



**AIRDRIE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26TH, 2020**

A meeting of the Airdrie Ringette Association held with Google Meet, Airdrie, Alberta, Wednesday, August 26th, 2020 commencing at 8:00 pm.

PRESENT:

Blair Schiffner (President)
Darren Turner (Vice President)
Laura Poile (Secretary)
Scott Flaman (Player Development)
Sheila Murphy (Volunteer Coordinator)
Kristina Steele (Fundraising Director)
Liz Kusler (Public Relations Coordinator)
Vince Henwood (Member-At-Large – Policy)
Sean Neill (Member-At-Large)
Mitch Moore (Equipment Director)
Todd Rodgers (Ice Scheduler)
Mark Sturby (Director of Coach Development)
Kara Pawsey (Director of Officials)
Tanya Reisner (COVID-19 Safety Officer)
Kendra Bigoraj (Registrar)

ABSENT:

Carol Cornu (Treasurer)
Clayton Heck (ROF Tournament Director)
Lee Krause (Director of Officials)

CALL TO ORDER The President called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Rust Busting

Board volunteers for rust busting will include two (2) board members outside rink, one (1) behind desk in lobby and two (2) volunteers in and around dressing rooms.

D. Turner spoke on experience with City of Airdrie Genesis Place staff this week. Will need to funnel parents to the viewing area upstairs and players thru the lobby to rink. Players to be fully dressed.

B. Schiffner will create a detailed procedure that outlines players be fully dressed including helmet and skates. No bags allowed. Patience with arena staff. D. Turner and T. Rodgers will be meeting with arena staff to inform them of player cohorts. Players will remain in assigned dressing room until ushered onto ice. A draft procedure will be emailed to the Board Saturday and sent to the membership Sunday evening.

Cost Savings As directed by RAB to reduce costs, proposed items are:
Powerskating instructors, early morning practice and BILT evaluators

Powerskating- historical cost has been \$7,500 with three (3) hours of instruction. Ice times are tentative as Plainsmen may be closing. T. Rodgers has requested the extra ice and is meeting with the City, skating club and hockey to go over needs of each group. Should there be the extra ice, teams could practice or teams can seek an instructor at their own cost.

Early morning practice for U12A & U14A – 1 hour at 24 weeks
~\$5,000.

Total cost savings ~ \$10,000 – \$12,000 with elimination of powerskating and early morning practice.



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L. Kusler suggested that U19AA players could and would volunteer as long as social distancing adhered to for power skating.

T. Rodgers updated the Board on what was spent on ice in 2019/2020 \$115,000 and 2020/2021 budget projection is \$100,000. Consensus that the extra morning ice isn't needed.

BILT—quoted \$3,024.00. They historically have sent five (5) player evaluators and one (1) goalie.

Using coaches will need six (6) coaches or knowledgeable parents that would evaluate not in the levels they coach or have players in. S. Flaman asked if L. Kusler, knowing the game as a player and coach if there were six (6) women in the association that could be evaluators. L. Kusler is confident of four (4) ARA and two (2) CRA. Another suggestion is U19AA or U16A players be evaluators with coaches.

Suggested that skills not be apart of U12, U14, & U16 evaluations just a ten (10) minute warm-up and then game play. Discussion that skills would be beneficial for the Step2/3 levels along with Step 1.

T. Reisner let the Board know that they are suggesting two (2) Step 3 teams, one (1) Step 2 and two (2) Step 1 and one (1) active start.

2020/21-11 B. Schiffner MOVED, L. Kusler SECONDED

THAT for evaluations, skills and game play for U10 ONLY. Game play, no skills for U12, U14 and U16.

Motion carried

2020/21-12 S. Flaman MOVED, V. Henwood SECONDED

THAT early morning practice for U12A and U14A be cancelled.

Motion carried

2020/21-13 L. Kusler MOVED, T. Rodgers SECONDED

THAT ARA will not supply a 3rd party power skating instructor and coaches will use the ice as they see fit. ARA will support coaches non-financially should they need it.

Motion carried

2020/21-14 B. Schiffner MOVED, M. Sturby SECONDED

THAT ARA use BILT evaluators for U12A, U14A, U16A and use internal evaluators for U10, U12B/C, U14B/C and U16B.

Motion carried

M. Moore updated the Board that two (2) shooter tutors were purchased and helmet stickers will be picked up tomorrow. There are two (2) sets of Tim Horton's jersey that will be no longer be used. There are enough jerseys for all teams except for the 2nd Step 3 team.

M. Moore to contact C. Cornu to see what is available in the budget for a set of jerseys (U12-U14) and get a quote for said jerseys.

K. Steele is waiting for a reply from Cam Clark to see if there is still interest in sponsoring ARA.

D. Turner suggested that ARA create masks with ARA logo and sell



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at cost to help fund the jerseys, or sell the old jerseys for additional funds.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be at the Call of the Chair.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The August 26th, 2020 meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

President

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

Secretary