



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

In attendance:

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| Becky Scheer | Annette Kolisnyk | Michael Liao | Liane Falconer |
| Colin Dyck | Stefanie Bichsel | Wendy Anderson | Daxton Lesko |
| Brad Tilford | Krista Kaiser | Kristy Assaly | Angela Rudnicki |
| Greg Denham | Dave Patton | Melody Rock | Jenny McConaghy |
| Heather Henning | Chantelle Niro | Paul Wilson | Alex Miller |
| Charitina Stelbaska | Rachel Vincze | Sherri Rogers | Brad Kane |
| Selina Kruchten | Cheryl Barnabe | Aaron Grandberg | Cristina Mutiso |
| Holly Popiel | | | |

1. **Call to Order** - 7:01pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve agenda made by Aaron Grandberg, Jenny McConaghy seconds. Motion approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022 AGM / Committee Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes made by Mike Liao, seconded by Colin Dyck. Motion passed.
4. **Reports**
 - a. **President (Cheryl Barnabe)**
 - i. Ringette Calgary updates
 - Vacancies at Ringette Calgary
 - Office Admin position is vacant. Marlayne Brandsgard has resigned to take on a new job. Thanks were expressed for her 30+ years in the position and we wish all the best in her new adventure.
 - Several board positions also currently vacant including President, VP Admin, VP Technical, and VP Planning.
 - Ringette Calgary reps/directors and Association Presidents helping to cover for now.
 - CRC funds
 - Proceeds from the CRC event continues to build.
 - A committee has been formed to discuss how to distribute/allocate (ie. development opportunities, scholarship fund, marketing initiatives to grow the sport)
 - To promote the CRCs last year, the Calgary Sport & Entertainment Corp (CSEC) hosted a ringette night during the Hitmen game, and proceeds from the 50/50 program that night were donated to Ringette for All. There is also a possible opportunity to highlight ringette during a Hitmen or Wrangler game later this winter or during the EGRT timeframe.
 - ii. CWG Team Alberta engagement
 - The CWG team had requested support from Ringette Calgary to assist with some ice times. Ringette Calgary gave them ice that had been set aside for POE camps that are no longer going ahead and the Associations also gave 1 ice time each.
 - In exchange for the donated ice times, the team has agreed to do some outreach with Calgary teams. For example, there will be exhibition games with the RATH on Nov 26/27 and Dec 17/18 where they will host a “Meet & Greet” session for fans. Other ideas include a social media



challenge, or a draw to have CWG players come to a team practice. (For Calgary AA Ringette, our proposal would be to put forward our U14 teams into any draws.)

- Michael Liao suggests that Team Alberta could be involved with a ringette promotion event with the CSEC. Cheryl can bring this forward to the Ringette Calgary board.
- Please contact Cheryl if you have any other ideas for engagement.

iii. Policy review

- Past President (Melody) would like to make some further updates to our policies to adjust for minor grammar and language edits.
- This will be for minor edits and is not intended to overlap the more thorough update work that was already done this past summer by the policy review committee.
- Two volunteers have come forward to assist Melody with the project. She invites anyone who would like to work with her as a committee to contact her.

Motion to approve updating our policies for minor grammatical and language edits, and reviewing and including any alignments required to current RAB and RC policy made by Aaron Grandberg, seconded by Jenny McConaghy. Motion passed.

b. VP League (Heather Henning)

i. General League Updates - no updates other than Committee updates below

ii. Committee updates:

- Ice Allocator (Cristina / Annette)
 - reminder from the City that arena arrival is 45 min max for all city rinks
 - reminder of Nov 15 deadline for blackouts in the 2nd half of season
 - schedules for Session 2 of the season will be coming out soon
- Equipment Manager (Kristine / Greg)
 - Some rings have been purchased and distributed to teams.
- Parent Administration (Holly)
 - All of our Parent RIS certifications have been completed by deadline.
- Player Development (Heather)
 - Still working with Winsport to book some nutritional sessions
 - Plan to have these booked before Christmas
- Goalie Development (Dave)
 - There is a goalie development session scheduled for Nov 18 at Village Square. Teams have been provided with the info.
 - There may be another session scheduled in January after EGRT.
- POE Committee (Chris / Sheri / Stephanie)
 - The RAB Program Advisory Council (PAC) will now report to the RAB Operations rather than the RAB Board. The PAC has updated the terms of reference, and their focus is expanding to provide input on a broader scope of athlete and sport development (ie. Children's Ringette, rather than just a focus on POE program).
 - The POE program is on hold while waiting for further direction from Ringette Canada. As a result, the program will not be considered until 2024/25 at the earliest.

c. VP Operations (Colin/Aaron)

i. General Operations update - no updates other than Committee updates below

ii. Committee updates:

- Website Development (Brad M. / Tim)
 - Almost done with setting up our new website on the RAMP platform. Also waiting on moving our email accounts over to new system.



