

**AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)**  
**Annual General Meeting MINUTES**  
**Sept 25, 2024**  
 Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena

**Attendance:** 32 (Quorum: 21)

| BOARD                              | U14AA-1<br>RED    | U14AA-2<br>WHITE | U14AA-3<br>BLUE  | U16AA-1<br>RIOT     | U16AA-2<br>FUZE | U16AA-3<br>EDGE | U19AA-1<br>HEAT | U19AA-2<br>BOLD  | RATH       |
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| Cheryl Barnabe<br><i>President</i> | Hailey Seidel     | Charmayne Alman  | Sonja Deeks      | Kristy Assaly       | Jennifer MacKay | Jesse Albers    | Brad Tilford    | Leslie Ruault    | Erin Ung   |
| Sean Jozsa<br><i>VP Ops</i>        | Rob Baillargeon   | Shannon Klimpke  | Mandie Dukeshire | Charitina Stelbaska | Shireen Bond    |                 | Keith Moissette | Liane Falconer   | Rachel Ung |
| Aaron Grandberg<br><i>VP Ops</i>   | Nadine Boudreault | Erin Hutchinson  |                  | Adrian Mitchell     | Andrea Tate     |                 |                 | Angela Rudnicki  |            |
| Michelle Byers<br><i>Treasurer</i> |                   |                  |                  | Rachel Meyer        | Brad Kane       |                 |                 | Brad Marlborough |            |
| Becky Scheer<br><i>Secretary</i>   |                   |                  |                  | Paula Munoz         |                 |                 |                 |                  |            |
|                                    |                   |                  |                  | Stef Bichsel        |                 |                 |                 |                  |            |

- 1) **Call to Order:** 7:01pm
  - i. Land Acknowledgement was read
  - ii. Welcome and Introductions
  
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Aaron Grandberg, seconded by Adrian Mitchell. All were in favour. Motion carried.
  
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2024 Committee Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes made by Michelle Byers, seconded by Charitina Stelbaska. All were in favour. Motion carried.
  
- 4) **President Report on 2023/24 Season**
  - i. See appendix for the report
  
- 5) **2024/25 Board Executive Elections:**
  - i. **Review of Board Purpose, Organization Chart and Role Descriptions**
    - Ringette Calgary AA Committee Structure reviewed. Board and Committee at Large role descriptions reviewed. Elections process for the Board positions reviewed. Committee at Large positions are volunteer positions.
  
  - ii. **Executive Elections**
    - President: Cheryl Barnabe is stepping down and will serve as Past President. Cheryl Barnabe nominates Brad Kane for President. Sean Jozsa seconds. No further nominations. **Brad Kane is acclaimed as President.**
    - VP League: Heather Henning is stepping down. Sean Jozsa nominates Craig Hawryschuk / Jesse Albers. Cheryl Barnabe seconds. Keith Morrisette nominates Adrian Mitchell. Lesley Ruault seconds. No further nominations. A confidential vote was held. Cheryl and Brad served as scrutineers to count votes. **Jesse Albers / Craig Hawryschuk are elected as co-VP League.**
    - VP Operations: Aaron Grandberg is stepping down as co-VP Ops. Sean Jozsa is willing to let his name stand and would like a co-VP to share the position. Aaron Grandberg nominates Kristy Assaly as co-VP Operations. Liane Falconer seconds. No further nominations. **Sean Jozsa and Kristy Assaly are acclaimed as co-VP Operations.**



- VP Finance: Michelle Rolles is stepping down. Becky Scheer nominates Michelle Byers. Sean Jozsa seconds. No further nominations. **Michelle Byers is acclaimed as VP Finance.**
- Treasurer: Michelle Byers is stepping down from the role. Cheryl Barnabe nominates Erin Hutchinson as Treasurer. Michelle Byers seconds. No further nominations. **Erin Hutchinson is acclaimed as Treasurer.**
- Secretary: Becky Scheer is stepping down. Cheryl Barnabe nominates Paula Munoz. Aaron Grandberg seconds. No further nominations. **Paula Munoz is acclaimed as Secretary.**

