

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Room, ME Global Athletic Park, Lacombe

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

7:00 p.m.



In Attendance: Shelley Vickery, Terri Gessleman, Sami Rodwell, Raelyn Buksa, Shantel Robb, Gwen Martin, Sherri Kimmel, Corrine Sloan, Stephanie McCarty, Jen Wintz, Sherri O'Muir, Martine Varekamp, Connor Winslow, Brett Miller, Marina Mazure, Deanna Zunti, Bev Smith, Chelsea Friesen, Linda Forrester

Shelley Vickery Called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **March 19, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes and April 9, 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the March 19, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes and April 9, 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Shantel Robb
CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the August 27, 2025 agenda be accepted as presented. Seconded by Shantel Robb
CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (voting members)

- a. **PRESIDENT** - Shelley Vickery
 - Sting has asked if there would be any objections from the association if they were to offer U10-3 and U12 Skills sessions. No objections were raised
 - The U19 team is full and new registrations are now being waitlisted. Red Deer's U19 team is full. Some players have volunteered to moved to U16. Some of the players volunteering have asked not to participate and in evaluations and to be placed on the U16B team. The leagues is required to approve these requests. No objections were raised provided league approval is received
 - New League championship banners have been hung up on the back ice
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT** – Terri Gessleman
 - Attended RAB AGM on behalf of the Association. They are focused on trying to get people involved in the sport. RAB has received a grant to be applied to working groups
 - Winter Games is expected to be February long weekend and for U16s only
- c. **SECRETARY** – Sami Rodwell
 - The bylaws approved at the AGM have been rejected by the Government of Alberta for various reasons such as using the term executive instead of director, using the term

review instead of audit in regard to annual finances and for including objectives. Currently working with the Government of Alberta on a revised version which will require approval at another General Meeting

d. TREASURER – Raelyn Buksa

- Registration and Sponsorship are coming in at the current time and expenses are currently minimal
- No budget issues have been identified

e. REGISTRAR – Shantel Robb

- Current registration numbers are:
 - o U6 – 13 players
 - o U10 – 42 players
 - o U12 – 23 players
 - o U14 – 24 players
 - o U16 – 25 players
 - o U19 - 22 players plus 4 for Open. U19 has been closed for registration and new registrations will be waitlisted
- All registrations are set to close on August 31 and people interested must email the Registrar
- Players participating in AA tryouts
 - o U14 – 6 players (5 currently registered)
 - o U16 – 11 players (3 currently registered)
- Both tournaments are sanctioned

f. PAST PRESIDENT - Lyle Granigan

- Absent

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. ICE ALLOCATOR – Gwen Martin

- We lost one ice slot in Blackfalds this year
 - o We are in the process of advocating to the Town of Blackfalds regarding our Association receiving non-local rates and having our ice time reduced. Current players are almost equal between Lacombe and Lacombe County / Blackfalds. The matter will at a public meeting of the Blackfalds Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting on September 3 at 6:30pm in the Tayles Room, Blackfalds Civic & Cultural Centre
- We are looking at alternative locations for ice. We are currently waiting to hear from Ponoka (ringette lines are on the small ice). No ice is available in Bentley. Ice is available in Clive however it is typically late hours and much more expensive than all other facilities which may cause budget concerns
- We have had to extend the practice times on Tuesday until 10:30pm to accommodate the reduction in ice in Blackfalds
- We expect to have an additional U10 team
- Currently working on draft practice schedules
- Morning practice starts October 15th and teams will need to tell the Ice Allocator if they do not want their morning practice

