

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex, Lacombe
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
7:00 p.m.



In Attendance: Shelley Vickery, Terri Gessleman, Gwen Martin, Raelyn Buksa, Sami Rodwell, Amanda Hatto, Sherry O’Muir, Megan Bateman, Lyle Granigan, Nikki Plewis, Sherri O’Muir, Shelley Leslie, Megan Bateman, Marina Mazure, Shantel Robb, Barb Taylor, Linda Forrester, Leanne Shaw, Corrine Sloan, Mellissa Stephenson, Ami Rintoul, Chelsea Friesen, Brett Miller

Shelley Vickery Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **March 20, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes and April 27, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gesselman that the March 20, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes and the April 27, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Gwen Martin **CARRIED**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Shelley Leslie that the April 27, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted with the following addition:

- Strand Printing
- Fall Tournament
- Executive Positions

Seconded by Linda Forrester **CARRIED**

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (voting members)

- a. **PRESIDENT** - Shelley Vickery
 - Tiering meeting with Ringette Alberta on August 29
 - Looking for goalies for U14 and U16. Looking for players for U19
 - o Recommend reaching out to Ringette Alberta to have these advertised on their social media channels
 - o Have discussed the U19 numbers with Red Deer Ringette
 - o Looking at options for U19. Currently there is not U19 C league. There are options to play with CABO or that the BGL B league will be split in two based on skill level
 - Donated \$735 to KidSport from the used equipment sale
 - Black Gold League (BGL) is discussing a Weather Policy Change. It remains status quo for the time being
- b. **VICE PRESIDENT** – Terri Gessleman

- Nothing to report
- c. REGISTRAR - Gwen Martin**
 - Current Registration is at 140 players
 - o U6 – 12 players
 - o U10 – 27 players (3 teams)
 - o U12 – 32 players (2 teams)
 - o U14 – 24 players (2 teams)
 - o U16 – 24 players (2 teams)
 - o U19 – 19 players (2 teams)
 - U10, U12 and Open C tournaments sanctioned. Fees are owing
 - November 29 U14, U16 and U19 tournament – Ringette Alberta is asking us to confirm that we have our own refs as there is already three tournaments that weekend. Last year we were able to do it primarily with our own refs however, it is expected that refs would be going to some of the other tournaments that weekend. Switching the tournament weekends likely results in issues with high school exams. No other tournament weekends were offered to Lacombe Ringette by the City of Lacombe
- d. SECRETARY – Sami Rodwell**
 - Nothing to report
- e. TREASURER – Raelyn Buksa**
 - Registration income is down about \$8,000 from where we were at this time last year
 - Black Gold League still has money owing. Looking into this

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman to grant signing authority for the Lacombe Ringette Association Bank Accounts to Raelyn Buksa, Shelley Vickery and Lyle Granigan and remove any prior signing authorities. Seconded by Barb Taylor **CARRIED**

- f. ICE ALLOCATOR - Amanda Hatto**
 - September schedule is out
 - o September 21 game evaluation times are still being worked on because The City is working to have the back ice in that weekend. Times will be provided as soon as they are available
 - We got more practice ice in Blackfalds Monday 8:30-9:30 p.m. (closed every statutory holiday)
 - Sting did not want any of the Sunday ice this year so we got back Sunday ice
 - In the process of trying to organize some power skating and clinics
 - Pan Continental Curling Championships is being hosted at the Lacombe arena
 - o Losing front ice on October 20
 - o If everything goes according to plan we will still have the back ice until November 3
 - o No ice November 3 - 6 (this is fully dependent on process).
 - o Ice during curling tournament (October 27 – November 2) will look a lot like September ice but on back ice. We will get a portion of practice ice and game ice. BGL will try to schedule away games during this time (this may result in more away games in the first half of the season and more home games in the second half of the season). Ice Allocator will try to keep things fair but we are

subject to BGL scheduling. Trips to Fort McMurray have been recommended for this time period as weather should be good and home ice is not an option.

Lacombe Ringette has requested that two teams go to Fort McMurray at the same time in order to share a bus

- Currently Fort McMurray as the following teams U10-3, two U1 B, U14A (hosting provincials), U16B and working on U19B (hosting provincials)
- When teams are created the Directors will be asked to send a reminder regarding the changes to ice due to the curling tournament

i. Update on ice availability in Ponoka

- Ponoka will not provide ice until their local user groups have declared their ice needs. Ponoka has put ringette lines on both of their ice surfaces this year

g. REFEREE ALLOCATOR - Sherry O’Muir

- Sherry O’Muir and Shelley Vickery met with Red Deer Ringette to talk about changes to reimbursement for referee clinics. We have more young refs than what we have capacity to use in Zone 4.
 - o Discussed calculating the cost invested in Referee training and dividing that by the number of teams that an association has. This provides a per team training cost for referees. These funds could be pooled to be used to pay for referee training for players from ringette associations in Central Alberta.
 - o Considering an application process for new referees as there isn’t enough game availability for all referees to get game experience. This would also consider the potential referees availability.
- Will do first stripes junior reffing program again this year. There is no cost for this course

MOTION: Moved by Sherri O’Muir to

- Establish an application process for Level 1 referees
- That reimbursement for Level 1 referees will not be provided until a ref has reffed 5 games
- To pursue the proposal to develop a calculation to determine per team referee training costs and pool funds per team from Lacombe Ringette, Red Deer Ringette and Central Alberta AA Ringette to be utilized to pay for referee training for Zone 4 referees