## 6) 2024/25 Committee at Large - Volunteer Appointments:

### i. LEAGUE

- Ice Allocator: Steve Byers
- Ice Acquisition: Shireen Bond + 1-2 others needed
- Equipment Manager: Adrian Mitchell
- Athlete Development: Rachel Meyer
- Goalie Development (AA): Rachel McKerracher
- Goalie Development (RCal): Nicole Kimpton, Jay D'Amour
- Parent Admin: Lesley Ruault
- Coach Admin: Alex Miller
- Jr Coach Program: Becky Scheer
- Manager Mentor: Paula Munoz
- Safety Lead: Cheryl Barnabe
- EGRT Reps: Jocelyn Beswick, Charlotte Walker, Nadine Boudreault (volunteers)

### ii. OPERATIONS

- Registrar: Charitina Stelbaska, Yvonne Choe
- Webmaster: Brad Marlborough + shadow needed
- Social Media: Regan Meier
- Teamwear / Logo Coordinator: Jocelyn Beswick
- UAA Coordinator: Paul Wilson
- Team Photo Coordinator: Angela Rudnicki
- Tournament Coordinator: Mandie Dukeshire
- Banquet Coordinator(s): Mandie Dukeshire, Lisa Early
- Awards Coordinator: Michelle McSween
- Intro to AA Spring Skate Coordinator: Brad Tilford + shadow needed
- All Sport One Day coordinator (RCal): **VACANT**
- RIO Coordinator(s): Christine Profili, Sarah Blenkhorn

### iii. FINANCE

- Casino Coordinator: Liane Falconer, Hailey Seidel
- Fundraising / Sponsorship Coordinator: Hailey Seidel
- Team reps are asked to take back VACANT roles to their teams for volunteers to fill
- Shadows are also welcome in ANY role so please contact us if interested



## 7) 2023/24 Financial Reports

- i. Approval of 2023/24 Financial Statements (Michelle Byers)
  - Financial statements as of May 31, 2024 were reviewed
  - **Motion to approve the 2023/24 financial statements made by Sean Jozsa. Seconded by Jesse Albers. All were in favour. Motion carried.**
- ii. Approval of the 2024/25 Budget (Michelle Byers)
  - Proposed budget for the 2024/25 season was reviewed
  - **Motion to approve the 2024/25 budget as presented made by Sean Jozsa. Seconded by Jesse Albers. All were in favour. Motion carried.**

## 8) 2024/25 Committee Reports

- a) **President** (Cheryl B.)
  - report provided during AGM portion of meeting; see appendix
- b) **VP League** – Cheryl reporting on behalf of VP League
  - BGL - U19AA games
    - exhibition booking button on BGL website; refs will be paid by BGL and home team automatically charged ref fee, so get \$ directly from other team if they are covering the cost for the exhibition
    - U19AA Rankings - first 4 games don't count, then next 12 games do count towards league championship and provincial rankings; tournaments don't count this season
    - North Hub in first half, hoping to have South Hub in second half but will need enough ice
  - RAMP reminder from RAB
    - need full info filled out for every game
    - need to fill out which goalie played and how many minutes, goalie stats (goals for/against), don't need # shots on goal
    - must fill out all minor officials including Spectator Liaison
  - Ice Allocation (Steve)
    - ice allocation so far is "patchy and gross"
    - waiting on game schedule before practice ice gets distributed for next few weeks
    - CRL - game schedules are posted for a couple weeks, so working on it now
    - teams please let Steve know about tournaments you are attending as soon as you know
    - trades among each other - that is not managed in terms of your allocation costs, but please let Steve know so he can update the SportzSoft schedule with the correct info
    - picking up extra ice - at your own expense and risk, please let Steve know so he can be aware for scheduling impacts
    - please only coaches / managers contact Steve on behalf of your team
    - blocks will only be entertained for tournaments, games; can't accommodate pub nights or other special events that your team is planning



- Equipment Coordinator (Adrian)
  - ordering more medical supplies
  - getting new jersey bags
  - need direction from the board on the old jerseys; priority should be given to older alumni to get the old jerseys; will offer for purchase; Exec to discuss process
  
- Athlete Development (Rachel)
  - Surveys from last season
    - assessed performance training options based on feedback
    - good feedback on areas to improve
  - u14 Performance Training:
    - secured contracts for our U14 teams performance training at Jungle Athletics
    - has been going well so far
  - u14 Nutrition
    - sessions started tonight with u14 White; Red and Blue are Thur and Wed
  - u14 Mental toughness sessions
    - waiting on ice schedules before booking
    - can also open to u16 and u19 if teams are interested, contact for info
  
