



**AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)
Committee Meeting MINUTES**

April 3, 2024

Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena

Attendance: 26 (Quorum = 22)

BOARD	U14AA-1 BLUE	U14AA-2 WHITE	U14AA-3 RED	U16AA-1 STRIKE	U16AA-2 ATTACK	U16AA-3 PEAK	U19AA-1 CREW	U19AA-2 COMBAT
Cheryl Barnabe <i>President</i>	Kristy Assaly <i>Banquet</i>	Shannon Klimpke	Erin Seaman	Michelle Coli <i>Awards</i>	Stefanie Bichsel	Charitina Stelbaska <i>Registrar</i>	Allan Russell	Melody Rock <i>EGRT</i>
Sean Jozsa <i>VP Ops</i>	Davor Gugolj <i>U14 Task Force</i>		Yvonne Choe	Brad Kane	Angela Rudnicki <i>Team Photos</i>	Rachel Vincze <i>EGRT</i>	Jenny McConaghy <i>Managers</i>	Greg Falconer
Heather Henning <i>VP League</i>	Rachel Meyer <i>Player Dev.</i>				Adrian Mitchell <i>Equipment</i>	Andrea Nicholas		
Michelle Byers <i>Treasurer</i>					Leslie Ruault <i>Parent Admin</i>			
Becky Scheer <i>Secretary</i>								
Aaron Grandberg <i>VP Ops</i>								
Michelle Rolles <i>VP Finance</i>								

- 1) **Call to Order:** 7:01pm
 - Land Acknowledgement read
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Aaron Grandberg, seconded by Sean Jozsa. All were in favour. Motion carried.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from March 6, 2024 Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes made by Michelle Coli, seconded by Greg Falconer. All were in favour. Motion carried.
- 4) **2023/24 Committee Reports**
 - **President** (Cheryl B.)
 - Tournament attendance: acknowledging our teams that participated in tournaments recently
 - WCRCs:
 - U14AA Blue rallied through the round robin undefeated to advance to the semi-finals, placing 4th after a thrilling double OT in the bronze final vs Z2
 - Congratulations also for the following achievements:
 - Avery Ashley - U14AA Fastest Forward Skater
 - Sophia Meyer - U14AA All Star Line - Defence
 - Congratulations also to Shyla Bruval (Asst Coach with U16AA Attack) for being named to the Open A All Star Line and her team (Impact / Team Alberta) placing 4th



- CRCs:
 - U16AA: Congratulations to all three teams for advancing to CRCs in New Brunswick: Strike as AB1, Attack as AB2, Peak as AB4
 - *UPDATE*: Strike / Team AB - silver; Peak - 4th; Attack - quarterfinalist
 - U19AA: Congratulations to both teams for advancing to CRCs in New Brunswick: Combat as AB1, Crew as AB2
 - *UPDATE*: Combat / Team AB - gold; Crew - 4th
 - We look forward to celebrating all our teams at the banquet in April!
- Ringette Calgary updates
 - RCalgary's AGM is coming up on May 1; info and RSVP link on their website
 - AA Team Size request for 2024/25 season
 - As per "Policy 6 Number of Teams", we would like to present Ringette Calgary with the following recommendations for the 2024/25 season:
 - U14AA - 3 teams of 15 skaters, 1 goalie
 - We will ask for 15 skaters but may only get approval for 13 skaters as per the policy minimum. We understand there is a perceived lower number / level of skill coming up, but we also need to continue to build our wide base for development within our program pyramid.
 - U16AA - 3 teams of 13 skaters, 1 goalie
 - U19AA - 2 teams of 15 skaters, 2 goalies
 - In the event that our request for 2 goalies is denied, we will request 1 goalie with first call on affiliate goalie.
 - Request "first call" on affiliate goalies in all divisions with 1 goalie per team
 - Request "first call" on affiliate skaters in all divisions with 13 skaters or less per team
 - **Motion to approve AA Ringette Calgary board to present Ringette Calgary with the above recommendations for team formation for the 2024/25 season made by Jenny McConaghy, seconded by Heather Henning. 24 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion carried.**
- RAB updates
 - 2025 Provincials: Feb 28-Mar 2 hosted by Zone 2 for all 3 divisions across various rinks
 - RAB's AGM is on May 4 and 5 in Red Deer
- AA Calgary Board updates
 - Year End Surveys
 - surveys will aim to be sent out the week of the banquet; asking for family name to ensure one survey per household, but will have names / personal info screened prior to being provided to president for data analysis
 - Athlete Survey
 - U14 Parent Survey - seeking feedback on dryland providers, coach feedback, info about apparel, etc
 - U16 / U19 Parent Survey
 - Coach Applications
 - coach applications will open May 1 - 31 on our website
 - Coach Selection Committee almost finalized
 - coach selections will be announced by the first week of July



- **VP League** (Heather H.)
 - Ice Allocator (Annette / Cristina):
 - Tryout ice booked at Huntington Hills, Great Plains, NESS and hopefully FCA as well; still looking for 2 ice slots for the Tues evening but will continue to search
 - Steve Byers stepping into Ice Allocator role for the new season and will work on transition with Annette and Cristina
 - City ad hoc ice buy date in May is coming up; will work with RCal to coordinate
 - anticipate requesting the same amount of ice as this season, but will look to the surveys for feedback on amount of ice this past season
 - Equipment Coordinator (Adrian):
 - equipment return - Apr 27 tentative; will send out info to managers / coaches
 - jersey redesign project
 - RFPs out to 6 local vendors; responses due by Apr 9
 - hoping to have samples for banquet but will see how it goes
 - can't sell off the old jerseys until we have the new ones actually in hand
 - med bags will go for embroidery over the summer
 - Safety Lead (Cheryl): nothing to report
 - Athlete Development (Rachel):
 - U14: looking for feedback on dryland / mental training providers in the surveys
 - nutrition specialist is secured to continue for next season
 - Goalie Development (Dave): nothing to report
 - Coach Admin (Alex): nothing to report
 - Parent Admin (Lesley): nothing to report
 - Manager Mentor (Jenny): nothing to report
 - Jr Coach Program (Becky / Jen): nothing to report
 - EGRT Reps (Charlotte / Melody / Rachel / Jocelyn): nothing to report
- **VP Operations** (Aaron / Sean)
 - Teamwear / Logo Coordinator (Jenny / Jocelyn): nothing to report
 - Banquet Coordinator (Kristy):
 - all plans good to go; still need a couple volunteers for set up and take down
 - affiliates are not able to join due to space limitations; we can look at other venues next year to accommodate affiliates but would mean a larger venue with higher ticket prices
 - Awards Coordinator (Michelle C):
 - nominations still open until Apr 8



- Intro to AA Spring Skate Coordinator (Brad T):
 - Apr 29 at Crowfoot, May 1 at FCA; see website for details
 - Aaron to connect with Becky to book room at FCA for parent meeting
 - sign ups are filling up already; aiming for cap of 25 skaters; registration open until Apr 13
 - will get notes from the U14 recruitment task force for info to share with families; recommend putting together a pamphlet to hand out with costs, time commitment, ice times, multi-sport commitment, etc.
 - help get word out to encourage sign ups; reminder that it's a casual event not a try out
 - thanks to Registrar for assistance
- U14AA Recruitment Task Force (Davor):
 - U14AA Blue had a buddy practice with BV U12A
- Registrar (Amanda):
 - Tryout Fees & Packages for 2024/25 season – proposing the following fees and dates:
 - Early Bird: \$100 from June 1 - 30
 - Regular: \$175 from July 1 - Aug 15
 - Late (waitlist): \$350 from Aug 16 - 22
 - Tryouts begin Aug 26 so the cut off date of Aug 22 is needed for preparation time
 - **Motion to approve the Tryout Registration package dates and fees as proposed for the 2024/25 season, made by Michelle Coli, seconded by Angela Rudnicki. All were in favour. Motion carried.**
- Webmaster (Brad M):
 - still need some photos uploaded to Flickr for the banquet for some 16s and 14s teams
- Social Media (Regan M):
 - please tag AA Ringette Calgary so we can share your posts and stories
- UAA Coordinator (Paul W): nothing to report
- Team Photo Coordinator (Angela): nothing to report
- Tournament Coordinator (Kristy): nothing to report
- RIO Coordinator (Christine P / Sarah B):
 - will get official contract in May, but have email confirmation for Sept 20-22 at Great Plains
- **VP Finance** (Michelle R) - no report
- **Treasurer** (Michelle B)
 - Budget and Team Costs
 - final costs still coming in for refs, equipment bag top ups
 - please report back to your teams that the final costs are still in the works as final invoices come in so please be patient



- Registration Fees for 2024/25 season
 - Do we keep our registration fees at \$1200 per player upon being drafted to a team for the 2024/25 season, or do we increase fees to more closely cover the full “association-level” costs to make it smoother for families at the end of season?
 - Discussion:
 - approx \$1500 per player covers the association-level costs (first session tournaments, AA allocated ice to Feb, ref fees, certifications, overhead, etc) with some variances
 - DOES NOT cover March ice if teams qualify to continue past provincials
 - DOES NOT cover “team level” costs such as extra ice, team building activities, travel costs, AA apparel, etc
 - our sample budgets need to be updated for team treasurers, and each team needs to discuss and agree upon their costs and budget at the parent meeting and at various points during the season; Becky to provide U19AA sample
 - historically tried to keep registration fees low due to high costs incurred by families in September (equipment, school fees, etc)
 - if fees are raised, we need to communicate it clearly and have a comm plan
 - **Motion to set Registration Fees at \$1500 per player for the 2024/25 season upon being drafted to a team, made by Greg Falconer, seconded by Michelle Byers. 24 in favour, 1 abstained. Motion carried.**

- **Secretary** (Becky S) - nothing to report
- **RATH Rep** (Regan M) – nothing to report
- **RAB Rep** (Brandon C) – nothing to report

5) **New Business / Other**

- Thank you for your attendance at meetings this year and for all your work stepping into roles on the committee this season. Please consider a board role or if you know someone who might be interested.

6) **Next Meeting Date:** TBA for 2024/25 season

7) **Adjournment:** **Motion to adjourn made by Heather Henning, seconded by Angela Rudnicki. All were in favour. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