- Brad will give a tutorial on website functionalities when it's operational.
- Any invoices for website development costs to be forwarded to Michelle for processing.
- Social Media (Brad K.)
 - Facebook and Twitter profiles don't have a lot of current engagement.
 - Started an Instagram account and we have 200+ followers already.
 - Monitoring all team accounts on social media to share / engage; also watching for questionable content but so far there hasn't been any issues.
 - Teams are encouraged to tag the Calgary AA Ringette handles in your social media to help us with sharing, especially for Instagram.
 - All teams and players are encouraged to follow us on our social media platforms, especially our new Instagram account.
- Teamwear & Logo (Jenny / Erika)
 - Most teamwear items have been distributed with only a couple errors that have been addressed. Please continue to contact Jenny/Erika if any issues with your teamwear orders and do not contact the Ringette Store.
 - A few items are still to come: any U16/19 pants are enroute and all equipment bags will hopefully be here in time for the Saskatoon tournament.
 - There will be an additional apparel order leading up to Christmas. This will be a condensed order to help with quick turnaround.
- Manager Mentor (Jenny)
 - Any questions about managing your teams, get in touch with Jenny for tips or support.
- Team Photos (Angie / Angela)
 - Photos have been provided to the webmaster for adding to website
 - If there are any errors or issues with your photo orders, please reach out to Angie.
- Tournament Coordinator (Wendy / Kristy)
 - Turkey Ring (Oct 7-10) – received a few complaints from one team about the hotel but otherwise a successful tournament
 - Regina (Nov 4-6) – hotels and buses are booked for all teams; schedules received
 - Saskatoon (Nov 11-13) – hotels and buses are booked for all teams; itineraries are due tomorrow; schedules are received; have made note to grab a larger inventory of hotel rooms in future
 - Sherwood Park (Nov 10-13) - teams booked
 - Wood (Dec 2-4) – hotels booked for all teams; no need to call in credit cards to book rooms but will be needed for check-in; still need itineraries for U16 Pace, U14 Red and U14 White; no schedules received yet at this time
- Provincial Tournament (Paul B. / Kevin / Wendy)
 - Calgary AA Ringette is putting in a bid to host provincials for U14AA and U16AA on the weekend of Feb 24-26, 2023 however there will be a few challenges to work around.
 - U14AA will be held in Calgary: We have secured ice however it is scattered at many different locations across the city which isn't ideal but is our only option. Hotels are secured with Delta and Blackfoot, and with Holiday Inn Suites for refs. Volunteer requirements will be sent out to teams once we have more definition around the tournament structure and schedule.
 - U16AA will be held in Rosemary: We recognize that this is not ideal but we have looked extensively for ice in the city and surrounding areas to no avail. Unfortunately the late notice from RAB regarding the dates for provincials came too late for us to secure better ice options. We are working on hotel contracts in Brooks. Volunteer requirements will be determined as we get closer to the event. Concerns were raised that there will be lots of logistics and a lack of amenities to address in Rosemary. Suggestions were offered such as



operating a concession / beer garden at the arena and ensuring there is adequate space for teams to warm up or hang out (ie. rent out space at the nearby school gym and churches)

- Banquet Coordinator (Kristy / Brian / Stephanie / Angela / Michelle M.)
 - Banquet is tentatively booked for Apr 27 at the Croatia Canadian Cultural Centre. Venue is waiting for our deposit to confirm.
 - Venue is a larger space with similar pricing to last year's location. Menu choices look great, and we can stay as late as midnight if we want.
 - Already have lots of volunteers and helpers lined up to assist with planning the event.

d. VP Finance (Cheryl for Michelle B)

i. Financial update

- **Flames 50/50**
 - We've been approved for the Flames 50/50 at their Dec 1 game vs Montreal. This is the day before the Wood tournament so many teams will be away, however those teams should still be able to provide the couple volunteers needed to support the initiative.
 - We need to provide 20 volunteers (approx 2-3 per team)
 - Volunteers will need to arrive 5pm; more details will be sent out to teams soon
- **Financial Review**
 - Cheryl provided a review of the budget again as requested
 - If anyone wants to review the budget or financials further, please reach out to Michelle and she can meet with you
 - We have become aware that there will be a higher amount of coach certifications this year than originally budgeted. This is due to the backlog of certifications that were delayed over the COVID restrictions and also an increase in the certification course costs. We are now expecting costs to be close to \$5300 this year.
 - Coach Admin has asked for the certification budget be increased to \$2900 this season, and going forward we increase the registration fees by \$25 per player to recover the extra costs
 - There was discussion around the registration fees in general and how those funds are distributed across teams for costs such as ice and tournaments.
 - It was noted that the registration fees don't cover all our ice costs which is why teams are called upon to cover the remaining shortage.
 - It was also noted that this highlights why the currently vacant Fundraising and Sponsorship roles are so important to help with covering those costs.

Motion to increase our current year budget for coach certifications to \$2900 was made by Cheryl Barnabe, seconded by Dave Patton. Motion passed.

ii. Committee updates:

- Casino Coordinator (Jody / Liane)
 - Our casino application has been submitted and we are approved for Feb 2 /3. This is the same weekend as the Ottawa tournament however only one team will be away.
 - Note that it will be a different location than previous. Will not be at Cash Casino.
 - We will need 38 people over the 2 days to cover our shifts.
 - A volunteer sign up will be sent out for members to fill the shifts.
 - We are exploring if our new website on RAMP will allow us to have a built-in volunteer sign up functionality. If not, it will be through the usual Sign Up Genius process.
- Sponsorship Coordinator (Chantelle)
 - Chantelle Niro came forward to express interest in this role. She will meet with Michelle R about ideas and proposals for the board to review.



- Please ask your teams for any other interested volunteers
- Fundraising Coordinator (VACANT)
 - please ask your teams for interested volunteers

5. New Business / Other

6. **Next Committee Meeting Date** – Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at Flames Community Arena

7. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Colin Dyck, seconded by Daxton Lesko. Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

