

# LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upper Lobby, Lacombe Arena  
WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023



### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Voting Members:** Lyle Granigan, Shelley Vickery, Nicole Plewis, Sherri O'Muir, Carmen Wilson, Megan Bateman, Lori Winslow, Amanda Hatto, Tarina Hampton

**Non-Voting Members:** Angela Morrison, Nancy Morin, Kim Rost, Megan Miller, Connor Winslow, Bev Smith

*Lyle Granigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

### **1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Amanda Hatto moves that the meeting minutes from February 15, 2023, be approved as presented. Sherri O'Muir seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

### **2. NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**2.1.** Sherri O'Muir requested that a discussion on the Affiliation Policy be added to the meeting agenda.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Nicole Plewis moves that the agenda be accepted as presented. Shelley Vickery seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

### **4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

#### **4.1. PRESIDENT – Lyle Granigan**

- All Central Alberta teams are meeting to discuss the location of an AA team in the 2023-24 season.
- Emails have been sent for more minor officials to help with the 12B Championship gold medal game.

#### **4.2. VICE-PRESIDENT – Shelley Vickery**

- Talk with local restaurants about food for the banquet. The best option seems to be Leto's.

#### **4.3. SECRETARY – Nicole Plewis**

- **No report this month**

#### **4.4. REGISTRAR – Tarina Hampton**

- **No report this month**

#### **4.5. TREASURER – Carmen Wilson**

- Casino: \$16,164.93
- Chequing: \$17,237.85

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- GICs: \$33,650
- GICs have been moved as follows:
  - \$5,000 in a 15-month non-redeemable @ 4.65%
  - \$5,050 in a 15-month non-redeemable @ 4.65%
  - \$23,600 in 3-year rate builder, current return 3.5%, builds over next two years
- Provincials are paid for four teams, missing some Session 3 fees and Championship fees, but I have paid BGL for our part.
- Waiting on reimbursement from BGL for travel fees to Ft Mac for two teams yet.
  - Carmen has emailed the treasurer at BGL - should be coming soon.

#### 4.6. ICE ALLOCATOR – Amanda Hatto

- Blackfalds will be increasing their ice rates next season.
  - We will receive a 15% discount, making the new increase total \$153/hour (up from \$140/hour). Comparable - Lacombe currently charge \$105/hour and is expected to raise their rates to \$110-\$115.
  - Discussion around petitioning the Town of Blackfalds for local rates, as many players are Lacombe County and Blackfalds players (Nicole brought information from the county, as Lacombe county funds operating and capital expenses for the Eagle Centre).
  - Amanda would like to have this cost down to \$120/hour and highlight our Dual Ice Surface project support.
- Come Try Ringette – hosted in Blackfalds after the U12B Championship.
- Practices and Level Up practices have been scheduled.
  - Will include coaches to also participate in level-up, to help them prepare for next season.

#### 4.7. REFEREE ALLOCATOR – Sherri O’Muir

- Done with all league games.
- U12 Championship - BGL will reimburse for referee costs.
- People need to treat refs better
  - There have been several complaints from both spectators and coaches. This is unacceptable and will be brought up at the AGM.
- Looking at adding refs to the U10-1/U10-2 games to get them on the ice and gain experience earlier.

#### 4.8. CASINO/FUNDRAISER/SPONSORSHIP – Lori Winslow/Megan Bateman

- 50/50 is up to \$15,440
  - Even though we have surpassed our goal, how do we deal with people who don’t fundraise?
  - Email to go out reminding people of the \$150 expectation.

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- Pizza party will be announced at the end of the month, with the winning team determined by the amount raised/player (averaged out).

### 5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

#### 5.1. COACHING DIRECTOR – Shelley Leslie

- Created a draft form of a coach's survey to send to all parents after all provincials are done.
- Wants to have a procedure for any issues arising from player conflict, with the intent of eventually having coaches choose two parent liaisons for their team in case one is a conflict of interest.