Seconded by Megan Bateman **CARRIED**

h. CASINO / FUNDRAISING - Megan Bateman

- Would like Coaching Directo to ensure that teams are aware that a team Fundraising Coordinator is duly responsible for team and association fundraising
- Barb Taylor will look into Bingo fundraising options
- The Pan Continental Curling Championships Committee has offered Lacombe Ringette two fundraising opportunities
 - o Booth space in the arena lobby along with a bake sale with cooking to be conducted in compliance with Alberta Public Health. Minimum 3 – 4 hours
 - o Garbage and recycling removal after every draw in exchange for recyclablesThese options were declined as it is expected that teams will be making efforts to be out of town that weekend and it will be difficult to get required volunteers
- Will be doing the raffle again this season
- Casino will be in 2025

- i. **PAST PRESIDENT** - Lyle Granigan
 - Nothing to report

4. **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

- a. **COACHING DIRECTOR** - Shelley Leslie
 - Majority of coaches are expected to be trained this year so training costs should be reduced
 - Training programs may have to be hosted at other facilities due to lack of ice
 - Will do digital applications for coaches this year
 - Deadline is August 28 for those willing to help with evaluations
 - Junior Coaches application will go out next week
- b. **GOALIE COACHING DIRECTOR** – Sarah Hatto
 - On Sarahs’ behalf it was reported that there is a goalie clinic on September 5
 - Looking to get some ice on Sundays for Goalie Clinics
- c. **EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR** - Brett Miller
 - Ordered some new rings
 - Would like to purchase new first aid kits for all teams this year
 - All goalie equipment was returned and a goalie who purchased their own equipment returned
 - Small nets in Clive were discussed and it was determined the nets will stay in Clive for the time being until teams and ice locations are determined
 - Shot clocks in Blackfalds have issues as they are finnickly and were calibrated with the score clock. Lacombe Ringette does not have another set of calibrated shot clocks.
 - Will do sign up sheets for the equipment
 - Require numbers for each age group to determine if there are enough jerseys

ACTION: Brett Miller to research the cost of new shot clocks and calibration.

- i. **Timbit jersey follow up**
 - Working with Tim Horton’s. Ordered 60 timbits jerseys
- d. **MARKETING DIRECTOR** – Chelsea Friesen
 - Did ringette for Boys and Girls Club camp this summer
 - Come Try Ringette had highest numbers yet
- e. **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** – Brett Miller
 - Sanctioning is taking place
 - Will meet with the Committee to get things started shortly
 - Want clarification if we will be hosting Open at our tournament. Open changes the ice times utilized and the ref requirements

ACTION: When Teams are determined the Tournaments will be updated to reflect the teams we have

- f. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR** – Deanna Zunti
 - Nothing to report
- g. **ZONE 4 DIRECTORS** - Amanda Hatto and Sherri O’Muir
 - Nothing to report
- h. **ZONE 5 DIRECTORS (BGL)** – Shantel Robb and Corrine Sloane
 - Currently only two U16 C teams have been declared
 - BGL is anticipating being more involved in the tiering process and will be reviewing the UAA scores and the results of session one. It is expected that association Presidents be involved in this process. BGL will be making recommendation as to where team should be playing between Session 1 and Session 2. After Session 2 BGL will determine where you play. This is in an effort to ensure that competition across the province is more equivalent. This is a trial year and it is expected that next year BGL will make determinations where teams play earlier
 - All exhibition games will be through BGL this year and game codes will be provided.
 - The Registrar will be sent a new program
- i. **U6/U10 DIVISION DIRECTOR** – Barb Taylor
 - Nothing to report
- j. **U12/U14 DIVISION DIRECTOR** – Leanne Shaw
 - Nothing to report
- k. **U16/U19 DIVISION DIRECTOR**
 - Nothing to report

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **TOURNAMENT** – Ainur Haw, Marina Mazure, Ami Rintoul, Bev Smith, Deanna Zunti
 - Nothing to report
- b. **APPAREL REP** - Megan Bateman
 - Strand is interested in working with Lacombe Ringette
 - Only one company has been willing to provide apparel at tournaments
 - Ringette pant prices have increased
 - Lacombe ringette pants are not mandatory. Last year some teams did a separate fundraiser to purchase Lacombe Ringette pants for all players
- c. **EVALUATIONS COORDINATORS** - Linda Forrester and Melissa Stephenson
 - Needing to find more evaluators
 - Will need to book refs when required
- d. **PICTURE REP** – Nikki Plewis
 - Working to get the same photographer this year
 - Hoping to schedule photos closer to the start of the season

- Off ice photos were considered due to limited ice availability however on ice photos were preferred. Ice availability may be the deciding factor.
- e. **SPONSORSHIP** – Bev Smith and Barb Taylor
 - One extra sponsor for jerseys this year. The sponsor pays the entire cost of the jerseys and the jersey bags as the cost of jerseys and number of jerseys varies
 - Sponsorship amounts were increased this year
 - Branding is done

6. UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Boys and Girls Club Ringette Demonstration Follow Up**
- b. **Banquet Follow Up**
 - Dessert was a more cost effective option
 - Feedback from players was fairly positive
 - Terri Gessleman will be responsible for the 2025 Banquet

Closed Session

MOTION by Terri Gessleman that one Lacombe Ringette registration fee be refunded as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Amanda Hatto **CARRIED**

MOTION by Lyle Granigan that Shantel Robb fill the vacant U16/U19 Director position. Seconded by Terri Gessleman **CARRIED**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Shelley Vickery adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 18, 2024 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- October 16, 2024 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- November 20, 2024 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- December 18, 2024 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- January 15, 2025 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- February 19, 2025 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- March 19, 2025 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex