



AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013) Annual General Meeting Minutes September 28, 2022

In attendance: (Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena)

Jenny McConaghy	Liane Falconer	Cheryl Barnabe	Georgette Saraceni
Stefanie Bichsel	Michelle Rolles	Annette Kolisnyk	Dave Patton
Kristy Assaly	Cristina Mutiso	Aaron Grandberg	Brad Tilford
Rachel Ung	Daxton Lesko	Brian Luzi	Heather Hausmanis
Charitina Stelbaska	Brad Kane	Holly Popiel	Carrie Hehr
Sean Jozsa	Heather Henning	Adam McKnight	Wendy Anderson
Sherri Rogers	Michael Liao	Greg Denham	Paul Wilson
Krista Kaiser	Becky Scheer	Melody Rock	

1. **Call to Order** – 7:01 pm
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Slide deck presentation posted for viewing for attendees.
 - Round table introductions of attendees.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve agenda made by Cheryl Barnabe, Cristina Mutiso seconds. Motion approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2022 AA Committee Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes made by Michael Liao, Becky Scheer seconds. Motion approved.
5. **2021-22 Elections**
 - a) Review of Board Purpose, Organizational Chart and Role Descriptions (Melody)
 - Calgary AA Ringette Committee Structure chart slide reviewed. Board of Directors & Committee at Large role descriptions reviewed. Elections process for Board positions reviewed. Committee at Large positions are volunteer positions.
 - b) Executive Elections: (Melody)
 - i. President: Melody Rock is stepping down and will assume Past President role. Liane Falconer nominates Cheryl Barnabe. Wendy Anderson seconds. No further nominations. Cheryl Barnabe is acclaimed as President.
 - ii. VP League: Adam and Angie McKnight are stepping down and the position is available. Michelle Rolles nominates Heather Henning as VP League. Sean Jozsa seconds. No further nominations. Heather Henning is acclaimed as VP League.
 - iii. VP Operations: Colin Dyck is willing to let his name stand but would like to share the position with another individual. Liane Falconer nominates Aaron Grandberg as co-VP Operations. Cheryl Barnabe seconds. No further nominations. Colin Dyck and Aaron Grandberg are acclaimed as co-VP Operations.
 - iv. VP Finance: Michelle Byers willing to let her name stand. No further nominations. Michelle Byers is acclaimed as VP Finance.



- v. Treasurer: Michelle Rolles is willing to let her name stand. No further nominations. **Michelle Rolles is acclaimed as Treasurer.**
 - vi. Secretary: Liane Falconer is stepping down and the position is available. Adam McKnight nominates Becky Scheer. Michael Liao seconds. No further nominations. **Becky Scheer is acclaimed as Secretary.**
- c) Committee Position Allocations: (Melody)
- i. Ice Allocator – Cristina Mutiso, Annette Kolisnyk
 - ii. Equipment – Kristine & Greg Denham
 - iii. Association Safety Manager – Cheryl Barnabe
 - iv. Jr. Coach Program – Becky Scheer, Holly Popiel
 - v. Coach Admin – Carrie Hehr
 - vi. Parent Admin – Holly Popiel
 - vii. Player Development – Heather Hausmanis
 - viii. Goalie Development – Dave Patton
 - ix. AA Pursuit of Excellence (POE) Liaison & Committee – Chris Lister, Sherri Rogers, Stefanie Bichsel
 - x. AA Reps for Esso Golden Ring (EGRT) (2) – Rachel Vincze, Krista Kaiser
 - xi. Universal Athlete Assessment (UAA) Coordinator – Daxton Lesko, Paul Wilson
 - xii. Registrar – Amanda Roach
 - xiii. Webmaster – Michael Liao (temporary until new website up and running then will be stepping down and the position **will be vacant**)
 - xiv. Website Review Committee – Brad Marlborough ***Additional volunteers needed**
 - xv. Social Media – Brad Kane
 - xvi. Teamwear & Logo – Jenny McConaghy, Erika Liao
 - xvii. Manager Mentor – Jenny McConaghy
 - xviii. AA Photos – Angie McKnight, Angela Rudnicki
 - xix. AA Tournaments/Hotels/Bus – Wendy Anderson, Kristy Assaly
 - xx. Banquet Coordinator (2) – Kristy Assaly, **1 Vacant position**
 - xxi. Year-End Awards Coordinator – Holly Popiel
 - xxii. Intro to AA Skate – Brad Tilford
 - xxiii. Ring It On Coordinator/Committee – Paul Brown, Kevin Chapman, Wendy Anderson ***Looking for a U14AA or U16AA parent to shadow.**
 - xxiv. Provincial Tournament Coordinator/Committee – Paul Brown, Kevin Chapman, Wendy Anderson
 - xxv. Casino Coordinator – Jody Calvert, Liane Falconer
 - xxvi. Fundraising Coordinator – **Vacant**
 - xxvii. Sponsorship Coordinator – **Vacant**
 - xxviii. Pub/Social Night Coordinator/Committee – Michelle Rolles, Michelle Byers

