

AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)

Committee Meeting MINUTES

Dec 20, 2023

Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena

Attendance: Quorum = 22

EXEC	U14AA-1	U14AA-2	U14AA-3	U16AA-1	U16AA-2	U16AA-3	U19AA-1	U19AA-2
Cheryl Barnabe <i>President</i>	Davor Gugolj (rep)	Shannon Klimpke (rep)	Erin Seaman (rep)	Jocelyn Beswick <i>Team Wear</i>	Stef Bichsel (rep)	Charitina Stelbaska (rep)	Allan Russel (rep)	Charlotte Walker (rep)
Aaron Grandberg <i>VP Ops</i>	Caley Cobbe-Gareau (rep)			Michelle Coli <i>Awards</i>	Angela Rudnicki <i>Photos</i>		Jenny McConaghy <i>Manager Mentor</i>	Greg Falconer (rep)
Sean Jozsa <i>VP Ops</i>	Kristy Assaly <i>Banquet, Tournament</i>				Adrian Mitchell <i>Equipment</i>			Jen Dunn (rep)
Heather Henning <i>VP League</i>								
Michelle Byers <i>Treasurer</i>								
Becky Scheer <i>Secretary</i>								

- 1) **Call to Order:** 7:04pm
 - Land Acknowledgement read

- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Greg Falconer, seconded by Michelle Coli. Motion carried.

- 3) **Approval of Minutes from Nov 22, 2023 Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes made by Aaron Grandberg, seconded by Charitina Stelbaska. Motion carried.

- 4) **2023/24 Committee Reports**
 - **President (Cheryl B.)**
 - Tournament attendance and success: We would like to acknowledge and celebrate all our teams that participated in tournaments recently.
 - Wood – All 8 of our teams attended the Wood tournament in Leduc and our association had a very successful weekend:
 - U14AA: White won gold, Blue won bronze, Red placed 5th
 - U16AA: Peak won gold, Strike won silver, Attack placed 4th
 - U19AA: Crew won gold, Combat won silver
 - Ringette Calgary updates
 - Sydney Rock - congratulations on receiving the Don Henderson Scholarship
 - Tournament attendance - please remember to fill in the tournament form and submit photos to Ringette Calgary



- The host for WRCs Czech team is now serving as host for a Czech team that is part of an upcoming hockey tournament in Calgary; they are looking for billets if anyone can help
- Policy review
 - thanks Brad K and Davor G for your work on this special project
 - they sent their suggested revisions to the board for review; board reviewed and answered outstanding questions.
 - Updated policy has been sent to RCal for approval and will then come back to AA committee for final approval
- Provincials
 - still waiting on locations to be announced
 - number of berths for WCRCs and CRCs still to be announced
 - UPDATE: U14AA will be in Sherwood Park; U16AA will be hosted by Sherwood Park in various locations; U19AA is still being determined
- Recruitment for U14AA next season
 - concerns around lack of interest / awareness among the upcoming U12, U14 groups
 - Cheryl presented stats on number of players in U12A, U14A/B and highlighted a drop in numbers across the city in recent years
 - looking for 1-2 people from each U14 team to form a recruitment task force. Davor Gugolj agrees to be on the committee
 - Promotion and recruitment ideas include:
 - utilize U19 or U16 teams as a draw to come watch games
 - Jr Coaches at home associations - please invite your teams to come watch
 - If your home association is hosting a Come Try Ringette event or other similar camps, please encourage your players go back to help as volunteers
 - offering free goalie training sessions to U12 players
 - promoting AA program during WCRCs in March, including hosting an earlier Intro to AA skate session during WCRCs
 - If your team has younger siblings at home associations, consider “buddy” teams
 - Also noted that promotion of sport in general is needed to boost registration across the city, which feeds our program
 - Please contact Cheryl with any other ideas to promote AA program with U10, U12, U14
- Session 2 league games for U14AA and U16AA teams
 - Approached by Ringette Calgary / CRL scheduler to consider if we want to adjust the session 2 structure for our teams next season:
 - Session 1 league games as usual (ie. U14AA continues to play against U16A teams, and U16AA teams continues to play against U19A teams)
 - Session 2 league games only against other AA teams (instead of the current structure of 1-2 league games against A teams in Session 2)
 - Pros:
 - continues to give strong competition for growth in Session 1
 - continues to give variety in Session 1
 - not a big difference of 1-2 league games against A teams in Session 2



- allows for more Session 2 league games against AA teams which count for ranking
 - allows our teams to identify equitable competition during Session 1 to set up meaningful Exhibition games against A teams in Session 2
 - streamlines game and practice scheduling for AA and CRL (ie. allows CRL to publish our Session 2 league game schedule quickly, and in turn we can allocate our practice ice much earlier, rather than needing to wait for the CRL Advance / Retreat meetings to finish before schedules can be released)
 - Cons:
 - lose some of the guaranteed variety in Session 2
 - not all teams are as connected and able to set up Exhibition games
 - concerns about “slippery slope” of changing structure with RCal
 - good discussion by the group; we will continue to discuss and vote at the next meeting
- **VP League (Heather H.)**
 - Ice Allocation
 - Feb 19 week - teams only have 1 practice time allocated during this week leading into provincials so please look ahead if you want to purchase ice on your own this week
 - RCal - last ice allocation is March 27th, so teams playing beyond that date will need to purchase own; but we have LOTS of ice in March so don't buy extra during that month
 - Equipment Coordinator
 - new rings distributed to teams
 - no returns or issues on med bags, marked with a luggage tag for now, will do AA logo embroidery during the off season
 - jerseys
 - RFP package ready to send out; aiming for approx 10 vendors and will narrow down to 2-3 for presenting to committee
 - looking to construct a committee to review the proposals and short list
 - Athlete Development: nothing to report
 - Goalie Development:
 - early Jan before EGRT, and then another in early Feb
 - also possibly hosting a U12 goalie development camp as a promotion
 - Coach Admin:
 - hard deadline was Dec 15 for completing coach certifications
 - please share your police checks with AA; need to ensure it is shared through the system
 - Parent Admin: nothing to report
 - Manager Mentor: nothing to report
 - Safety Lead: nothing to report



- Jr Coach Program:
 - mid-season check in will be in early Jan
 - Jr coaches at home associations - please invite your teams to watch your games
- EGRT Reps
 - we'll hear in Jan on volunteer assignments and game schedules
 - Jocelyn will post NRL schedule ASAP so we can start to share and promote the RATH games
 - 50/50 raffle to be released soon
- **VP Operations (Aaron / Sean)**
 - Registrar: nothing to report
 - Webmaster:
 - please send in photos from tournaments or community initiatives; we can't just pull photos and info from social media as we need higher res photos
 - reminder about apparel dress code for games added to website
 - Social Media:
 - please remember to tag AA Ringette Calgary in your posts so she can share
 - Teamwear / Logo Coordinator:
 - the last apparel order has been distributed
 - UAA Coordinator: nothing to report
 - Team Photo Coordinator:
 - photo day booked for next season
 - Sun Sept 29 at Strathcona Community Centre
 - Tournament Coordinator:
 - lots of complaints from hotels this year which is a big concern (broken/missing items, behaviour of players and parents, blowing breakers with excessive appliances, towels being used for food clean up, bins overflowing with food waste and garbage)
 - all teams should refer to the team bin list and ensure you have lots of dish towels, garbage bags, and other cleaning supplies
 - please stick with basic cooking appliances such as crockpots or blenders
 - we are seeing hotels not accept us for next year or pulling back on allowing crockpots
 - EVERYONE PLEASE be respectful and represent our association with best behaviour; reminder to PLAYERS AND PARENTS to adhere to our code of conduct
 - Banquet Coordinator:
 - banquet is booked and deposit paid
 - Apr 18 at Croatian Cultural Centre



- Awards Coordinator: nothing to report
- Intro to AA Spring Skate Coordinator:
 - looking into hosting one during WCRCs in addition to one in May as usual
- RIO Coordinator: nothing to report
- **VP Finance** (Michelle R) - no report
- **Treasurer** (Michelle B)
 - Budget and Team Costs
 - presented an overview of the budget and actual costs per team so far
 - Noted that there are some costs that are higher than anticipated, for example:
 - higher overhead costs such as RAMP fees, association promotion and photo packages
 - ref travel costs
 - receiving the full ice allocation requested from RCal this season and additional ice with the November hub weekend
 - Wood registration fees were higher than anticipated this year
 - Noted that we need to recoup costs that the association did not normally front for teams
 - U14 dryland was paid upfront this season for all teams
 - deposits for U16 dryland for Attack and Strike were paid upfront this season and amount for Peak paid upfront this season
 - will send out info to each team with what they owe back to AA; noted that it is variable for each team depending on different ice usage, tournament attendance, etc.
- **Secretary** (Becky S) - nothing to report
- **RATH Rep** – no report
- **RAB Rep** - no report

5) **New Business / Other**

6) **Next Meeting Date:** Jan 24, 2024 at 7pm at FCA Stew Fairbanks

7) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Jen Dunn, seconded by Jocelyn Beswick. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

