



**AIRDRIE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

A meeting of the Airdrie Ringette Association held with Google Meet, Airdrie, Alberta, Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 commencing at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

- Blair Schiffner (President)
- Darren Turner (Vice President)
- Jodie Amsing (Treasurer)
- Laura Poile (Secretary)
- Vince Henwood (Player Development)
- Clara LeBlond (ROF Tournament Director)
- Todd Rodgers (Ice Scheduler)
- Mitch Moore (Equipment Director)
- Liz Kusler (Public Relations Coordinator)
- Kendra Bigoraj (Registrar)
- Lee Krause (Director of Officials)
- Kendra McIntyre (Volunteer Coordinator)

**ABSENT:**

- Kristina Steele (Fundraising Director)
- Mark Sturby (Director of Coach Development)
- Kara Pawsey (Member-At-Large – Policy)
- Graham Schmidt (Member-At-Large)

**CALL TO ORDER** The President called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**RAB** No one from ARA attended the April RAB meeting. B. Schiffner to follow-up with them. Virtual AGM May 13<sup>th</sup>, B. Schiffner will register himself, J. Amsing and D. Turner.

**U12 Regional Refunds** B. Schiffner contacted Ringette Calgary regarding refunds and they mentioned they needed to ask RAB. B.Schiffner to follow-up.

**Survey Results**

Explosive Edge Survey – 3 trends

1. goalie training was great but request a non-practice night.
2. Dryland - overall good, U16 didn't like, needed to be more organized and not use peers as instructors (U16), no dryland for Step 1 and possibly Step 2 as not utilized
3. On ice development, many disappointed due to small ice surface and not always clean, group size too large with 2 teams, many would like to see the return to power skating model on ARA weekly ice using 3<sup>rd</sup> party instructor.

Suggestions for upcoming season: offer additional option at registration for a power skating package; bring in someone to teach the coaches or give pointers on skill development

Coach survey – sent to M. Sturby

Year End survey– Committee to review the year end survey, L. Kusler and L. Poile volunteered.

U16 – majority comments positive; those who registered with both associations, not all policies were followed and what was included in registration fee, ie. CRA photo costs incl.); the driving for practices and games; evaluation delay a concern.

**U16 Plans** Contacted Calgary associations to close doors to ARA athletes and will be contacting CRA with potential of 40 skaters and 3 goalies. Will be declaring a U16 A and B in May in hopes to keep athletes. Will also ask Cochrane if there's interest in a U14A.



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**ARA AGM Plans**

June 15<sup>th</sup>, potential of a virtual meeting depending if Provincial restrictions are lifted. D. Turner to follow-up with G. Schmidt regarding hosting AGM/parent appreciation at Airdrie Legion.

**Fees**

B. Schiffner presented a draft excel doc with \$50 reduction in fees; another option is extend payment terms (6 mths May to Oct), Flex ringette, power skating option, cost back extra ice to teams  
It was agreed registration to open May 1<sup>st</sup> and take no fees until we hear from Alberta Health Services that restrictions have been relaxed.

For April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting discuss:

- Initiate \$50 reduction in fees for all age divisions tbd
- Open registration May 1 to June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Payment terms for 6 mths
- No first payment until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Return to Play policy will be available early next week for review. Will follow-up with Eastside Sports when they re-open regarding wrist protectors.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Quickbooks**

Working on moving everything to Quickbooks from Excel. Will make it easier for invoicing, tracking and reporting.

**Year End**

Mostly done, year end is April 30<sup>th</sup> and all documents will be sent to the accountant.

Waiting to hear if any volunteer cheques need to be cashed. B. Schiffner has been assisting with year end payment stuff.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

Finished packages for registration, J. Amsing will review. Setting up registration on Ramp. Registration open May 1, 2020.

**ICE SCHEDULER'S REPORT**

CRA is to pay ARA \$2800.00. B. Schiffner to contact CRA.

**Year End**

Ice costs for 2019-2020 season vs \$132,000 budget

**Budget 2020-2021**

Create a definitive ice budget for upcoming season.

**Ice Request**

2020-2021 ice requests is being reviewed by the City. They emailed requesting 2019-2020 registration numbers as well as projected numbers for 2020-2021.

**Extra Ice**

Costing back extra ice to teams for next season.

**Bylaw Update**

Will send researched docs from AB government to B. Schiffner to assist with Bylaw updates.

**COACH DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.



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**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR REPORT**

Flex Ringette

Should ARA offer Flex ringette (U14)? Calgary's Flex is \$300 includes the ice and officials. Offer after regular registration to assist those families who may not be able to afford classic ringette due to the COVID-19 impacts.

ARA Surveys

All ARA surveys have been completed and sent to B. Schiffner.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/  
COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Registered for Airdrie Canada Day parade and will wait to hear if this is cancelled due to COVID-19. Has done some social media posts, but not much uptake.

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICIAL'S  
REPORT**

Working with J. Amsing to ensure current officials have been paid. Waiting to see if someone is able to take over. Will get officials together in August. ARA has a lot of officials, a number close to refing higher levels, but also a number of first years who didn't get any games.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Skip the Depot

Suggestion for a fundraiser. L. Kusler mentioned that this can easily put out on social media.

20-04 MOVED by D. Turner, SECONDED by L. Kusler  
THAT ARA register for Skip the Depot.

Carried

Refunds

All refunds for ROF II and Provincials are done.

Budget

Net Income for ROF II is \$731.01 and Provincials is \$4415.47, down approximately \$12K from projected budget due to no tournament. All 2019/2020 tournament total is \$17,785.

Baskets/Silent Auction

Items to be auctioned via 32 Auctions in the fall.

Future Events

Recommended that for future Provincials/Regionals/Bunny Bash that ARA pays the fees directly to RAB and Calgary123 and that the teams pay ARA – eliminates any refund issues for the future. J. Amsing mentioned this had been done in the past.

**VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Majority of families did get their volunteer hours. There are less than 5 that don't have any hours and a few that have hours just not 10 hours. K. McIntyre will send a report to B. Schiffner.

**FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

J. Amsing reported that ARA received \$3,416.55 from the Flames 50/50 fundraiser and Shell donated \$971.00.

**EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No jerseys have been collected due to the abrupt end to the season. Considering the potential number of U14, M. Moore assured there is enough jerseys for the 2020-2021 season.

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE'S REPORT  
(Policy)**

Nothing to report.



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**MEMBER-AT-LARGE'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Approve March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Google Meet 7:00 pm.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

The April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

  
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President

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

  
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Secretary