

Indus Ringette Association

2023-2024 Annual Parents Meeting Minutes September 27, 2023, Indus Recreation Centre

Minutes taken by Veronika Standish; meeting started at 6:55pm

1) Welcome and Board Executive introductions

- Executive Board members:
 - Danny Skene – President
 - Blair Lillejord – Vice President
 - Jaime DaCosta – Secretary
 - Alex Litwiller – Treasurer
 - Past President – Kym Mullen
- Other board members and coordinators, managers and division representatives are specified in the PowerPoint presentation
- Evaluation coordinator, Secretary, TOTM Coordinator – will be available at the next AGM
- Mr. Skene introduced the mission statement of IRA
- Indus Ringette Association was formed in 2009, this year there are 128 athletes in many divisions from Indus, Chestermere, Langdon and rural areas in between; no U19 team this year
- One small part of larger organization – Zone 2 Ringette of Alberta Ringette
- U12 and up – Chinook league (Zone 1,2,3) – Cochrane Airdrie, Foothill, Strathmore, 2 Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat
- Active start, U10 – only league games in the Zone 2 sometimes Zone 1
- Schedule will come up in the next couple of weeks

2) Athlete development

- Mr. Lillejord and Mr. Browne discussed upcoming options for athlete development
- IRA will cooperate with Dallas Robins and her team. Ms. Robins played on team Canada, RAF last year, athlete development is her full-time job now. She will be running some early Thursday morning skating workshops (6:30am) in Chestermere. IRA will pay for Ice time – first come first serve
- Bobby Mathson – goalie training, IRA will organize these training sessions early in the season and work with coaches to make it happen; \$300 camp for goalie, \$300 discount on registration fee
- What can parents do to help coaches (who are volunteers) - ask how you can help, help the team of the ice, offer to volunteer to be assistant, help at practices and games, thank the coaches
- Female coaches - U12C black still needs more coaches, assistant coaches can be on the bench, it's good support, can't play if no female coaches
- Some commitment with coaching, training, but opportunities to network with other coaches during training

3) Parent obligations and involvement

- Respect in Sport (lasts 3 years); or Safe Sport (it's free) - mandatory training for each family to complete and supply their certificate to the team manager, link will be sent, RAB is phasing out Respect in Sport;
- adhere to 24hr rule (in terms of communicating with the coaches if conflict arises)

- Coach.ca – coaching number- you can check if you have the certificate
- BVAS and CRCA memberships are mandatory this year – should be before we register, but that is difficult with RAB and RAMP
- Get involve with the team
- Please provide coaches your athlete’s availability, through RAMP, so coaches can prepare training sessions accordingly

4) Volunteer bonds

- \$400 bond per family
- Managers will collect them if not received during the parent night and get them to Melissa Connelly
- Minimum of 6 hours to be completed by the end of season
- Team level activities are not considered, only the association level volunteer activities
- There is list of exemptions and partial exemptions where a team level activity is considered (coaches, assistant coaches, managers, treasurers, etc.)
- Indus Ringette website, list of volunteer position

5) Jersey Bond

- \$250 per player
- Normal wear and tear acceptable

6) Fundraising

- Allison Kaiser TOTM coordinator introduced the program
 - TOTM is well known in the community. Ms. Kaiser introduced how it works (\$120 per ticket book) – trip and cash draw every month, 450 ticket books sold; can win again as the winning tickets are entered again
 - Each family must prepurchase 4 booklets (even if you have multiple kids in playing in the association)
 - Each family prepays for the tickets – cash, cheque
 - Ms. Kaiser will be in the arenas to collect the stubs and she will let everyone know the specific times and dates
 - AGLC rule: the ticket purchaser must be located in Alberta during the transaction
 - The tickets are not transferable, names on the stubs must match the person who would go on the trip (can have multiple people mentioned on the stub \$875 if not be able to go for the trip)
 - If any family can’t sell all the tickets, please reach out to your team or the association as others might be looking to sell more that the allocated 4 tickets
 - TOTM is the association’s major fundraiser for the year and is mandatory for all families
- Teams can do their own fundraising for tournaments/team apparel etc. – encouraged and becomes good team building event

7) Season events

- **Picture day** – October 10, 17 in Indus (Tuesday night)
- **Pub night** – Sept. 30 at Lakeside Greens GC

- last year raised \$7000
- silent auction, 50/50 raffle
- great event
- this Saturday night, 7pm, anybody is welcome
- **Ice Angels tournament** – November 24-26, 2022
- **Lonnie Krahn tournament** (U12 and up) – October 13-15; IRA cohosting this year and will eventually take it over, still based in Don Hartman arena; great team building tournament, doesn't count towards black out dates
- **Year-end Bunny Bash tournament** in March U10 and Active Start – organized by Airdrie
- **Year-End Banquet** in March – looking for a coordinator, it is in Indus banquet hall, celebration of the teams including awards to team members, DJ, food, theme, red carpet; there is lots of information from others who organized it in the past
- **BVAS Men's night** – men's auction night
- **AGM** - mandatory attendance – March
- **Monthly board meetings**, 1 team rep should attend, usually first Monday of the month (second Monday in case of Statutory holiday), it is opened to anyone
- **Come try ringette** – in March, August
- Registration is still open, still need more athletes in the U10 division

8) Extras

- Tournaments:
 - critical dates are on Ringette Alberta website
 - reschedule/block-out request dates must be submitted by October 15 for first session, November 17 for second session
 - Fines for missing league games
 - Always inform Ice Scheduler
 - Swapping golden tickets (exchanging team participation in tournaments)
 - Golden Ring tournament in Calgary – should try with the U10
- Apparel
 - Chimp Embroidery, success with them for last 3 years
 - can be done through group order or just individually
 - sizes are on the website
 - same as the ones in the last years
 - for more info: Indus Ringette website – Apparel
- Team Managers – zoom meeting on Sept.28,
- Online game sheets for Chinook league, instructions on online game sheets on the website, no paper tickets (if you do paper game sheet, it must be loaded up to Chinook league for review), online stats tracking - easier when forming teams
- Alberta winter game registration (Family Day long weekend in Feb., Grande Prairie) open to non-AA athletes (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) – cap at 100 – U16, U14, evaluation October 21; practice in Red Deer during Christmas break

- IRA is looking to purchase 15 pairs of ringette pants to sell back to the association – at cost; IRA pants are mandatory for U10 Step 2 and up

9) Questions and Answers

- Any volunteer shifts signed up for through ramp will be tracked through ramp, volunteering during evaluations counts towards volunteer hours requested by IRA
- \$100 per player cash call goes to the team; E-transfer from Alex Litwiller to the team – managers should contact Alex once bank accounts are set up
- Expense report to refund expenses can be submitted through managers – coaching courses and manager courses

Meeting ended at 7:40pm