



FYRA Annual General Meeting | Wednesday April 30th, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Kilarney Lake Lodge

AGENDA

Board members in attendance: Mike Walker, Lisa Stewart-Munn, Jessica Richard, Shawn Johnson, Marlee Rickard, Lauren McLeod, Mike Caissie, Brad Jenkins, Stacey Russell

1. Call to Order @ 6:32 by Mike Walker

Mike spoke to the board members and those in attendance to thank them for all their support of the program.

Thanking for the development of our goaltending to Dennie.

Thank you to Stacey for close to 10 years of time on the board.

Mike W. grateful for his time on the board and looking forward to working with the association in an advisory capacity.

Excited to be taking on a director of coaching position with RNB.

2. Establish Majority 35 in attendance Majority-24

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motioned by: Mike Caissie

Seconded by: Graham Loughborough.

4. Approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM

Motioned by: Dominic Donelle

Seconded by: Brian Wall

5. Reports

Presentations / Questions about the 2024-2025 director reports

1. Brad Jenkins-Director of Athlete Development

Accomplishments:

Led the development of U16 t 1.

Early Tier 1 tryouts, FYRA first on ice in province

Monthly development themes and practice plan bank begun this year for coaching staff.

Holiday shooting challenge-lots of success and buy in this year

Powerskating Fridays and Sundays for much of the season due to large numbers

RNB players supported

Challenges:

Scheduling development days

Lack of games for some teams, could have used weekday ice a bit better.

Looking to restructure HP player program to facilitate players more easily being able to participate.

Outlook:

Summer powerskating August to be scheduled in August

Looking at ways to keep kids on ice longer.

Continue to build bank of practice plans for coach and athlete development

2. Director of Coaching:

Accomplishments:

10 new coaches brought on this year. Over 50 on ice helpers and coaches.

6 CI training (U12 T 1 and U14 and above)

CSI (7 coaches)

Jr. Coaching program-Huge response with support of Lauren M.

20 female coaches, 8 non-parent (continued growth from last year) female ringette playing coaches.

Coaches meeting at beginning of season.

Athletic Mental Health advocate—worked with most teams for team sessions. Building connection within teams.

Challenges:

Scheduling training for coaches. Some is very long and takes an entire weekend. Need flexibility for these trainings for accessibility.

Team drafts: suggest putting together an information package for people to understand how drafts work.

Outlook:

Continue meeting with all coaches at beginning of season to clearly set expectations and communicate with all coaches.

Must continue to work with director of athletic development.

Work closely with Director of Operations to use all ice time effectively.

3. Director of managers:

Accomplishments:

23 team managers for 14 teams.

Mandatory meeting for managers at beginning of season well attended.

On going communication via email.

Still collecting jerseys from end of season.

Rooms are booked for COLT tournament next year

Co-Chaired our largest EB tournament ever!

Team photos went with a new photographer this year to get back to on ice photos.

Already working on the tournament for next year.

Working with RNB to share director of managers materials.

4. Director of Officials:

EB tournament: 49 officials, 366 assignments

Dom provided a lot of evaluation and feedback to refs this year.

FYRA has 30 officials (including 9) from Oromocto

Looking to keep growing

All other numbers and stats contained in Director of Officials report (such as break down of officials levels, pay and amounts paid out in official pay)

5. Director of Promotions:

Divide between tier one and community-trying to address this this year-posts for everyone!

Facebook page continues to grow.

Problem at U9. Need to open registrations early, how do we retain from U7?

Two sponsors came on this year for two-year sponsorship deals:

Kyan U14

Toyota U16

Still looking for a U12 tier one sponsor

6. Director of Goaltending

By end of season 18 goalies (double the number of two years ago)

Looking to expand goaltending coaches so that each team has one

Powerskating sessions 8-10 goalies came out

Goaltending session every Sunday well attended all year
Equipment development: worked to ensure every goalie has proper fitting gear.

Outlook:

Bring in more quality shooters for clinics.

Team goalie development needs to grow so that they do not develop bad habits without them

7. Director of operations:

Achievements:

We had more ice this year

Less disruptions to the schedule (except for Feb)

Photos on ice

Challenges:

More ice=more money

Powerskating lots of players-Sunday can be problematic, teams travelling for instance

RNB game schedule

Next year:

Looking to be more streamline with community room bookings

Already booked early August icetimes

8. Director of Finances:

Budget:

Income statement:

Surplus of 3,400

Spoke to the income lines

Spoke to each line of the budget.

Operating budget

Went through all lines and tabs.

All numbers are available on website

Our rates will need to go up next year.

Discussion period:

Brian Wall:

Thank you for all of your service to FYRA to Mike W. Thank you to the board.

Tier 1 U14 wanted to go to NS, but was denied. In the future he would like the same opportunities to be offered to our tier as in other areas

Graham L:

U12 community-not an ideal experience this year for the end of their season.

Regarding seeding in provincials for u12 Loughborough.

What are the plans to advocate so that this won't happen again?

Mike Walker: this was taken into consideration when he took this role in RNB.

Laurie (RNB): This won't happen again. Lock feature in RAMP. Teams fined if sheets not entered. RNB is notified.

Stacey Russell: We all make mistakes. Perhaps we need to define the roles for associations and RNB for hosting?

Mike Caissie: Community committee?

Laurie: On the radar.

Mike C: Hopefully this can bring some consistency to all associations.

Jodi Dykeman: What are the penalties?

Laurie: 25.00\$ per game.

Discussions of game sheet visibility for all (via RAMP or another way?)

Gwen McLeod: community committee must happen, less talk more action.

Courtney Rickard: This is a family issue.

Mike Walker: Please send your issues in to RNB, to Mike, etc...

Kim Gallant: U14 teams not fairly chosen. The quiet girls together were all placed. The two u14 teams shouldn't be first and last place. One U14 player stated: "It's not about winning. It's about being humiliated".

Gwen McLeod: Insider information is important for draft purposes. If you know the kids, it makes choices much easier.

Mike Walker: want to give some discretion to the coaches.

Scott Sampson: Promotion of the game in the schools in the province.

Benji Shanks: gym ringette K-3 is also an RNB initiative.

Tony March: Jersey refresh progress?

Board Member: Work in progress-look for updates around that.

Jodi: Development in our area? Lots in Moncton.

Mike W: private entities run those, RNB coaches could be coming.

Brian: U14 tryouts always in southeast.

Practices for HP, would like to see some closer to us.

Mike Walker-we will make the ice time available.

6. Old Business– Nil

7. New Business

8. Elections

1) President: Nominated by Mike Walker (Brad) by acclamation. He resigns from director of athletic development.

Athletic Development: 1 year term is available, will be voted on by the board

2) Coaching development: Mike Caissie by acclamation.

3) Goalie Development: Tony March by acclamation.

4) Promotions: Stacey Russell by acclamation.

5) Director of Managers: Shawn Johnson by acclamation.

6) Player Reps: Marlee and Lauren by acclamation.

7) Secretary: Lisa Stewart-Munn by acclamation.

These are all two-year terms-odd year elections.

9. Amendments to Constitution or Bylaws or Policies & Procedures Manual

<https://fredericton-ringette.ca/content/volunteer-policy>

Questions: none

Passed: Yes

<https://fredericton-ringette.ca/content/jersey-policy>

Questions: non

Passed: yes

10. Announcements

RNB AGM: both online and virtually

Fundraiser for Moncton player:

Winner of the free registration: Darren Hicks (Chloe)

11. Adjournment 8:42 (Lauren McLeod)