* Team Reps are asked to take back vacant roles to their teams to fill.

6. Items for Approval

- a) Approval of 2021-2022 Financial Statements (Michelle Rolles)
 - Financial statements as of end May 2022 posted and reviewed.
 - Balance Sheet reviewed including assets and liabilities. Overall, our cash held in the bank is relatively unchanged as of May 31, 2022.



- Profit and Loss sheet reviewed. Re: Income – player registrations fees were the main source of income for Calgary AA last season. Other major sources of revenues included casino (revenue is amortized over 2 seasons) and tryout fees. Re: Operating expenses – ice rental was by far the largest expense last season (approximately \$130K). Other significant expenses were related to year-end banquet, tryouts, and league fees (i.e., Ringette Canada/Ringette Alberta fees). Overall, there was a slight net loss for the 2021-2022 season (approximately \$2500).

Motion to approve the 2021-22 financial statements made by Sean Jozsa, Jenny McConaghy seconded. Motion approved.

b) Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget (Michelle Rolles)

- Proposed association budget for upcoming season posted and reviewed.
- Funds to cover the season will be primarily from player registration fees and tryout fees. Some funds from the casino two years ago have also been allocated towards this season (about \$13K). Player registration fee revenues are slightly higher this year due to an increase in the fee itself. RIO may yield a bit of a profit; however, we have budgeted as breakeven at this time. The largest association expense is for ice costs but other expenses include those for tryouts, tournament and travel, and Ringette Canada/RAB fees. Overall, the income less expenses is in a negative position for the season, which will need to be funded by each team to make up the shortfall (approximately \$6500/team). This amount will be closely monitored as the season progresses.

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented made by Aaron Grandberg, Michael Liao seconded. Motion approved.

7. New Business/Other:

a) Reports:

i. President (Melody for Cheryl):

- Welcome to the new season! U14AAs have already participated in the Rusty Ring (Sept 16-18/22) and U16AA/U19AAs in Ring it On (Sept 23-25/22) tournaments.
- Re: tryouts - thank you to all the Division Coordinators, coaches, and volunteers who made these happen! Per RAB, UAAs needed to be completed by the second skate resulting in some scheduling changes and a high number of ice times in a short number of days for this division. This may want to be re-visited for next season's tryouts. UAA info was not released to coaches prior to end of tryouts as it is not part of the selection criteria for AA team formation.
- RAB Pursuit of Excellence (POE) update - Chris Lister is currently Calgary AA's rep for RAB's Program Advisory Council (PAC). PAC provided a report to RAB in the spring with recommendations re: implementation of IPOE/AA at the U14 level. It is likely more time is required to determine a POE program. Calgary AA will plan for a full season for U14AA, U16AA and U19AA in 2023-2024, but will have to be flexible and agile should Ringette Alberta and Ringette Canada developments for Pursuit of Excellence occur sooner. Calgary AA has made its position known that our Association requires as much advance warning as possible of any changes given its impact on operations. RAB has proposed that PAC report to RAB Operations instead of RAB Board, which was accepted at a recent PAC meeting. PAC terms of reference to be updated to reflect this. PAC will likely begin to shift focus to provide input to other RAB programs (i.e., Children's, etc.).
 - One point of discussion raised from the Committee was that many in RC community feel the current U14 development program works well and don't want to see a change to it,



especially given POE implementation challenges experienced in other provinces. Another point of discussion raised was the possibility of incorporating the university-level programs into the Ringette Canada's High Performance path.

