



**AIRDRIE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

A meeting of the Airdrie Ringette Association held in the Echo Room at Genesis Place, Airdrie, Alberta, Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 commencing at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Kendra Bigoraj (Registrar)

**CALL TO ORDER** The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2020 ARA Evaluation Recap**

B. Schiffner presented the 2020 ARA Evaluations lessons learned. T. Rodgers mentioned that there is plenty of ice and can spread out the evaluations to ensure the evaluation process is not rushed. In previous years this has been done but given COVID conditions this was not entirely possible. In addition there was a desire to get the teams created to start practices as soon as possible to keep up with the Calgary associations who do not use evaluations this season (due to COVID)

Nov agenda? U16 conversation – recruitment for the U19 team, U16 athletes who didn't evaluate at U16 but on U19 team, where's their data for future years.

Suggestion to send a survey to membership on evaluations, table to November meeting where a committee to be selected to take on this task.

T. Reisner asked if there has ever been a tryout for Step 3. Discussion that RAB frowns upon it, but opportunity is there.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

C. Cornu presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$254, 547.83.

~ten (10) players haven't paid yet. C. Cornu to identify those players and contact them one last time. The Board will decide how to proceed should a plan not be agreed upon by those individuals. C. Cornu has contacted an accountant regarding the unfiled taxes over the last 6 years for ARA and is working with them to rectify this.

**EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Volunteer cheques have been collected by all teams except four (4). Jersey sets did not fit some kids so there have been some swaps.



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B. Schiffner asked that M. Moore investigate costs for first aid kits, coach's bags and rings.

M. Sturby asked that with the projected U19 team(s) for next season, should a set of jerseys should be purchased this season? Current set is too large. M. Moore to look at this in January.

**FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT** There are twelve (12) items from the cancelled ROF II & U14 Provincials that are to be auctioned off. K. Steele will use same site that U14 Provincials used. Hope is to raise ~\$1500. Funds will be used for athlete development and purchase of needed ARA equipment. Auction held Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Raffle - beer fridge raffle, booze wagon, and money. Items are to be identified who donated them. K. Steele will get an AGLC license. Players to sell 20 tickets each. Raffle to happen mid November. Hope to raise ~\$10,000.

Hall for Halloween social was cancelled. Date is booked for next year and they are keeping the deposit.

Candy to be distributed to the teams prior to Halloween.

K. Pawsey mentioned that AMHA is doing an online cash raffle similar to the NHL teams as a suggestion for a future fundraiser.

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS**

K. Pawsey advised the board that there isn't a date for the parent/referee clinic. RAB is centralizing the officials (Calgary) and Calgary fee and mileage will be applied.

**ICE SCHEDULER REPORT**

Ice is set and U12 and up games start this weekend.

Bylaws – B. Schiffner, D. Turner, L. Poile and T. Rodgers met to review the bylaws and will be meeting monthly.

U16A joint agreement with Cochrane regarding payment for scheduled league games and practice ice for 2020-2021 season. Outstanding fees from Cochrane still owing. B. Schiffner and T. Rodgers to meet for further discussion.

**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT**

Goalie training. Have we heard back from Explosive Edge. S. Flaman contacted Bobbi with BILT and waiting to hear back. Few have contacted S. Flaman regarding the extra ice for A. Informed those that because of reduced fees, A ice was not acquired. A's have been acquiring extra ice on their own. Active Start and Step 1 player movement.

**COACH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Coaches meeting recap. Rule of 2, ALWAYS. Not going over cohort bubbles, so all coaches to mask always at practices (exception to blow whistle) and benches for games. Emphasis on development and having fun.

Major question – changing coaches cohort to cohort? Too monitor on own and communicate who will be on bench.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Building spreadsheet for teams and roles. Working with M. Moore volunteer cheques for jerseys.

Due to COVID, there is less opportunity for volunteering. Should the 10 hours/family be reduced?



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For the next meeting, S. Murphy will compile and identify where have been acquired and where potential hours can be made.

**COVID SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**

RAMP is up and running and all teams onboard. Will randomly check to see if teams are complying. U12 and below are not allowed non-cohort coaches.

Discussion to relax skate tying prior to coming to the rink. Skates can be tied outside the dressing rooms, one (1) parent/player, no siblings and parents wearing masks.

B. Schiffner to tailor an email, consulting with the City regarding skate tying.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting held online in a week October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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President

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

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Secretary