- Goalie Development
  - first session was tonight
  - Nov 19 - will include a coach only Q&A after the goalie ice session
  - Jan TBA
  
- Coach Admin (Alex)
  - running smoothly right now; waiting on a few PICs
  - reminder about mandatory coach meetings for RCal and RAB
  
- Parent Admin (Lesley)
  - sorting through all the lists, will contact managers tomorrow with details
  - Oct 15 parent RIS is due or your player will be suspended Nov 1 until completed
  - see the website for the link to the RIS program; valid for 3 years
  
- Manager Mentor (Paula)
  - set up the WhatsApp chat
  
- Safety Lead (Cheryl)
  - SHRED study - collects info over the season; provides support if athlete does incur a concussion or other injury; this is the final year as the funding ends; contact Cheryl if team wants to participate
  
- Jr Coach Program (Becky)
  - 9 Jr coaches this season, the most in several years; please welcome them to your teams
  - we encourage any U14 or 1st yr U16 athletes to contact your home association to be a Jr Coach there; great way to get started with younger teams and promote AA program



**c) VP Operations (Sean / Kristy)**

- i. Registrar: (Charitina)
  - thank you to Amanda Roach for huge support during this transition
  - 272 registered athletes
  - still a few registration payments outstanding from families, but majority paid up
  - working on affiliate registration
  
- ii. Teamwear / Logo Coordinator: (Jocelyn)
  - pre-ordered lots of items this year so went fairly smooth, other than u14 athletes on average are smaller than expected but worked through the sizing
  - extra length pants taking time as usual but otherwise everyone had pants for RR and RIO
  - bags out to embroidery; jackets and hoodies still in progress
  - optional orders were submitted on Monday, expected 4-6 weeks max
  - Ringette Store to invoice teams for orders (Oct 14), separate invoice for optional orders
  - backpacks - order deadline is Friday; cost is higher due to a different bag style
  - coach jackets - can get warmer black jackets, need to be approved; need a uniform look
  - lululemon discount - looking into getting an AA discount for items like leggings, shorts; team wear contacts please reach out to express interest
  
- iii. Team Photo Coordinator (Angela)
  - Oct 20 tentative date, but conflicts with U19 hub weekend and some practice ice, also need to know game schedules; if too many conflicts will be Oct 28 as our backup date
  
- iv. Tournament Coordinator (Kristy)
  - waiting on Saskatoon (tentative U14 White, U19 Heat)
  - waiting on Sher Park
  - TRAXX is booking up fast so teams asked to get lists ready as per Kristy's email
  - reminder to be aware of cooking etiquette and only plugging in one appliance so we don't blow breakers which we will be charged for engineers to fix
  - Wood - 2 spots for U14, 2 spots for U16, 2 spots for U19
  - Regina - TBA
  
- v. Social Media
  - needs teams' contact info for their social media reps; please always tag AA in your posts
  
- vi. Website (Brad)
  - please send pictures from tournaments to webmaster (and to social media)
  
- vii. RIO Coordinator
  - issues with shot clock, time clock at Great Plains, will be communicated back to them
  - ice condition was top issue from survey to teams; suggestion to resurface at half time however this would be an extra ice cost; suggestion to arena to install window blinds
  - otherwise went very well with good feedback
  - need to check on Matt Loh awards



**d) VP Finance (Michelle R)**

i. Casino (Liane)

- Dec 14 / 15
- will need approx 8 volunteers per team; stay tuned for more info

**e) Treasurer (Michelle B)**

- reminder to submit your receipts in a timely fashion

**f) Secretary (Becky S)**

- will get Paula set up as the new Secretary; will be sending info to the new board on next steps

**g) RATH Rep – no report**

**h) RAB Rep – no report**

**9) New Business / Other**

- i. We would like a motion to revise two of our policies. In accordance with AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013) Policy 1 (General Policy, Aims and Objectives), Section 11 (Amendment of AA Ringette Calgary Policies and Procedures), the President seeks to form a subcommittee to review and revise the following Policies for the following purposes:

- Policy 6, Number of Teams

We would like to add a section to specify the timing in which affiliates are declared and registered in order to provide the home associations with ample notice.

