

**AA Ringette Calgary Foundation (2013)  
Committee Meeting MINUTES  
Oct 25, 2023  
Stew Fairbanks Room, Flames Community Arena**

**Attendance:**

Aaron Grandberg	Becky Scheer	Greg Falconer	Lesley Ruault	Dave Patton
Yvonne Choe	Michelle Kinasewich	Kristy Assaly	Stefanie Bichsel	Michelle Byers
Kristina Mitchell	Michelle Coli	Jenny McConaghy	Allan Russell	Charlotte Walker
Sean Josza	Cam Heise	Brad Kane	Steve Rivest	Shannon Klimpke
Davor Gugolj	Aaron Grandberg	Charitina Stelbaska	Heather Henning	Rachel Meyer

- 1) **Call to Order (meeting chaired by Aaron Grandberg, VP Ops):** 7:04pm
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda made by Greg Falconer, seconded by Dave Paton. Motion carried.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from Oct 4, 2023 AGM Meeting:** Motion to approve minutes made by Greg Falconer, seconded by Jenny McConaghy. Motion carried.
- 4) **2023/24 Committee Reports**
  - a) **President (Cheryl B.) – report submitted**
    - Follow-up from AGM
      - Brad Kane and Davor Gugolj have agreed to lead the policy review, in progress
    - Tournament success
      - Ava Esposito: U16AA Strike won Bronze in the U19A division
      - Turkey Ring: U14AA Red won Gold, and U16AA Attack won Bronze
    - Ringette Calgary updates
      - An office administrator has been hired, thus Gayle Allison will return to role as Acting President for Ringette Calgary
      - RAMP software has been difficult for ref scheduling, leading to games without refs especially exhibition game requests. They are working on it with Chinook Ringette League
      - December 6 is Ringette Night at the Hitmen game, details to follow
      - Their next casino is scheduled for Q1 of 2025; they are looking for a casino coordinator
    - WRC 2023
      - Please check if you can take any of the remaining volunteer shifts for Worlds, and thanks to Blue, Red, Attack, Strike for hanging banners to help promote the games.
      - We hope to see many of you out to watch and cheer on the AA athletes and alumni taking part in U17 La Releve, U18 and JNT
  - b) **VP League (Heather H.)**
    - Ice Allocation
      - all ice has been allocated to end of Nov; schedule for session 1
      - next round of ice will be received in next few weeks; need teams to let us know session 2 tournaments so we can schedule accordingly



- ice allocation isn't fully balanced currently due to reschedules and teams trading spots, but will eventually balance out so please be patient
- early Winsport ice - we all agreed to take it, so everyone will get a turn at 6:45am
- TOMORROW - city ad hoc ice date - RCal is now submitting on our behalf; looks promising to have plenty of ice for next round of allocations
- Equipment Coordinator
  - medical bags are ready to hand over
  - also working on RFP for new jersey design; hoping to have for early 2024
- Athlete Development
  - Nutrition sessions completed for U14s
  - Mental toughness sessions with Lisa Brown; 1 session done, 2 more to come
- Goalie Development
  - 1st session in Sept was successful; aiming for Nov 20-24 checking with Bobbi on availability; will likely be a date in Jan 8-12 before EGRT
  - shortage of goalie coaches - can we do goalie coach clinics? we're losing our usual goalie coaches as they move on to university, etc so need to develop the knowledge; note that "goalie coaches" are technically Assistant Coaches so they need the required certifications and clearances (ie. not just an on-ice helper or a random parent helping out on the ice)
- Coach Admin: waiting on a couple police checks but otherwise going well
- Parent Admin: all parent RIS done before the deadline
- Manager Mentor: WhatsApp working great for quick communication on issues, sharing info
- Safety Lead
  - SHRED sessions getting started; if anyone wants to join let Heather know
  - data collected from last season will be presented at the International Olympic Committee conference in 2024
- Jr Coach Program
  - 5 JCs assigned to teams; will aim to check in with them mid-season
  - encourage U14 and all players to JC with their home associations as this is a great way to build experience, give back to the community, and promote the AA program
- EGRT Reps - *report submitted*
  - Working on theme, colors and publicity for the tournament. Looking to tie it into the 60th Anniversary of Ringette.
  - 5 Volunteers required per team (not everyone will be used); Charlotte W will handle the assignments and communications in January. There are arena volunteers and minor official positions for the Sunday finals. Volunteer names will be submitted through the team's tournament coordinator once they finalize their registration.



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

- i. Hub Weekend - Nov 17-19 at Great Plains
  - BGL league games hub for U19AA
  - remaining ice used for some practices, exhibition, possibly U16s tourney depending on refs
  - still a few ice times early afternoon on Friday
  - stay tuned for more info to come
- ii. Registrar:
  - still looking for some affiliate registrations
  - refer to RAB Affiliate policy for when affiliates allowed to be used
- iii. Webmaster:
  - working on getting our team photos uploaded to the website
- iv. Social Media:
  - please remember to tag AA Ringette Calgary in your posts so she can share
  - has some initiatives coming up after WRCs
- v. Teamwear / Logo Coordinator:
  - everyone has game pants now; collecting loaners
  - only waiting on bags which should be a couple more weeks
  - almost \$45K in apparel, only a couple errors on names which will be corrected
  - backpacks - out for embroidery right now
  - pins - any extra pins have been kept by the association for purchase through the board
  - Ringette Store - going online only as of Jan 2024; sad loss of history and support; will still do all the ordering, screening and embroidery as usual
- vi. UAA Coordinator - nothing to report
- vii. Team Photo Coordinator - nothing to report
- viii. Tournament Coordinator:
  - Regina / Saskatoon all set; bus itinerary due today to TRAX
  - Regina schedule is slow to be released due to struggling to find refs
  - be mindful of calling the hotels directly to ask for things; please trust the process and allow Kristy to make the calls and arrangements; trying best to make fair for everyone
  - how teams are placed in hotels? priorities for sibling sets especially U14/U16
  - Wood - rooming sheets will come out probably this week; again tried to accommodate siblings; tricky with all 8 teams attending
- ix. Banquet Coordinator
  - working on venue to accommodate larger capacity; not much that are suitable (space to include affiliates / siblings, bring in our own alcohol, stay within price range, etc)
- x. Awards Coordinator: Michelle Coli has stepped into this role – Thank you!



- xi. Intro to AA Spring Skate Coordinator:
  - looking to book ice at FCA again, hopefully for both sessions
- xii. RIO Coordinator
  - thanks to Christine and Sarah for stepping up to role
  - currently transitioning knowledge from previous coordinators
- d) **VP Finance** (Michelle R) - *report submitted*
  - i. nothing to report, other than continuing to ask for a volunteer to partner up with Chantelle on Fundraising and Sponsorship
- e) **Treasurer** (Michelle B)
  - i. Banking
    - no capacity to switch banks in Sept due to the large amounts flowing into the association at the season start up
    - looking to switch for next season, but will stick with CWB for this season
  - ii. Budget
    - more ice = more cost to our budget, which gets charged back to teams
    - charge back will typically be around \$2K per team but will fluctuate depending on team specifics; will send out specific info to teams directly
  - iii. Shadow : looking for a volunteer to shadow, preferably a U14 or U16 parent
- f) **Secretary** (Becky S)
  - i. submitting our annual Societies return
- g) **RATH Rep** – no report
- h) **RAB Rep** – no report
- 5) **New Business / Other**
  - i. Get out and support WRCs!
- 6) **Next Meeting Date:** Nov 22, 2023 at 7pm at FCA Stew Fairbanks
- 7) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Michelle Byers, seconded by Greg Falconer. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