- September 20th ice will start in Blackfalds
 - Special Events
 - o Tournament U14-U19 November 28-30, 2025
 - o Tournament U6 – U12(open to be included in this tournament) January 23-25, 2026 (open to be included in this tournament)
 - o Submitted request for U12 playoff tournaments and ice was granted March 13 - 15, 2026
 - BGL ice meeting is coming up
- b. REFEREE ALLOCATOR** – Sherri O’Muir and Deanna Lawrence
- Level 1 Clinic will be held in Red Deer this year
 - Once evaluations are completed we will decide how many first stripes referees will be taken
- c. FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR** – Marina Mazure
- Casino appears to have gone well and no concerns have been received. Money has not been received yet
 - Have submitted for our next casino
 - Starting to work on raffle tickets shortly
- d. COACHING DIRECTOR** – Connor Winslow
- Coaches Meeting with RAB
 - o Every team has to have 3 qualified coaches, including U10
 - o Trainers do not count as females on the bench going forward
 - LRA does reimburse for coaching courses. Coaches are encouraged to take their courses for professional development points in Coaching Week when courses are free. There are also several individual professional development courses that are free
 - Going to do an affiliate meeting again in an effort to get them all sorted out at one time with no overlap
 - Currently have 13 coaches registered. It is confusing that coaches have to sign up in RAMP and Google Drive
 - Will be sending an email regarding help for evaluations
 - Shelley Vickery will send out the Junior Coaches email. Junior Coaches must be 14. Junior Coaches must register on RAMP. Junior Coaches who are referees may not ref their own games making it difficult for one person to hold both positions
 - Two new rule changes from Ringette Canada
 - o Can have 4 in the offensive zone on a delayed penalty without pulling the goalie
 - o When a ring is sitting on the crease a player can poke it over the crease to their own goalie as long as their stick does not touch the crease
- e. GOALIE COACHING DIRECTOR** – VACANT
- f. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR** - Brett Miller
- Starting to work on jerseys. Have some interest in jersey sponsors
 - Have been directed by the City of Lacombe that we must purchase a cart this year for our bumpers. This was considered last year and has since been reconsidered
- g. MARKETING DIRECTOR** – Chelsea Friesen

- Come Try Ringette is having great results. The spring event had 25 participants and the summer one had 11 participants. All participants have received follow emails reminding them

- h. WEBMASTER – Jaime Broad**
 - Please send in anything that you have for updates

- i. TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON U6-U12 – Bev Smith**
 - Starting to seek sponsors for raffles (looking at different sponsors than those who sponsor the association)
 - Bev and Brett will meet to discuss how Committees will operate and a tournament meeting will be called to review

- j. TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON U14-U19 – Brett Miller**

- k. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR – Deanna Zunti**
 - Looking at Community Engagement ideas. Can do a Terry Fox run at a different time of year than Terry Fox day
 - Lacombe Community Christmas Dinner committee has been shut down. The event has been picked up by the Track 2. The event is held on Christmas Day and typically has 200 people. We can send out to association members
 - We would like to do a food drive. There were no concerns with doing food drives as part of tournaments or the association Christmas event
 - Looking at the concept of a Fan of the Month

- l. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS (BGL) – Shantel Robb and Corrine Sloane**
 - Attend the AGM. They are looking at having a BGL Championship Director position from every association at every level
 - Fort McMurray will be joining the U10-3 this year
 - League fees will be increasing by \$10
 - There was about 180 exhibition games last season reported through the league and an estimated 40 unreported exhibition games. All exhibition games must be reported. All referees must be coordinated through our Referee Allocator
 - Last season there was 158 game reschedules. There will be rule changes to minimize the impact of this. They will be voted on at the next meeting
 - For U10-2 the plan is to do the first half of the season on half ice and the second half of the season on full ice. This may impact U10-2 team size to ensure teams are not too large for half ice or too small for full ice
 - For U16 and U19 they have proposed a change to the game format, changing to four 11 minute quarters
 - Reminder for Managers for the upcoming season regarding game sheets
 - o Must list goalies
 - o Must approve the final game sheet (if there are any errors they must be reapproved by both teams Managers)
 - o They are considering fines for errors to the game sheets or not submitted game sheets

