

**AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)**  
**Committee Meeting MINUTES**  
**Nov 22, 2023**  
 Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena

**Attendance:**

Cheryl Barnabe	Becky Scheer	Greg Falconer	Liane Falconer	Davor Gugolj
Kristy Assaly	Michelle Kinasewich	Shannon Klimpke	Dave Patton	Rachel Meyer
Adrian Mitchell	Brad Tilford	Charlotte Walker	Caley Cobbe-Gareau	Allan Russel
Aaron Grandberg	Stef Bichsel	Cam Heise	Angela Rudnicki	Charitina Stelbaska
Michelle Rolles	Michelle Byers			

- 1) **Call to Order:** 7:03pm
  - Land Acknowledgement read
  
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Aaron Grandberg, seconded by Greg Falconer. Motion carried.
  
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from Oct 25, 2023 Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes made by Cam Heise, seconded by Aaron Grandberg. Motion carried.
  
- 4) **2023/24 Committee Reports**
  - **President (Cheryl B.)**
    - Reminders to teams:
      - teams reps - Please ensure you are attending the committee meetings to ensure we have quorum and also to report back to your teams with important / timely information.
      - respectful behaviour - Please be respectful at tournaments and remember you are representing our association. We received complaints from a hotel and bus vendor about a team's behaviour during a recent tournament. This damages our reputation and relationships with contacts.
      - mandatory apparel - Please respect the Calgary AA mandatory apparel for wearing to games (Red jacket, grey AA hoodie, black pants/shorts). We have received some comments from others and also observed some players not following the dress code.
    - Tournament success: We would like to acknowledge and celebrate all our teams that have participated in tournaments recently.
      - Regina - U16AA Strike won gold
      - Saskatoon - U16AA Attack won gold, U16AA Peak won consolation final (5th); U14AA White won gold, U14AA Blue won B-consolation (7th), U14AA Red won C-final (9th)
    - Ringette Calgary updates
      - Hitmen game Dec 6 - in support of Ringette for All - will receive \$5 from every ticket purchased through the specific link
      - CRL game schedules - should be released approx Nov 28/30; then will need to wait a few days for the BGL game schedule to be released at which time there may be a few adjustments; we should have final schedules by approx Dec 3
      - Refs - CRL and other regions continue to be short on high level refs and working toward developing. (ie. We had to bring in refs from Edm, Central and Sask for our Nov Hub weekend due to it being a high demand weekend with Leth tournament, NRL hub, and



CRL league games. Good news - one of those refs earned a higher certification due to her games that weekend.) Please be aware when scheduling exhibition games to aim for during the week rather than weekends which tend to have high demand on ref assigning.

- Hub weekend
  - u19s - good feedback from u19s for BGL league games; north teams were happy that it wasn't a tournament format which would have required extra hotel costs and fees
  - u16s - heard good feedback on fitting in many exhibition games, particularly those teams who haven't had many tournaments yet; acknowledge it has been a lot of ice this fall
  - ice / ref costs - we'll review the final costs at a later meeting once the ice invoices and other costs are all in; some costs will be recouped from Z2 and other teams that were here for league / exh games; approx 9 slots on Fri am that were unused will be covered by RCalgary to ensure the ice contract is retained for next season.
- Team Town Sports
  - donation received from the film promo they completed featuring our u19s
  - requested assistance from our association for a couple contacts to advise on their merchandise in exchange for a donation / gift cards; we passed it along to RATH
  - offering an AA exclusive shopping night - 30% off footwear and apparel; 20% off hard goods; will find a night that works with schedules and provide more information
- Policy review
  - thanks Brad K and Davor G for your work on this project
  - they have sent their suggested revisions to the board for review
- **VP League (Heather H.) - report submitted**
  - Advance / Retreat meetings - currently attending these meetings; there aren't any changes that will affect our teams which means the total number of AA teams in Alberta will remain:
    - 9 teams at u14aa
    - 9 teams at u16aa
    - 7 teams at u19aa
    - this means all AA teams get to participate in provincials; no need for a "session 3" playdown format
  - RAMP gamesheets - please ensure you are entering names of the minor officials and on-ice officials (found in the last tab)
  - Ice Allocation
    - Dec game schedule expected approx Nov 27/30 for CRL at which time we can finish the practice ice allocations for Dec; may need to adjust a few ice times once BGL schedule released a few days later but everyone should know their final schedules by Dec 3
    - Dec 23-Jan 2 – each team will get 1-2 full ice practices during this time; usually coaches decide if these are optional but connect with your coach for expectations