#### 5.2. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR - Connor Winslow

- Will contact all teams to collect jerseys and equipment from the season.
- Planning to purchase some larger pads for goalies.
- Planning to sell off/give away some of the old equipment in the locker.

#### 5.3. ZONE 4 DIRECTORS – Louise Rellis/Amanda Hatto

- Meeting coming up to determine AA programming and Winter Games involvement.

#### 5.4. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS – Megan Miller/Nancy Morin

- May 15 is the General Meeting/season wrap-up.
- Banners were handed out at the last game of Session 2 (U14-19)

#### 5.5. U6/U10 DIRECTOR – Sherri O'Muir

- Meeting with U10-2 on Level Up.
- Making sure that at Zone 4 meeting, we are all on the same page (regarding the half-ice program). This is a Ringette Alberta direction, but several Lacombe teams have been going against this direction, causing confusion between our association and the Red Deer association.

#### 5.6. U12/U14 DIRECTOR – Megan Miller

- U12B affiliation issue – there was a misinterpretation of the policy (specifically regarding goalies), but this has been cleared up.

#### 5.7. U16/U19 DIRECTOR – No Update

### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 6.1. TOURNAMENT REP – No update

#### 6.2. EVALUATION COORDINATOR – Angela Morrison

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- Asked to add a second person to the evaluation team to help lighten the work and share the duties. This was a 2-person team previously.

**ACTION:** A second Evaluation Coordinator will be requested at the AGM in April.

## 7. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1. 2023/24 Tournament Discussion

- The City has agreed to give us a second tournament weekend to split up the tournament (which will help with scheduling, refs, volunteers, etc.)
  - November 24-26
  - December 8-10 (tentative)
- We will need to figure out how to split up the levels at each tournament and may look at changing how the Tournament Committee is set up:
  - One Tournament Director, with reps from each level to help organize each tournament (vs. the responsibility landing on a couple of individuals to plan).

**ACTION:** Amanda will compare the tentative date (December 8) to ensure it doesn't conflict with any hockey/key ringette tournaments.

### 7.2. Spirit Club (From Louise Rellis)

- The idea around a Spirit Club was to have the teams foster a sense of community and encourage our players to grow community cohesion in the communities of Blackfalds and Lacombe and each additional community our players are from, should they wish.
  - Each year, teams selected events/activities that support community organizations to sponsor.
  - The original request included more fundraising activities, but the committee decided it would be too onerous/confusing, as the fundraising would be split between a charity and the association.
- The Spirit Club would involve organizing opportunities to connect with and give back to community members and organizations while also looking at developing fundraising opportunities for the Association and community non-profit organizations collectively.
- There will not be an age range; it will be open to all committed to involvement.

**ACTION:** The Committee supported this request, with the removal of extra fundraising (as noted above), but perhaps looking at activities like:

- Snow shovelling, mitten tree/sock tree, monthly food bank drive/theme, etc.

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*This will be announced at the BANQUET portion of the AGM, and an email will be sent out later in the fall to the association base. Nicole Plewis offered to work with Louise on this initiative.*

### 7.3. Affiliation Policy (From Sherri O'Muir)

- Following some confusion surrounding affiliation uses/limits/decisions/etc., Sherri O'Muir looked at the Affiliation Policy and made some changes to help clarify for future years.
- She identified that it is essential to have discussions, especially with newer/younger teams and coaches so that they understand the intent of and process for affiliation.
- Ringette Alberta has a policy in place, but this is an overarching policy. We will look at customizing for our association.
- Shelley Vickery – recommended limits on specific players being selected.
  - Coaches are asked to rotate through the affiliates and not rely on 1-2 specific players. This provides an equal opportunity for all eligible affiliates.

***ACTION:*** *Sherri will review this policy and include comments from the discussion to finalize the changes and for official approval of the reviewed Affiliation Policy.*

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1. Lyle Granigan adjournment the meeting at 8:26 p.m.