**Motion to approve the President to form a subcommittee to review and revise Policy 6 as described above made by Adrian Mitchell, seconded by Jesse Albers. All were in favour. Motion carried.**

- Policy 9, Coach Selection

We would like to amend section 9.11 of the policy to include the use of electronic forms as an additional option to downloading a hard copy form. We would also like to discuss and review how and if to include a section on more equitably distributing Non-Parent Coaches across teams, in response to parent feedback.

**Motion to approve the President to form a subcommittee to review and revise Policy 9 as described above made by Sean Jozsa, seconded by Adrian Mitchell. All were in favour. Motion carried.**

**10) Next Meeting Date:** Oct 23, 2024 at 7pm at FCA Stew Fairbanks

**11) Adjournment:** **Motion to adjourn made by Cheryl Barnabe, seconded by Sean Jozsa. All were in favour. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.



## **AA Ringette Calgary Report to Ringette Calgary for the 2023-2024 Season**

Following team selection and season start up activities, our association continued the tradition of participating as Team Jenna in the Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope, and this year we were joined by athletes from Zone 2 AA Ringette. We had the opportunity to showcase our association through the creation of a promotional video and photos in a partnership with TeamTown Sports.

AA Ringette Calgary hosted the Ring It On Tournament September 22-24 at the Great Plains Arena, along with an association-wide season kick off party called the Ring It On RIOT. Several of our association's athletes participated in the World Ringette Championships held in Calgary from October 29 to November 4, 2023, and the Ringette Canada events La Releve and the first international U18 Development Camp preceding the start of WRCs. As an association we cheered Team Canada Junior to their Silver medal. With tournament ice available in November, we hosted the first U19AA Black Gold League hub weekend, although it required bringing in referees from north and central zones as well as from Saskatchewan to cover all games.

Based on injury data collected in partnership with the Sport Injury and Prevention Research Centre at the University of Calgary over the past two seasons, the AA Committee passed a motion mandating shoulder pad use beginning in August 2024.

At the wonderful year end banquet and gala, Rachael McKerracher was honoured with the Jenna Sauer Spirit in Coaching Award, and Leigh Sauer was recognized with the AA Ringette Calgary Service Award.

Our teams had exceptional success on the ice this season. In addition to many tournament victories, including AA Ringette Calgary teams taking home Gold in all age divisions from the premier tournaments Wood and Esso Golden Ring, we would like to specifically recognize the following post-season accomplishments:

### Provincials:

- U14AA: Bronze – Team Blue
- U16AA: Gold – Team Strike; Silver – Team Attack
- U19AA: Gold – Team Combat; Silver – Team CREW

### Western Canadian Ringette Championships:

- U14AA: Team Blue – 4th
- Sophia Meyer was named to the All-Star team, and Avery Ashley won for fastest skater in the skills competition. As well, Team Attack coach and alumni Shyla Bruvall was named to the Open A All-Star team.

### Canadian Ringette Championships:

- U16AA: Silver – Team Strike (as Team Alberta); Team Peak – 4 th ; Team Attack – 5 th
  - In the skills competition, top 3 finishers included Tasha Blackwell and Arianna Draper for fastest skater, Sophia Coli for goalie agility, and Addison Jozsa for accuracy shooting.
  - All-Star team members: 1 st line Tasha Blackwell and Brooke Rolles, 2 nd line Jocelyne Galbraith, Jadee Patel and Sophia Coli
- U19AA: Gold – Team Combat (as Team Alberta); Team CREW – 4th
  - In the skills competition, top 3 finishers included Sage Snethun for fastest skater, Reagan Hatch for goalie agility and Dani Falconer for hardest shot.



- All-Star team members: 1 st line Sage Snethun, Lauren Schoenhofen and Kaylee Armstrong; 2 nd line Ashley Anderson and Reagan Hatch
- NRL: Silver – Calgary RATH
  - RATH coaches Barb Bautista, Chelsea Butt, Dallas Robbins, Paul Geddes and Jeff Ung won the NRL Coaching Staff of the Year award, and Kaitlyn Youldon was named as Most Valuable Player in the NRL. Cayleigh Hassell was named as the 2 nd line all-star defence for her CRC performance.

As a Board we will work to identify novel opportunities for athlete and coach development so as to ensure the continued success of the AA Ringette Calgary program.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Barnabe

President, AA Ringette Calgary

