



**FYRA Annual General Meeting | Tuesday June 13th, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm

### **2. Establish Majority**

Total voting delegates in attendance: 37

Majority: 19

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion to adopt the agenda*

Moved by: Natalie Faulkner

Seconded by: Dave Watt

### **4. Approval of the minutes of the 2022 AGM**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022*

Moved by: Kim Marson

Seconded by: Brian Wall

### **5. Reports**

a. Presentations / Questions about the [2022-2023 Season Reports](#)

#### **President's Report**

We hosted the largest EB tournament ever this past season. We are aiming to be even larger next year.

Growth: 262 registrations, largest ever (up to 20% from previous year). We got U16/U19 division back.

Challenges: Some RNB visions are not aligned with our own; insufficient ice time.

### **Director of Managers**

Year went well. Within 2 weeks of teams being named, all teams had a manager. 7 new managers and several returning managers.

Challenges: first time in 3 years without COVID restrictions; issues with RAMP syncing resulting in some teams travelling for away game to find out there was no game.

Acknowledgment of Gwen's years on the Board as she is outgoing this year.

### **Brad Jenkins**

Tier 1 tryouts were held early, which meant Community teams got on the ice earlier.

The shooting challenge was successful.

There were two development days at the U9/U10 level.

Challenges: scheduling around planning successful practices session

For this summer, he is looking at summer power skating and is working with the City to obtain ice times.

He would like to have the Planning a Practice Session be mandatory for coaches.

### **Stacey Russell**

Great engagement on social media. We have over 1,000 followers, which is great considering the size of the association.

Come Try Ringette at Garrison Market last week. It was well attended. Brian Wall suggested having a CTR in a gym as the rental cost is very low and removes the need to have equipment.

She is continuously trying to find ways to promote the sport and grow our association.

Reminder to the association that the email used for registration is the email we use for communications.

Challenge: sponsorships. Both Tier 1 sponsorships are up; these companies will get first right of refusal. If anyone is interested in sponsorships, please let Stacey know.

Shawn Smith indicated that he would be interested in helping with sponsorships. Shawn Smith suggested that NBCC students could take over social media.

### **Robb Clarke**

8 goalie development sessions in summer of 2022.

Goalie development occurred at the majority of power skating sessions this year.

He also had goalie mentor calls with university and other elite levels.

Goalie rebate program for the past season to increase # of goalies in the association.

Challenges: insufficient icetime

Upcoming year: mandatory neck guards, minor changes to goalie rebate program, rules around tandem for teams with more than one goalie to ensure fair play.

### **Shawn Forster**

We have enough ice to offer power skating.

He met with City on weekly basis to get additional ice. He did obtain additional ice, but with very short warning.

Challenge: insufficient icetime to continue our growth; insufficient notice from teams if they were letting go their ice, such that he was unable to distribute it to another team.

Upcoming: continue to work with the City to obtain more ice to allow us development and grow our association.

Thanks to Shawn for his contribution to the Board. He has been instrumental in working with the City to get us icetime.

### **Director of Officials**

Challenge is recruiting officials and developing them. Another challenge is getting coaches/parents to be respectful. We need to support our young officials as they develop.

Luke Faulkner was an official at Nationals this year; he was the youngest official to go to Nationals. He was an official in the goal medal game in AA.

### **Quinn de Long**

Fundamentals (U7): We oversold both fall and winter sessions.

Challenge: we may be losing some long-time coaches for the Fundamentals program. Quinn asked members to reach out if they know anyone who would be interested in helping out. Mike added that for Fundamentals, the person would need ringette/coaching experience.

### **Jason Hoyt**

Coaching: about ½ of head coaches, assistant coaches were new.

Survey: majority of feedback is positive. We are still looking at this.

Like Brad, he would like to have the Planning a Practice Session be mandatory for coaches.

Challenge: Ensuring coaches have required certifications; also retention of former players to help coach. Coaches need to be mentored on how to develop former players to be leaders.

Kim Marson mentioned that some associations add a minimal cost to registration to cover costs of non-parent coaches.

### **Victoria Hitchcock**

She is the Registrar; she ensures registrations run smoothly.

### **Thanks**

Thanks to our two sponsors: Right Choice Realty and Proactive Therapy.

### **Ed Benoit Early Bird Tournament**

Early Bird Tournament has been rebranded to the Ed Benoit Early Bird Tournament.

### **5 Pillars to build our FYRA foundation**

1. Growth & development
2. Retention
3. Communication
4. Culture of Sport
5. Fun

Since 2016-2017, we have seen 94% growth in our membership.

Registration Recap: 262 registrations for past year.

FYRA is looking at potentially developing a U16 Tier 1 team for the next season.

