



**AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)
Committee Meeting MINUTES
January 22nd, 2025**

Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena

Attendance: 27 (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	Mandie Dukeshire	Shannon Klimpke	Kristy Reinhardt	Charitina Stelbaska	Michelle Byers	Charmayne Alman	Annette Kolisnyk		
Kristy Assaly	Margaret Reinders	Yvonne Choe	Rob Baillargeon	Stef Bichsel	Shireen Bond	Jay D'Amour	Michelle Coli		
Sean Jozsa	Lisa Early		Nadine Boudreault	Paul Wilson		Sonja Deeks	Joceyln Beswick		
Paula Munoz				Rachel Meyer			Brad Tilford		
Michelle Byers									
Erin Hutchinson									

1) **Call to Order:**

- 7:02pm

2) **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda made by Brad Tilford and Rob Baillargeon.

3) **Approval of Minutes from November 27th Meeting:**

Motion to approve minutes made by Shireen Bond and Erin Hutchinson.

4) **Committee Reports**

a) ***President (Brad)***

- Successful AA tournament held in January (U14 Blue host). Positive feedback from teams who attended.
- ***January Tournament Results!***
 U14AA Blue - Gold in U14AA Calgary Tournament
 U14AA Red - Silver in U14AA Calgary Tournament
 U14AA White - Silver in Esso Golden Ring
 U16AA Riot - Silver in Pierrefonds Tournament
 U16AA Fuze - Gold in Wild Thing
 U16AA Fuze - Gold in Esso Golden Ring
 U16AA Edge - Silver in Esso Golden Ring
 U19AA Bold - Silver in Esso Golden Ring



- Championship banner installation updated at Winsport in progress.
- **Ringette Calgary Update**
 - Exploring Executive Director position for continuity of Chinook Ringette League and Ringette Calgary.
 - Referee evaluations took place at Esso Golden Ring.
 - Discipline process changes being discussed.
 - AA members are on an Ice Acquisition team with Ringette Calgary to ensure strong AA presence. Looking at developing a plan for contracts with arenas. Ringette Calgary has buying power leverage and we are under their umbrella; they are aware of Long Term Athlete Development guidelines. Ringette has grown significantly in the last 5 years, and there is an ice constraint because of growth and no new facilities. They are looking at other leverage opportunities with YYC council members and AB gov MLAs given the growth of ringette and women's hockey vs. boy's hockey.
- President has a meeting with RAB and will be asking RAB for more timely communication, specifically for scheduling, ranking for league games, etc...He has also asked the Ringette Calgary president to raise these concerns for all associations under RAB.
- Mid-season survey:
 - 43 responses
 - 3 themes: ice, communication, things are working fine
 - Action items: increase board/committee visibility, increase communication, regular check-ins with team staff/parents.
- Will rework for end of season review to get specific information that is anonymous for coaches to get actionable information. Collating data by age groups will give more specific information on division level needs.
- Please send Brad an email if there's anything else you'd like to see in the survey.
- South Calgary was contacted by Tanbridge about an ice rink in Alpine Park. Seven Chiefs Arena is interested in having ringette back; Brad sent a letter to meet with them to discuss how it could benefit their community.

b) VP League (Craig and Jesse unable to attend)

- Ice Updates:
 - Ice for March: 69 hours have been bought - cost dependent on how many teams move forward.
 - Ice for evaluations at Huntington Hills has been confirmed. Michelle is talking to other rinks; would like contracts in place before the end of the season.
- Goalie Development:
 - Rachel has booked:
 - Feb 12 - Mental training at Village Square
 - Feb 21 - Hockey Hub



■ March 10 - Hockey Hub

- Jay is in discussion with Nelson Parks to see about interest with Goalie Development.
- Esso Golden Ring Tournament:
 - Jocelyn will suggest sending out an anonymous survey to understand AA experience.
 - Brad sent a letter to get girls accommodations in their exams for grades 10/11. Perhaps schedule U19 so there are no exam conflicts.
 - Next year is the EGRT 40th anniversary.
- Equipment:
 - Working on plans for old jerseys.
- Player Development:
 - Rachel Meyer has scheduled mental fitness for U14, this will conclude for the season.

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

- Ring It On September 2025:
 - The process of communication regarding ice and with partnership hotels has been started.
- Registrar:
 - Yvonne Choe will be shadowing Charitina
- Teamwear:
 - Teamwear representatives please send communication to your team from Teamwear. Touques can be ordered. Working on a provider for purchases year round to be widely and readily available. Looking to improve and make the process much more efficient.
- Webmaster:
 - Becky Scheer taking over for Brad Marlborough
 - Webmaster has received no photos from teams to upload on our website. Please send team photos to Brad at: aawebmaster@aaringettecalgary.ca
 - Please upload photos to flickr account and ensure to tag @aaringettecalgary on Instagram.
- Year End Banquet:
 - April 12th at Winsport. More details to follow.
- AA Intro Spring Skate:
 - In the process of confirming ice times.
- U14AA January Tournament:
 - Ice booking needed in April.



d) VP Finance (Michelle/Erin)

- Casino:
 - Money from Casino coming February/March. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered.
- Finance:
 - No teams owe any money for ice up until the end of February; you may owe for ice in March.
 - Every year the accounting goes beyond the season - please send your coach CI to reimburse to help wrap up the season as soon as possible.

5) New Business / Other

- Committee Allocations:
 - There are two policies to review and update: 6 and 9 - number of teams and coach selections. Michelle Coli, Erin Hutchinson and Paul Wilson have expressed interest in policy review.
- Coach selection committee:
 - Will be looking at the next meeting.
- 2027 World Ringette Championships:
 - We have been approached by Tourism Calgary about hosting WRCs in 2027. The Board will consider submitting a proposal to Ringette Canada for the February 1st deadline. Committee showed unanimous support for consideration. We would be a bid among competing cities, no guarantee of winning the bid.
- Injured player policy:
 - Should AA consider offering pre-bought player insurance or insurance from Ringette Calgary.

6) Next Meeting Dates:

February 26th, 2025, 7 pm - Flames Community Arena - Stew Fairbanks Room

***Monday, March 17, 2025, 7 pm - Flames Community Arena - Stew Fairbanks Room**

7) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

