



**AIRDRIE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

A meeting of the Airdrie Ringette Association held in the Boardroom at Ron Ebbeson Arena, Airdrie, Alberta, Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 commencing at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

- Liz Kusler (Public Relations Coordinator)
- Kara Pawsey (Member-At-Large – Policy)
- Graham Schmidt (Member-At-Large)

**CALL TO ORDER** The President called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**RAB Policy Changes** Two (2) changes:  
UAA can not be done sooner than September 1  
Evaluations earliest August 30

**RAB U10 changes for 2020/2021** Grandfather in ice changes one step at a time. Implementation for Step 2 not decided yet. Have received concerns from parents, and are looking for feedback from the associations. M. Sturby requested the coaches for Active Start, Step 1 and 2 have their parents send their comments directly to RAB and cc him. C. Steele mentioned a fellow coach in Ottawa said their association has refused to change and continue to play on full ice.

**ARA complaints** U14 formal complaint, has been addressed and completed (relatives reffing players). L. Krause has addressed.  
U16B goalie parent concern, meeting with CRA was held.

**Year End Surveys** Explosive Edge and U16.

**Coaches Meeting** Fielded a few questions from Coaches. Okotoks not having small nets will contact Foothills.

**Spring/Summer Ringette** BILT  
3 on 3 April – May  
M. Sturby will investigate ARA organized rust busting/3 on 3.

**Zone 2 Play Offs** Ice scheduler to contact Indus ice scheduler.

**2020/2021 Projections** K. Bigoraj will collect the data on where players will be next year and pass the information onto M. Sturby who will have a coach from each age division to assist with the projections. Have information ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>.



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ARA Membership	See email with fundraisers, provincials, come try it, board elections
AGM & Board Elections	Tentative ARA 2020 AGM Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Bylaw update	Documents are outdated. T. Rodgers and B. Schiffner will do research from other associations/sports and get it modernized. K. Pawsey and G. Schmidt will assist. To be completed by end of August.  B. Schiffner has been supporting other board members with other tasks.
<b>VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT</b>	Assisted with the creation of the explosive edge survey. Attended U16B goalie meeting in Cochrane.  C. LeBlond asked that K. Pawsey work on the volunteer policy.
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	K. Bigoraj and J. Amsing will be working on RAMP switch over for registration. U12 Regionals cost to ARA. B. Schiffner to contact RAB regarding the Provincial fees. Subsidizes for U12 Regionals and U10 bunny bash won't be done till end of February. No updates beyond, business as usual.
<b>REGISTRAR'S REPORT</b>	Player projections for 2020/2021. B. Schiffner requested the list of players with year of birth. Will meet with J. Amsing in respect to RAMP.
<b>ICE SCHEDULER'S REPORT</b>	
Ice Budget	Budget beginning of season \$130,000 end of season \$96,000, no extra ice for zones, cancelled ice etc. \$36,000 less the budget given. Create a more accurate budget to start the 2020/2021 season. Total ice cost will be reviewed in March once the season is done and Explosive Edge costs are known and included. This will likely account for most of the \$36,000.
U16 Ice	T. Rodgers to contact Cochrane with all the ice time for practice, games, refs etc and request their costs. \$9000 for all three teams. Cochrane ice scheduler sent out emails to U16 teams informing them that they get 10 ice times and anything over that teams have to pay. T. Rodgers to send email from Vanessa to B. Schiffner.
2020/2021 Ice Forecast	Need to start ice allocations. T. Rodgers to get player numbers from K. Bigoraj and Jenn Rice (Zone).
Future Tools	Investigating using Google calendar, Teamsnap and Goalline to make the process easier. J. Amsing to get the costs of Goalline and Ramp.
<b>COACH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>	Coaches asked when Bunny Bash was. M. Sturby to let them know March 21-22 in Standard. Tracking sheet for players/coaches penalties U10 Step 2 and up -Player unsportsmanlike -Player major penalties



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-Bench minor penalties (other than too many skaters)  
Last day for Explosive Edge is March 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Mentioned volunteer hours and that if they need more there is still time.  
Player report cards due February 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Committee for player projections.  
RAB challenge (players 2006/2007/2008) Airdrie April 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.  
RAB Cup (2001-2005) Spruce Grove May 1-3.  
M. Sturby to review coach survey to send to parents by February 26<sup>th</sup> and B. Schiffner to send out by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR REPORT**

Explosive Edge Survey                      Feedback from board members for explosive edge. Send out to the association February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Shot Clocks                                      Issue with shot clocks at Plainsmen not working, this has been resolved.

Player Report Cards                          Submission deadline February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Need a minimum of three (3) coaches to review.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/  
COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Come Try It event is scheduled for Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 13 kids registered. Plan to have Zone AA players to run it. Parent handbooks will be printed and made available. L. Kusler is planning to have a treat table instead of a goodie bag for participants. L. Poile to ask if L. Kusler has sent the information to put on the display board at Genesis.

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICIAL'S  
REPORT**

Thank-you to B. Schiffner for assisting with a reffing scheduling issue with Step 2 team.  
Will call for Airdrie refs for ROF II then send to Calgary refs.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

ROF II    Still two (2) spots available in Step 1.

Provincials                                      Beer Fridge Raffle- will ask ARA teams to try (not mandatory) to Pre-sell 100 \$5.00 tickets prior to the weekend – potential earnings \$10K for ARA.  
Opening ceremonies will be Friday 9:00am on Shane Homes Field – max 45 min program with guest speaker.  
Banquet – Saturday 6pm to 10pm Crossfield Community Hall \$5/head profit for supper. Theme – Team Spirit (come in team colours, lip sync competition etc), will be a dessert auction.  
Hoodies – Logo has been finalized

20-01    MOVED by C. LeBlond , SECONDED by B.Schiffner  
          THAT ARA provide a gift basket valued at \$150 for U14A Provincials.

Carried

Volunteer Policy 2020/2021                      Increase hours, increase deposit, increase payment if you choose to



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not volunteer?

20-02 **MOVED** by C. LeBlond, Seconded by J. Amsing  
THAT the volunteer deposit cheque be increased from \$200 to \$400.

Carried

20-03 **MOVED** by C. LeBlond, Seconded by B. Schiffner  
THAT the volunteer policy to be updated to indicate mandatory volunteer hour participation for host team parents of U12 Regional and Provincial (U14 and up) events.

Carried

**VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Summary ARA Volunteer Hours Has created a spreadsheet with all team's volunteer hours. B. Schiffner to assist with sending an email to teams that have not responded to K. McIntyre's emails regarding their hours.

50/50 Hitmen Game Hours K. Steele to send K. McIntyre list of volunteers from that event.

UAA signup genius for next season use full name.

**FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT** K. Steele gave J. Amsing a cheque for \$200? from Hitmen game. Contract for Flames 50/50 has been signed. M. Sturby suggested a travel voucher raffle. D. Turner suggested beer fridge raffle. K. Steele to investigate the options presented. Cam Clark has offered to sponsor. K. Steele, B.Schiffner &/or D. Turner to meet with Cam Clark regarding their sponsorship.

**EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Ice bumpers were moved at Plainsmen from open public area to fenced storage area. C. LeBlond asked that the bumpers and 4 nets be moved to REA for the ROF II tournament.

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE'S REPORT (Policy)** Working on policies.

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE'S REPORT** Nothing to report.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Approve January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes.

B. Schiffner read an email sent regarding the use of an ARA member's truck and low boy trailer for the Canada Day Parade. B. Schiffner will forward the email to L. Kusler.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** The next meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 REA Boardroom 7:00 pm.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** The February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

  
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President

I hereby certify these minutes are correct.

  
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Secretary