



FYRA Annual General Meeting
Minutes
May 22, 2024
Grant Harvey Centre

Board Members	Mike Walker	Jason Hoyt	Amanda Murphy
In attendance:	Brad Jenkins	Lauren McLeod	Jeff Callaghan
	Christine Bernard	Marlee Rickard	Mike Caissie
	Stacey Russell	Amanda Murphy	Shawn Johnson

	Notes	Action/Date Due
(1) Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm by Mike Walker. Quorum attained. Total voting delegates in attendance: 27 Majority: 14 delegates 	
(2) Approval of the Agenda	<p>MOTION: It was moved by Brian Wall, seconded by Mike Caissie that the agenda be approved.</p>	
(3) Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM	<p>MOTION: It was moved by Amanda Murphy, seconded by Jason Hoyt and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the 2023 AGM meeting be adopted.</p>	
(4) Presentation by Lydia Smith	<p>Lydia Smith, who played with U14AA (Team Robichaud) thanked FYRA for its generous grant which helped her offset some of the travel costs associated with being on the U14AA team.</p>	
(5) Reports	<p><u>President's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Early Bird Tournament and Provincials were highly successful. The Early Bird Tournament continues to grow. 	



- Challenges:
 - Some of RNB's visions are not aligned with Ringette Canada guidelines, most noticeably at the U14 level. This is why FYRA created the tier program.
 - FYRA's ice time allocation continued to be insufficient for its needs and desire to grow ringette in the Capital region.
 - The application of long-term athlete development principles
 - There was a need to ensure coaches had the basic required training, but also continued to develop to ensure the best experience for our athletes.
- Outlook for next season:
 - Exploring the idea of a newcomers to Fredericton introduction to ringette program

Director of Managers

- Successes:
 - All 14 teams had managers, with some having two managers
 - New practice jerseys and game jerseys were distributed
 - The Director of Managers co-chaired the Ed Benoit Early Bird Tournament as well as Provincials
 - Hotels for the Colt Tournament are already being booked
- Challenges:
 - Coming into the role midway through the season
- Outlook:
 - Start working on the Ed Benoit Early Bird Tournament in the summer of 2024 in order to have the Organizing Committee in place before the start of the season
 - Look at booking hotel accommodations for the upcoming season

Director of Athlete Development

- Successes:
 - Tier 1 tryouts were completed early, which allowed Community teams get on the ice earlier.
 - The shooting challenge was a success, with teams from each division participating for the first time.
 - Power skating was well attended
 - Practice jerseys were secured for all teams
- Challenges:
 - Insufficient ice time



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given the issues around ice allocation, finding ice for development sessions was very difficult ○ Increasing participation in the shooting challenge ○ Finding time for HNB players who received grants to give back given their busy schedules ● Outlook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer power skating could potentially be held in August ○ Hold Tier 1 tryouts early to ensure community teams can again start their season early ○ Work on the development of the Tier 1 program throughout the province 	
<p><u>Director of Promotions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FYRA is the largest association on social media with approximately 1,300 followers ○ The following sponsors were thanked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Right Choice Realty – Tier 1 ▪ Proactive Therapy – Tier 1 ▪ Jardine Auctioneers ▪ HILCON Limited ▪ The Dock Outlet ▪ Total Contact ○ It was noted that Right Choice Realty and Proactive Therapy’s sponsorships were ending and FYRA was looking for new sponsors ● Challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Both Tier 1 sponsorships are up. If anyone is interested in sponsorships, they are encouraged to contact Stacey Russell. 	
<p><u>Director of Coaching Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There were 50+ coaches, including 10 new coaches ○ There were 15 female coaches ○ There were 8 non-parent coaches ○ There were 12 junior coaches ○ 107 coach evaluations were performed ○ At U7, there were over 60 athletes and the U16/U19 players played a key role ● Challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduling coaching clinics 	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the U10 level, it was initially thought that there would be three teams. In the end, this had to be reduced to two teams, which was not ideal as some players had already formed bonds ○ Ensuring better coordination of coaching expectations between the divisions to ensure the athletes are receiving the same training/development regardless of their team. ● Outlook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Look at having in-person coaches' meeting to set expectations and discuss long term athlete development ○ Insufficient ice time ○ More goalie-specific training ○ Host coaching clinics beyond RNB requirements ○ Increase external coaching resources <p>An attendee suggested that a coach mentoring/buddy system could be beneficial to coach development. He suggested pairing a coach of a lower division with a coach in a higher division.</p> <p>Attendees also expressed a desire for more advanced coaching clinics, even if online.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>The financial statements were reviewed at a high level. There was \$102,358 in the account and another \$38,688 in the legacy account to be used for development.</p> <p>The Ed Benoit Early Bird Tournament generated \$38,185 in revenue and Provincials generated another \$18,490.</p> <p>Registration generated \$116,300. The expenses were \$111,000 (exclusive of rebates and the banquet). Once the rebates are distributed and the banquet paid, there would be a deficit.</p> <p>Registration fees are expected to increase for the upcoming season as Ringette Canada had advised that its fees were expected to increase.</p>	
<p>(6) Old Business</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>(7) New Business</p> <p>None</p>	



(8) Elections

Vice-President – Incumbent Jason Hoyt declared his intention to run for re-election.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received.

Jason Hoyt was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer - Amanda Murphy declared she was not running for re-election.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. Jessica Richard was nominated by Mike Walker and accepted the nomination.

Jessica Richard was elected by acclamation.

Director of Athletic Development - Incumbent Brad Jenkins declared his intention to run for re-election.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Brad Jenkins was elected by acclamation.

Director of Officials– Natalie Faulkner declared she was not running for re-election.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. Mike Walker nominated Dominic Donelle, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Dominic Donelle was elected by acclamation.

Director of Operations – Quinn Delong declared he was not running for re-election.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received.

The position was vacant.

Member at large – Incumbent Jeff Callaghan declared his intention to run for re-election.

There was a call for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor were received.



Jeff Callaghan was elected by acclamation.	
<p>(9) Amendments to Constitution or Bylaws</p> <p>None</p> <p>It was indicated that changes to the Volunteer Policy were being contemplated. FYRA was considering having volunteer fees paid upfront and if the volunteer requirements were met, issuing a rebate.</p>	
<p>(10) Announcements</p> <p>The RNB AGM will be held on May 26, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The link to the AGM will be shared on social media.</p> <p>Registration for the 2024-2025 season will open on August 1st.</p>	
<p>(11) Adjournment</p> <p>It was moved by Mike Caissie, seconded by Stacey Russell, that the AGM be adjourned. The AGM was adjourned at 7:53 pm.</p>	