- Ringette Calgary (RC) – no updates
- Cheryl made a short presentation to thank Melody for all her work on behalf of Calgary AA.

ii. VP Finance: (Michelle Rolles for Michelle Byers)

- Confirmed that Calgary AA will have a casino in early 2023. Association has also applied for a Flames 50/50 game as another possible fundraising venture. Still looking for help from members with association sponsorship and fundraising initiatives. VP Finance will communicate any financial updates to the team treasurers.

iii. VP League (Adam for Heather)

- Chinook Ringette League (CRL) (Melody) – Currently undergoing a restructuring process, which will result in changes to fees and rules/regulations in the league. Also looking at changes to the cost structure for referees. Discussion re: use of the new quarter game format for the U16AAs playing in the U19A league.
- Black Gold League (BGL) – Calgary AA's U19AA teams to participate in this league again this season. Schedule due to be released Oct 7th as working through scheduling challenges with the addition of a Central team. Based on UAAs, a Leduc team scored in the AA division level and may be competing at that level for some tournaments.
- Deadline approaching for Session 1 tournament black-out dates, Session 2 black-out dates by November.
- Committee updates:
 - Ice Allocator (Cristina) – RC lost some ice contracts to hockey so overall there is less ice, earlier/later times, and the cost of ice is more expensive than last season. Will continue to allocate ice times as fairly as possible amongst the teams.
 - Provincial 2023 Committee (Melody) – Calgary AA had been prepared to submit a host bid for AA Provincials 2023 but has had difficulties securing ice given timing of when dates were set by RAB. Z2 has secured ice in Cochrane and plans to submit a U19AA host bid (Mar 10-12/23). For U14AA/U16AA (Feb 24-26/23), Cristina has found ice options over 8 rinks in Calgary, which will only be sufficient for 1 division. Ice could also be secured in Rosemary, AB for 1 division. Discussion with attendees re: various options and how to proceed. Not a lot of support for Rosemary option. Tentative plan is for Calgary AA to put forth a bid for U14AA division with ice secured in Calgary. For U16AA, Colin/Cristina to continue to investigate other options (i.e., ice options in Lethbridge or other larger centres, ice availability on Mar 10-12/23 weekend, liaise with other associations to host). If any members have any connections for ice in Calgary/southern AB, please liaise with Colin/Cristina.
 - Equipment (Greg) – Re: rings, 8 dozen rings purchased plus supplies to replenish the medical bags for the start of the season (approximately \$1500). Michelle R. confirmed that there is a budget line item for Seasonal Equipment costs. Re: jerseys, some are beginning to show their age and certain sizes missing from some sets. There is a jersey fund for repairs/replacement which has not been accessed for a while given unknown of POE program changes. Greg to liaise with Michelle B. re: jersey/equipment related expenses.
 - UAA (Daxton) – no updates