- m. U6/U10 DIVISION DIRECTOR – Stephanie McCarty**

- Nothing to report
- n. U12/U14 DIVISION DIRECTOR – Corrine Sloan**
 - Nothing to report
- o. U16/U19 DIVISION DIRECTOR – Shantel Robb**
 - Nothing to report
- p. APPAREL REPRESENTATIVE – Sherri Kimmel**
 - Ringette Store pants are posted on social media
 - Will be doing Ringette bags through Reds again
 - Circulated a mitten, touque and scarf mock up for feedback
 - Apparel has been selected. Staying with fairly classic style options
 - Will book an apparel night
- q. EVALUATIONS COORDINATORS - Linda Forrester and Martine Varekamp**
 - Concerns have come about U16 and U19 trying out in a position. Teams are being built by top scores and not by position. When positions are assigned on the bench players are swapping positions on the ice. There are also issues when there are major variations in the number of players signed up for different positions
 - There will need to be variations to the U10 evaluations as there are 42 players. Time slots may have to be modified and game evaluations will not be able to include all players
 - Will be seeking additional volunteers to help with evaluations
 - Working on finding evaluators for several age groups
- r. PICTURE COORDINATOR – Zoe Skene**
 - Absent
- s. SPONSORSHIP – Linda Forrester and Jen Wintz**
 - 63 new companies have been approached for sponsorship

5. UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

- a. Goalie Coaching Director Vacancy**
 - Table to a future meeting
- b. Banquet Follow Up**
 - Minimal feedback was received
- c. Proposed Registration Policy**

MOTION: Moved by Shantel Robb that the Lacombe Ringette Association approve Registration Policy Number 112 with the following amendment:

- By adding to the end of Section 3. A. “If a player has entered into a fee payment plan fails to meet their payment scheduled they have two weeks to come into compliance with their fee payment plan or establish a new plan to the satisfactory of the Executive. Players failing to do so will not be permitted to play.”

Seconded by Terri Gessleman **CARRIED**

d. Proposed Safe Sport Policy

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the Lacombe Ringette Association endorse the Safe Sport Policies Number 111, previously approved electronically, and repeal the following policies

- Policy Number 101 Appeal
- Policy Number 102 Code of Conduct
- Policy Number 106 Screening
- Policy Number 107 Discipline and Complaints

Seconded by **Shantel Robb CARRIED**

e. Proposed Operating Procedure Executive Committee Members

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the Lacombe Ringette Association approve Operating Procedure Executive Committee Members. Seconded by Shantel Robb **CARRIED**

f. Amendment to Operating Procedures Evaluations

- It was recently announced that this season BGL is allowing for a full time goalie to be declared at U12A

MOTION: Moved by Samantha Rodwell that the Lacombe Ringette Association to amend our policies to allow for the option of a full time goalie for U12A. Policy amendments are:

- Operating Procedure: Evaluations
 - o Full-time Goalies – amended from U14/16/19 only to U12A/14/16/19 only.
 - o Added section to Full-time goalies “For U12A the Evaluations Coordinator will assess the level of player interest in a full-time goalie position and may modify the evaluation process in recognition that some U12 goalies may not play full time.”.
- Policy Number 108 Goaltender
 - o By deleting Definition 1.a. and replacing it with “Children’s Ringette: Active Start, U10, U12 (below the A level)”
 - o By deleting Requirement 3.b. and replacing it with “A U12 below the A level, 75% of the total games played by their team on or before December 31st and 75% after December 31”

Seconded by Shantel Robb **CARRIED Terri Gessleman abstained from voting**

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the Lacombe Ringette Association approve the proposed amendment to Operating Procedures Evaluations. Seconded by Shantel Robb **CARRIED**

g. Bids to Host

MOTION: Moved by Shantel Robb that the Lacombe Ringette Association support a bid to host U12 Play Off Tournament for both teams. Seconded by Terri Gessleman **CARRIED**

h. Proposed Meeting Schedule

- No concerns were raised with the proposed meeting schedule

6. ADJOURNMENT

Shelley Vickery adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.
- October 15, 2025 7:00 p.m.
- November 19, 2025 7:00 p.m.
- December 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.
- January 21, 2026 7:00 p.m.
- February 18, 2026 7:00 p.m.
- March 18, 2026 7:00 p.m.