### **6. Old Business– Nil**

### **7. New Business**

#### **a. FYRA financial statements for the year ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, FYRA – Amanda Murphy**

We are in a good financial position. \$120,000 between operating account and legacy account.

We do not charge enough for registrations to cover our costs. This year, we are looking at \$25 increase per child on registration to cover our increased costs.

We clear approximately \$25,000 with Early Bird.

Our registration fees are much lower than other ringette associations. It is a priority to keep the fees as low and accessible as possible.

## b. FYRA Annual Timeline

Get Mike's timeline. Registration should open August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## c. Casual vacancies of Board Members

- a. Vice President – By majority vote of the Executive JASON HOYT will serve a term finishing at the 2024 AGM
- b. Director of Operations – By majority vote of the Executive QUINN DELONG will serve a term finishing at the 2024 AGM

We need someone in the member at large position as this position is essential to the success of the Fundamentals program. The member at large does not need to attend Fundamentals nor have a child in the program.

## 8. Elections

- a) President – Incumbent MIKE WALKER has declared intention to re-stand for election.

Call for nominations from the floor: 1<sup>st</sup> time, 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 3<sup>rd</sup> time. No other nominations from the floor.

Elected by acclamation.

- b) Director of Goaltending Development Incumbent ROBB CLARKE has declared intention to re-stand for election.

Call for nominations from the floor: 1<sup>st</sup> time, 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 3<sup>rd</sup> time. No other nominations from the floor.

Elected by acclamation.

- c) Director of Promotion and Retention - Incumbent STACEY RUSSELL has declared intention to re-stand for election.

Call for nominations from the floor: 1<sup>st</sup> time, 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 3<sup>rd</sup> time. No other nominations from the floor.

Elected by acclamation.

- d) Secretary – Incumbent CHRISTINE BERNARD has declared intention to re-stand for election.

Call for nominations from the floor: 1<sup>st</sup> time, 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 3<sup>rd</sup> time. No other nominations from the floor.

Elected by acclamation.

- e) Director of Coaching Development – Incumbent JASON HOYT has declared intention to **not** re-stand for election.

Nomination: Mike Caissie is nominated by Trevor Feltmate.

Mike has 2 girls in the program (7 and 9 years old). The program has been phenomenal for his girls and he would like to give back. Organization and tenaciousness are a couple of his qualities.

Call for nominations from the floor: 1<sup>st</sup> time, 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 3<sup>rd</sup> time. No other nominations from the floor.

Elected by acclamation.

- f) Director of Managers – GWEN MCLEOD has declared intention to **not** re-stand for election.

Nomination: Lisa Stewart Munn is nominated by Gwen McLeod

Her daughter is moving into U12 and has been playing since U7. She loves the ringette community and would like to be part of the bigger picture and continue improving FYRA.

Nomination: Andrea Howell is nominated by Andrew Trecartin

She has two daughters in the association. She would like to give back time to the association.

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Result of elections: Andrea Howell is elected as Director of Managers.

- g) Player Representative – Incumbent ELLA MYERS has aged out of the program and cannot re-stand for election.

We had two players interested in the position of the player representative.

The Board talked about having both involved and having them present only 1 vote. If they cannot reach a consensus, they would abstain from a vote. As such, both players are being nominated for the player representative position.

Marlee Rickard and Lauren McLeod.

Marlee has played for 6 seasons; she joined first year of U12.

Lauren: Has been playing for 7+ years. She has helped coach for the past couple of years at U7 and U10

No nominations from the floor.

## **9. Amendments to Constitution or Bylaws – Nil**

**Amendments to the Policies & Procedures Manual – Nil.** We do need to update these. Shauna Bowes suggested defaulting to RNB policies.

## **10. Announcements**

Gwen McLeod indicated that we are looking for a Chair for the Early Bird Tournament. The Chair is supported by a committee. Stacey said there is binder for the Chair and a strong group of people to support.

- a. RNB AGM: June 25<sup>th</sup> is tentative date, but may move
- b. Registration fees for 2023/2024: U7 is \$300. U9 is \$400 (increase of \$25), U10+ is \$450 (increase of \$25)

Natalie Faulkner raised the issues of # of AA and A teams at U16 level. Mike Walker indicated that we are working on this. Ringette Canada has also made some changes that affect RNB. Scott Gullison says the discussions are happening at the RNB level. Mike Walker encouraged members to attend the RNB AGM.

Brian Wall talked about the Charlottetown and how it no longer works for our association as it does not have Tier division. He suggests the association promote Shediac Tournament. Gwen mentioned that it does not work for community teams either because PEI teams double-card and it is not fair play.

## **11. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Brian Wall

Seconded by: Scott Morrison

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm