



AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013) Committee Meeting MINUTES

April 9th, 2025

Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena

Attendance: 26 (Quorum = 21)

BOARD	U14AA-1 BLUE	U14AA-2 WHITE	U14AA-3 RED	U16AA-1 RIOT	U16AA-2 FUZE	U16AA-3 EDGE	U19AA-1 HEAT	U19AA-2 BOLD	RATH
Brad Kane	Margaret Reinders	Yvonne Choe	Kristi Reinhardt	Stef Bichsel	Shireen Bond	Sonja Deeks		Lesley Ruault	Lauren Chown
Kristy Assaly	Lisa Early	Shannon Klompke	Rob Baillergeon	Adrian Mitchell		Jay D'Amour			Erin Ung
Jesse Albers	Mandie Dukeshire			Paul Wilson					
Sean Jozsa	Kari Colpitts			Rachel Meyer					
Michelle Byers				Charitina Stelbaska					
Cheryl Barnabe									
Erin Hutchinson									
Paula Munoz									

1) Call to Order:

- 7:03 pm

2) Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda made by Jesse Albers and seconded by Kristy Assaly.

3) Approval of Minutes from March 17th Meeting:

Motion to approve minutes made by Jesse Albers and seconded by Sean Jozsa.

4) Committee Reports

a) President (Brad)

- **Congratulations to all teams for an incredible season!**
 - U14AA: Blue achieved Bronze at Westerns.
 - U16AA: Riot achieved Gold, Edge achieved Silver and Fuze won the consolation bracket at the Canadian Ringette Championships.
 - U19AA: Bold achieved Bronze and Heat made the Championship bracket at the Canadian Ringette Championships. The Sportsmanship Award was given to Bold.
- Barb Bautista was inducted into the Ringette Hall of Fame.



- **Ringette Calgary Update**

- The World Championship Bid for 2027 has been presented. An interview with Ringette Canada will take place on April 28th.

b) **VP League (Craig/Jesse)**

- An email will be sent this week regarding the collection of jerseys and equipment for the end of season.

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

- A new apparel provider decision will be made in May.
- Please send in tournament highlights and community event photos to the AA Webmaster.
- Thank you to our Banquet team and volunteers! We are looking forward to celebrating together on Saturday, April 12th. Please direct any questions to team representatives.
- Intro to AA spring skate has good numbers registered so far, with the possibility of a third ice time if needed.

d) **VP Finance (Michelle/Erin)**

- Please get invoices in by April 15th (hard deadline).
- Some teams still have amounts owing for pins.
- Some teams are still waiting on benevity amounts.
- The next casino is at Cowboys in December 2026.

5) **New Business / Other**

- In September we will have elections and be looking to fill some Committee positions. Thank you to all our Committee members this season!
- There will be an increase of registration fees by \$300/player for the upcoming season. The proposal to raise fees was due to rising ice costs and the need to build a contingency amount to support player and coach development.
 - Motion to approve the raising of registration fees to \$1800/player for the upcoming season made by Erin Hutchinson and seconded by Jesse Albers. All were in favour. Motion carried.
- Team Size request for 2025/2026 season
As per "Policy 6 Number of Teams", we would like to present Ringette Calgary with the following recommendations for the 2025/2026 season:
 - U14AA - 3 teams of 13 skaters, 1 goalie (as currently reflected in policy)
 - U16AA - 3 teams of 13 skaters, 1 goalie (as currently reflected in policy)
 - 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 2025/2026



season made by Jesse Albers and seconded by Sean Jozsa. All were in favour.
Motion carried.

- Policy 9, “Coach Selection”, was reviewed with the intent to create equity resources between teams. Board and committee received and the board discussed constructive feedback on the policy proposal. Decision was made to maintain the existing policy with no changes for the 2025-2026 season. New members will be added to the committee moving forward to ensure all voices are heard and a policy recommendation will be presented.
 - Motion to maintain Policy 9, “Coach Selection”, was made by Cheryl Barnabe and seconded by Lesley Ruault. All were in favour. Motion carried.
- Coach Development Programming is being created:
 - **Peak Pursuit** is an innovative guide designed to equip AA Ringette Calgary coaches with the essential expertise, strategies, and tools needed to excel in their roles. Whether you're stepping into coaching for the first time or refining an already established approach, this structured framework strengthens both your technical skills and leadership presence.
 - With a focus on advanced ringette techniques, team cohesion, and a competitive mindset, **Peak Pursuit** goes beyond the game itself. It emphasizes the importance of character, resilience, and leadership, ensuring athletes not only thrive in the sport but also develop the discipline and mindset necessary for lifelong success.
 - This program is structured to guide players through critical development stages, beginning at the U14AA level with foundational skill-building, advancing to U16AA for high-performance play, and culminating in elite competition at U19AA. Supporting athletes through these transitions is vital to the success of AA Ringette Calgary, and Peak Pursuit ensures coaches are fully equipped to lead that journey.
 - **Program Impact**
 - **Peak Pursuit** empowers ringette coaches with the knowledge, confidence, and expertise to deliver elite training and mentorship. By emphasizing technical mastery, strategic insight, and personal growth, this initiative strengthens the development of athletes and the sport's evolution from U14AA through U19AA and beyond.
- Please keep an eye out for the post season survey in the next couple of weeks, and please take some time to help us make the AA experience the best!

6) **Next Meeting Date:**

***September 2025, To Be Determined**

7) **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Motion to adjourn approved by Shireen Bond and seconded by Jesse Albers.



