updates, the AA Board completed proposed final edits/revisions to Calgary AA policies. Melody to submit to RC in advance of the AGM. Proposed updates will either be approved or sent back to the AA Board for further revisions. Melody would like to thank the AA Policy Review Committee and in particular Leigh S. for all their input during this process!
    - Team info for 2022-2023 season
      - Calgary AA Board would like to present RC with the following recommendations re: number of teams and team sizes for the 2022/23 season:
        - U16AA division – 3 teams of 13 skaters, 1 goalie
        - U19AA division – 2 teams of 15 skaters, 2 goalies
        - Request “first call” on affiliate goaltenders in all divisions with 1 goalie
        - Request “first call” on affiliate skaters in divisions with teams of 13 skaters or less
        - \*Following RAB AGM and if program changes were to allow for a U14AA program in 2022/23 season, Calgary AA would also request the following for U14AA division - 3 teams of 15 skaters, 1 goalie
- Motion to approve Calgary AA Board to present Ringette Calgary with the above recommendations regarding team formation for the 2022/23 season made by Colin Dyck and seconded by Kim Ung – approved.
- iv. Coaching applications
    - Coaching applications for 2022/23 season will be accepted from May 15-31 with selections to be finalized in June. Details forthcoming on website as available.
  - v. Year End Surveys
    - Will be sent out to membership in May. Please provide candid but constructive feedback.

b) VP League (Adam McKnight)

- i. General League updates – no updates other than Committee updates below
- ii. Committee updates:
  - Ice Allocator (Cristina)
    - Meeting with RC Ice Scheduler/Facilities was re-scheduled to April 27 to look at ice allocation for 2022/23 season (U16AA and U19AA, U14AA pending outcome of RAB AGM). Looking to minimize and/or eliminate ice allocation at certain facilities based on feedback.
    - Ice for 2022/23 tryouts has been tentatively booked. Some factors considered when booking tryout ice includes relationships that allow for flexibility with ice procurement, having a location for the draft, and/or balance of north/south locations. This past season, U16AA had 3 ice times before cut/2 after and U19AA had 3 ice times before cut/1 after. This will be evaluated for tryouts for the upcoming season based on feedback from this past season.
  - Equipment Manager (Kristine/Greg) – Reminder to all teams to return equipment. Drop off scheduled for April 27 from 6:30-8:30 at RC office. Reach out to EM to organize an alternative time.
  - Association Safety Lead (Cheryl) – no updates
  - Jr. Coach Program (Caley/Becky) – The Jr. Coach Program for the 2022/23 season will be dependent on possible changes to U14AA program. Caley to reach out to Jr. Coaches from this season for feedback and input about how to best support them.
  - Coach Administration (Carrie) – no updates
  - Parent Administration (Holly) – no updates
  - Player Development (Heather) – no updates
  - Goalie Development (Carrie/Kelly) – no updates
  - Centre of Excellence Rep (Melody for Mike D) – see President's report section



c) VP Operations (Colin)

i. General Operations updates

- 2022-2023 tryout dates and fees (website to be updated with all tryout information)
  - Tryouts for 2022/23 season set for August 29-September 4, 2022.
  - Proposed tryout registration dates and fees as follows:
    - Early bird: June 1-30 (\$100)
    - Regular: July 1–August 15 (\$175)
    - Late registration: As of August 16<sup>th</sup> (\$350) \*Anyone registering after August 15 will be put on a waitlist and will be accommodated as able – acceptance is not guaranteed. This is being piloted in the 2022/23 season for the first time.
    - Tryout refund policy - full refund minus \$50 processing fee up until and including August 15<sup>th</sup>. No refunds after August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Suggestion was made to extend regular registration past August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mid-August is back to the timeframe that registration has closed in most previous years and is a similar timeframe to other Calgary Ringette associations. Pros/cons of leaving registration open past August 15<sup>th</sup> discussed.

Motion to approve tryout registration fees for the 2022/23 season for Early Bird (June 1-30) at \$100, Regular (July 1-August 15) at \$175, and Late Registration (after August 15) at \$350 made by Carrie Hehr, seconded Wendy Anderson – approved.

