

AIRDRIE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019, 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Genesis Place – AECON Room

ARA Board:

Geoff Rice, President

Zig McIntyre – Vice President

Carol Cornu – Secretary

Jodie Amsing – Treasurer

Lee Krause – Referee-in-Chief

Michelle Strauss – Registrar

Vince Henwood - Player Development

Mark Sturby – Director of Coach Development

Clara Leblond – Tournament Director

Kerry Sturby - Public Relations

Blair Schiffner – Ice Scheduler

Kendra McIntyre – Volunteer Director

Equipment Manager – Mitch Moore

Kara Pawsey – Member-at-Large (Absent)

Vacant – Fundraising

1. Call to Order

- The President called the AGM to order at 6:10

2. Establishment of Quorum

- The President acknowledged that a quorum of the membership was present.

3. Adoption of 2018 AGM Minutes

- Zig McIntyre moved to adopts minutes.
Seconded by Jodie Amsing

4. Adoption of the agenda

- Geoff Rice moved that the Agenda of May 15, 2019 be adopted.
Seconded by Michelle Strauss.

5. Season Highlights and Annual Reports

- Season Highlights and Annual reports were presented by the board members using PowerPoint presentations.

6. Presentation of the 2018/2019 Season Highlights

- Geoff Rice presented highlights
- Evaluation Process Revamped Boos and Brews team fundraiser.
- ROF I, ROF II tournaments, Come Try It Event.
- 13 teams from Active Start, U10 (5), U12 (5), U14 (2), U16 (1)
- League reviewed 4 teams for tier placement (UAA scores). 2 U12C teams stayed at C, U12B Blue advance to U12A, U14B retreated to U14C, ARA helped to support team decisions.
- Return of U16 to ARA.
- Provincials - 5 teams → U12C Y, U12B, U12A, U14A, U16B
- 3 Zone 2 Play Off Banners → U12A, U14A, U14C
- U12 to U16 - Most teams were competitive over, with records above 0.500, greatly improved over 2017/2018 season.
- Active Start - 10 of 19 kids unable to skate initially
- 8 league games and 2 tournaments.
- ARA Team highlights presented
- Year End Survey Overview

7. Presidents' Message Summary

- Acknowledgments and Appreciations to board members and volunteers
- Presented task and duties throughout year.
- Presented top priorities and tasks conducted through the year.
- Provided conference summary of 2019 RAB AGM and new My Ringette initiatives.

8. Vice Presidents' Message Summary

- Respect in Sport tracking & monitoring
- Dryland Coordination - not a great success this year - usefulness and demand to be re-evaluated
- Membership engagements: inquiries, complaints, disciplinary action, communication
- Acknowledgments and Appreciations to board members and volunteers

9. Secretary's' Message Summary

- Scheduled board meetings.
- Liaised with the City of Airdrie for monthly meetings and special meetings
- Constructed agendas for the meetings based on input from the board members
- Took notes at the meeting and sent out updates

10. Treasures' Message Summary

- Presentation of Financial Report for 2018-19 season and
- Presentation of Budget for 2019-20 season
- Explanation of gaming grant monies
- Discussed tournament Assets
- Explained Current Assets, Net assets and Liabilities
- Provided breakdown of yearly revenue and expenses

11. Registrars' Message Summary

- Presentation of and update of registered members
- Membership is increasing over last 3 seasons
- Current membership number sitting at 179 members
- Team size is relatively stable between 13 to 14 teams
- Local AA membership numbers and players released to other associations not included in these amounts.

12. Ice Scheduler Message Summary

- Preseason Ice - Starts Monday Sept 2 - 63 hrs (39 hrs evals + 24 hrs practice).
- No rust busting ice ? UAA first ice time
- UAA - Sept 2 (U14), Sept 3 (U12), Sept 7 (U10)
- Regular Season - Sept 30, 2019 - March 22, 2019
- Practice Times similar to 2018-2019
- Team Monthly Ice Sessions
 - 4 - Weekly shared prime time practice - Mon to Fri
 - 1-2 Friday Ice Times - Power Skating/Practice
 - Early morning - A teams weekly, B teams bi-weekly
 - U12 and up Oct 8 games, U10 Oct 12
- Ice Rate increasing 20% per hour
- Overall cost increase of 23, 000\$ for 2019/2020 season.
- Fees to increase by 50\$ so ARA can remain viable.
- Over 7 years fees have increased about 20%/athlete