- Winsport ice - the early ice times will continue in the new year; distribution will be evened out as we move through the season; we know the early times are challenging but it is important to take ice contracts where we can and also build relationships with providers.
  - U14 Blue and White - took some of the additional ice that was available at Winsport during WRCs; those invoices will come directly to your teams rather than through AA
- Equipment Coordinator
  - first aid bags to hand out to team reps tonight; bags are stocked with Stage 2 kit supplies (thank you to Keith M for supplies donated by Enmax)
  - going through the inventory room; looking into converting the equipment binder into an online format to enable easier info sharing and tracking
  - reaching out to coaches about need for rings in advance of ordering more
  - jerseys
    - RFP package put together for vendors; aiming for end of Dec to send out RFPs
    - compiling a list of possible vendors; target about 6
    - will review proposals with the sub-committee to shortlist to 2-3 vendors
- Athlete Development
  - Nutrition sessions completed for U14s
  - AA nutrition guidelines updated and posted on our website
  - Mental toughness sessions with Lisa Brown: 2 session done, 1 more to come this weekend
  - direction for next steps to prep for next season? - we will do planning over the summer
- Goalie Development:
  - waiting for ice schedule and then will fit in a goalie session in Dec or early Jan before EGRT, and then another in early Feb
- Coach Admin:
  - hard deadline of Dec 15 for completing coach certifications
  - please share your police checks with AA; need to ensure it is shared through the system
  - contact Alex if any questions
- Parent Admin: nothing to report
- Manager Mentor:
  - commitment to attend provincials (and CRCs / WCRCs) is open now on RAB website
  - fees for provincials are \$1700
  - still no word on who is hosting the AA provincials, but we are aware of an association that is submitting a hosting application this week; stay tuned for more info to come
- Safety Lead:
  - two teams doing SHRED study (Strike and Blue); will receive baseline testing and then support in the event of a concussion or other injury assessment / referrals
- Jr Coach Program: mid-season check ins will be in late-Dec or early Jan



- EGRT Reps
  - meeting tonight; all Calgary teams have registered and provided their volunteer lists
  - we'll hear in Jan on volunteer assignments
- **VP Operations** (Aaron / Sean)
  - Registrar: affiliates in place
  - Webmaster: please send in photos from tournaments or community initiatives
  - 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 submitted
    - bags are enroute; rush order on embroidery; hoping to have before Wood
  - UAA Coordinator: nothing to report
  - Team Photo Coordinator:
    - photo day booked for next season
    - Sun Sept 29 at Strathcona Community Centre
  - Tournament Coordinator:
    - all teams are set for Wood
    - A few teams at one hotel will need to call them directly with credit cards; Kristy will contact the specific teams with the details
  - Banquet Coordinator
    - banquet is booked: Apr 18 at Croatian Cultural Centre
    - Venue size should allow us to accommodate affiliates but not siblings
    - As we get closer to the date, will be looking for 2-3 volunteers per team to assist
  - Awards Coordinator: nothing to report
  - Intro to AA Spring Skate Coordinator: nothing to report
  - RIO Coordinator:
    - we have a verbal confirmation with Great Plains to secure the ice again
    - the actual booking will take place in the spring when they are booking for the fall
- **VP Finance** (Michelle R)
  - still looking for volunteer for fundraising or sponsorship roles
  - exploring possible fundraising ideas – Hub weekend tournament; hotel kickbacks for RIO
  - reach out to Michelle if you have any fundraising ideas, keeping in mind our limitations on volunteers



- **Treasurer** (Michelle B)
  - Budget
    - Michelle presented a quick update on the budget and financials to date
    - difficult to give exact numbers at this point as many invoices are still outstanding
    - still expecting approx \$2-3K per team for AA costs (note: this does not include any extra ice or costs that your individual teams are choosing to do on your own)
    - hoping to have enough info in order to send out an overview to teams by xmas
    - Ice and refs are our largest variable items that impact any changes to our budget estimates
    - please submit receipts to Michelle on a timely basis
    - Committee roles - if you are making decisions that impact the budget, please let her know

- **Secretary** (Becky S) - nothing to report

- **RATH Rep** – no report

- **RAB Rep** – no report

5) **New Business / Other**

- Michelle Rolles – Community event coming in new year similar to the clothing drive we did last year; send along suggestions that offer involvement for our athletes
- 2024 WCRCs - BowView is hosting but we get one host spot for the u14aa division; we will be asking for volunteers to step up once we know more

6) **Next Meeting Date:** Dec 20, 2023 at 7pm at FCA Stew Fairbanks

- please join us for some holiday cheer!

7) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Aaron Grandberg, seconded by Rachael Meyer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