- 2023 provincials
  - Calgary AA has put together committee who will submit a bid to host 2023 provincials but waiting on dates from RAB. If interested in volunteering, reach out to Colin or Wendy A.

ii. Committee updates:

- Registrar (Amanda) – no updates
- Communications Coordinator-Webmaster/Social Media (Mike L/Brad) – CRC results will be updated on website once photos received from U16AA Surge, U19AA Raid, and U19AA Team AB (Compete). Re: registration, there will be a fair amount of work needed to get website ready for registration and for the 2022/23 season, especially if changes to U14AA program move ahead. Please provide as much lead time as possible for information/updates. There continues to be phishing and fraudulent email attempts so reminder to stay vigilant and avoid clicking links.
- Teamwear & Logo Coordinator (Jenny) – Likely no additions to required teamwear next season given possible IPOE/POE changes. Feel free to reach out to Jenny with any suggestions for new optional items.
- AA Tournament Coordinator (Wendy) – Wendy will be checking regularly over the summer and apply on behalf of Calgary AA as appropriate for 2022/23 session 1 tournaments.
- RIO (Colin for Paul/Kevin) – no updates
- Banquet Coordinator (Kelly) – Please check sign-up genius to fill a few volunteer spots (team requirement is 3 volunteers/team). Photographer will be taking photos of the banquet that will be made available to membership to download. There will be two photo opportunities available (Snap Chat filter and photo booth). Thank you for all the help getting the slide show together and to Stephanie D. for the candy cones. Re: parking, maps have been sent to Managers. Looking forward to a successful event!

d) VP Finance (Michelle B)

i. Financial updates

- End of season team finances/transfers
  - Invoices still being received this week. As per previous meetings, Calgary AA subsidized team ice costs this year with unused casino funds from 2020/21 season and some general surplus funds. Player/Bench RC, RAB, and Referee Fee line-item expenses were higher than anticipated resulting in lower team refund amounts compared to what was discussed at March Committee meeting. Still anticipating some expenses for the AA Overhead, Office, and Miscellaneous line items (i.e., RAB AGM hotel costs, banner). Michelle to follow up whether Calgary AA has received the final Referee Fee bill from BGL. Some teams had submitted cheques for AA year-



end banquet prior to learning about Calgary AA one-time subsidization of tickets. Michelle B. to follow up directly with team treasurers re: same.

- 2022-23 registration fees *\*Please note that the attendance at the meeting had decreased from 23 to 21 at the time of the discussion/voting on this item.*
  - Michelle B. proposing that player registration fee be set at \$1000/player for the upcoming season, which is the same amount as this past season. If changes to U14AA program move ahead, it is unknown whether Calgary AA would receive a casino next year that would likely result in an increase to the cost/player next season. There was a discussion from a variety of members about whether registration costs should be increased (i.e., \$1200) given the current unknowns for next season. Pros/cons of higher registration fees vs. higher cash calls also discussed.

**Motion to approve registration fees for the 2022/23 season at \$1000 per player made by Michelle Byers and seconded by Michelle Rolles. 12 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion defeated.**

**Motion to approve registration fees for the 2022/23 season at \$1200 per player made by Carrie Hehr and seconded by Becky Scheer. None opposed. 1 abstained. Approved.**

ii. Committee updates:

- Casino (Melissa) – no updates
- Sponsorship Coordinator (Mike R) – no updates
- Fundraising Coordinator (Mike R/Catriona/Scott) – no updates

5) **New Business/Other –**

- i. BGL update (Melody) – AGM set for May 14, 2022 – RSVP needed by May 11. Please advise Melody if interested in attending.
- ii. CRCs (Kim U.)
  - Thank you to everyone for helping to fill last minute volunteer spots during the week of CRCs. Over 300 volunteers and 2400 volunteer hours were required over the course of the week. It was truly a great team effort to make it such a successful event. Hopefully everyone went away with a great experience and wonderful memories!
- iii. Volunteers – A big thank you to all the people who volunteered for positions at all levels of the Calgary AA association this year (Board, Committee and/or team level)! Calgary AA would not be the program it is without all the time and effort that volunteers put into the program and it is greatly appreciated!
- iv. RAB AGM (Leigh S.)
  - Leigh extended an invite to all Calgary AA members to attend the RAB Conference and AGM on April 30 & May 1, 2022 in Red Deer, AB. Advance registration is required and information can be found on RAB website (<https://ringettealberta.com/general-meetings/>). Any member can attend but Calgary AA only gets 3 official delegation votes. Delegates voting on behalf of Calgary AA are Melody, Adam, and Michelle B. Some of the topics to be discussed over the weekend include POE, U16/U19 tiering, UAAs, and inclusion of male players in ringette.
  - Re: male player inclusion, please educate yourself on this topic by reading the Ringette Canada and Ringette Alberta's transgender inclusion policy on how females/males will be integrated into ringette. This will be a topic of discussion at RAB Board level over the summer.
  - If any input on any of the above topics, please attend RAB AGM and respectfully share your opinions. Alternatively, feel free to liaise with Leigh.

6) **Next Meeting Date –** AGM in the 2022/23 season (possibly September/early October). Notice will be provided closer to the date.

7) **Adjournment –** 8:24 pm