13. Director Player Development Message Summary

- Organized the UAA (Universe Athlete Assessment) for all ARA athletes
- On the Sport Development Committee and attended all meetings
- Dealt with various grievances throughout the year.
- Participated in the coach selection interviews
- In conjunction with the SDC we developed the player evaluation system
- Created various surveys throughout the year
- Handed out medals at the ROF tournament

14. Director of Coach Development Message Summary

- Formed coach's selection committee
- Mediated issues that arose concerning players, coaches and/or parents
- Maintain Coaches evaluations
- Chair the Sport Development Committee (SDC)
- SDC advises the ARA Board on Athlete & Coaching Development
- Look at utilizing the SDC and ARA VP to help form future coaches' selection and grievance committees when warranted
- Helped with evaluations as required

15. Director Tournament Coordination Message Summary

- Responsible for the overall planning, organization and execution of Airdrie's two Semi Annual Ring of Fire Tournaments
- Sanctioning of Tournaments through Ringette Alberta
- Facilitation of the planning meetings with the tournament committee. Includes but not limited to:
- Scheduling, Treasurer/Budget, Registration Table, Player/Team bags
- Sponsorships with Silent Auction & Raffle Table Items including coordinating AGLC Licenses
- Scheduling Tournament Volunteers and Decorating
- Liaison to applying teams, the media and accommodations for out of town teams
- Report on Funds Generated - Ring of Fire Tournaments

16. Director Public Relations Message Summary

- Organized Team photos for October 9, 2018
- Come Try It--March 17th, 2018 (54 participants)
- Come Try It--May 5th, 2019 (28 participants)
- Set up and worked the ARA booth in the Airdrie Home & Lifestyle Show April 28th, 29th, 2019
- Organized a float in the Canada Day Parade a few years ago. If someone is around and able to organize, I would suggest trying to enter in to the parade again this year.

17. Referee in Chief Message Summary

- The 2017/2018 ringette season was a very good season for the referees within the ARA.
- Lost a few officials, but gained new ones that have quickly exceeded expectations
- This season was positive for mentoring new officials, as there were lots of younger games at the U10/12/14 levels
- Going forward we definitely do require more senior refs.
- Z2AA needed to constantly bring in officials from Calgary or other areas to cover their games.
- We expect fairly consistent numbers of refs available for the next season, and with increased registration numbers, will likely require some new faces in stripes.

18. Director of Equipment Message Summary

- Responsible for distribution and collection of team jerseys, goalie equipment and coaches bags,
- Responsible for collection of equipment team deposits.
- Currently working with East Side in Airdrie to have our teamwear stocked/printed local.
- Working to streamline product line
- Looking at dryland equipment bags/kits for all teams
- Possible set of Sting jerseys, depends on numbers at U14 & U16.
- Rings and Goalie equipment needed

19. Volunteer Director Message Summary

- Coordinated and help organized volunteers for all ARA events.
- Responsible for tracking families' volunteer hours.
- Audit outstanding members at end of season to ensure volunteer commitments are met.

20. Director of Fundraising Message Summary

- Provided fundraising obligations and duties to teams
- Boos and brews cancelled - lack of interest
- Organized Halloween Social Fundraiser was a huge success - generating \$15,874.00 in revenue
- 2017 Halloween Social Fundraiser was a huge success - generating \$15,874.00 in revenue that was dispersed evenly to teams to assist with team costs.
- 2018 Halloween Social Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 27.

21. New Board Member Nominations

- Explanation of Voting Rights and Review of Elected and Non-Elected positions.
- Elected positions are a minimum of 2 years and begin immediately after being nominated.

22. Elected Board Members

- President - Blair Schiffner
- Vice President - Darren Turner
- Secretary - Laura Poile
- Registrar - Kendra Bigoraj
- Public Relations - Liz Kusler
- Director of Coaching – Mark Sturby
- Equipment - Mitch Moore
- Referee-in-Chief – Lee Krause
- Member at Large – Graham Schmidt
- Fundraising – Not Filled
- Ice Scheduler – Not Filled

23. Board Members – Incoming /Outgoing

Incoming

Darren Turner, Laura Poile, Kendra Bigoraj, Mitch Moore, Liz Kusler, and Graham Schmidt

Outgoing Members

Geoff Rice, Michelle Strauss, Carol Conru, Tania Schwartzenberger, Zig McIntyre, and Kerri Sturby.

24. Winner of 2019 free ARA Membership

Tanya Reisner

25. Adjournment (Geoff Rice)

MOTION made by Jodie Amsing to adjourn the 2019 AGM.

Seconded by Mark Sturby, All in favour. Carried.