- Coach Admin (Carrie) – no updates
 - Player Development (Heather) – Currently looking into workshops through Canadian Sports Institute at Winsport again this season. Sessions offered this year would be different to those offered last season. Also investigating workshops available through other facilities and/or videos that individual teams could watch together on topics such as nutrition, resilience/embracing challenge, etc. Re: dryland, each team is organizing their own. Heather to liaise with coaches with alternative dryland options (i.e., spin classes). Please contact Heather if anyone has other off-ice athlete development opportunities/ideas.
 - Parent Admin (Holly) – Most Code of Conduct forms collected. Still waiting for a few Respect in Sport (RIS) certifications. Deadline to submit is October 31st.
 - EGRT (Jenny) – Registration for EGRT will be opening in October. Calgary AA reps to organize the Calgary AA volunteers and to take the lead for setting up an on-line 50/50 (i.e., Rafflebox).
 - Jr. Coach Development (Becky) – no updates
 - Safety (Cheryl) – Cheryl looking into research related to decreasing sport-related injuries (i.e., specialized warmups targeting lower body injuries, concussions, etc.).
- iv. VP Ops: (Melody for Colin/Aaron)
- Ring It On (RIO) - Huge thank you to Paul, Wendy, Kevin, and all other volunteers for their efforts to make RIO a success! There has been a lot of positive feedback from the teams who travelled to participate and everyone enjoyed the addition of the beer gardens. It was unfortunate that Food Trucks were a no-show. Matt Loh Sportsmanship award went to Regina for U16AA and St. Albert for U19AA divisions.
 - Committee updates:
 - Photos (Melody for Angie) – October 2 @ Strathcona Community Centre. Information has already been emailed to Managers. Trying out a new vendor this season – Prime Sports Team Photography. There will be a make-up options for players who cannot attend. Strathcona Community Centre has given a not-for-profit discount on the hall rental.
 - Website/Social Media (Michael L.) – The website performed well during the high usage period over tryouts (150,00 hits total for tryouts vs. 4-5K in a normal month). There continues to be international agents trying to get access to the platform so safety will be important with the new website platform. Please remind team social media reps to be active on social media platforms including Twitter. Posts should be promoting the spirit of ringette.
 - Teamwear (Jenny) – Please remember that teams need to look coordinated with Calgary AA colours (blue/red) at games, tournaments, etc. The grey hoodie and red jacket are the Calgary AA uniform that represent the brand. Every team should have received the red pants and loaner blue pants. Most of the gear should be arriving soon except for a delay in gear bags and royal blue long-sleeved DriFit shirts. All gear to be distributed as soon as received. Please contact Jenny (vs. Ringette Store) with any questions/concerns/changes/order errors for Calgary AA gear. Jenny is also the contact should a team want to use AA logo for any other apparel. Please be budget-conscious for additional items ordered outside of the required/optional AA gear. There will be a pre-Christmas order made for the “optional” Calgary AA items. Jenny will need to do another AA helmet sticker order to replace damaged stickers (approximately \$500).



- Tournaments/Hotel/Bus (Wendy):
 - Turkey Ring (Oct 7-10/22): Applied for U14AA and 16AA divisions, hotels have been booked by Wendy.
 - *Regina (Nov 4-6/22): Applied for U16AA teams (note U19AAs not going this year due to World Ringette tournament).
 - *Saskatoon (Nov 11-13/22): Applied for U14AA, U16AA, and U19AA divisions. *All teams will be notified re: participation in Regina/Saskatoon tournaments by Oct 1st. Hotels booked for both by Wendy. Busses to be booked by Wendy.
 - Mid-Canada (Winnipeg) (Dec 9-11/22): Applied for U14AA and U16AA divisions, hotels to be booked by Wendy.
 - Wood (Dec 2-4/22): Applied for U14AA, U16AA, and U19AA divisions. All have teams been notified of acceptance, hotels have been booked by Wendy.
 - Please remember to liaise with Cristina re: tournament dates to ensure weekend is blocked off. Also, it is mandatory for all teams to complete the RC Tournament Attendance form after each tournament (except EGRT). Forms located on RC website: <https://ringettecalgary.ca/forms/tournament-attendance>.
- b) Re: male inclusivity in ringette. RAB has updated their policy re: transgender inclusivity in sport. RAB follows Ringette Canada's policies re: gender inclusion. Previously, quadrant teams were considered co-ed teams. CRCs does support Mixed Divisions however, to-date, no co-ed teams have ever applied. Westerns has had teams with male players participate in that competition. BC has the largest number of teams with male players. Calgary AA will be re-visiting their policies to ensure gender neutral language. With respect to other gender-related policy changes, Calgary AA awaiting more direction from RAB/Ringette Canada.
- c) AA Committee meetings. Meetings will happen on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except in December (December 14th). Please mark your calendars!

8. **Next Meeting Date** – Wednesday, October 26, 2022

9. **Adjournment** – **Motion to adjourn made by Adam McKnight, seconded by Daxton Lesko. Motion approved.** Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

