

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex, Lacombe
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
7:00 p.m.



In Attendance: Shelley Vickery, Terri Gessleman, Raelyn Buksa, Amanda Hatto, Sherri O'Muir, Shantel Robb, Megan Bateman, Corrine Sloan, Ami Rintoul, Marina Mazure, Chelsea Friesen

Shelley Vickery Called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 15, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Sherri O'Muir that the January 15, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Amanda Hatto **CARRIED**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the February 19, 2025 agenda be accepted as presented. Seconded by Raelyn Buksa **CARRIED**

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (voting members)

a. PRESIDENT - Shelley Vickery

- Attended RAB meeting, and a lot of the conversation was around the amount they spent last year on legal fees, as it was quite significant
- A coach approached us about having U10-2 play some full-ice games. Other associations have been pulling out of session 3 so that they can do this. We would like to ensure that it is not an expectation that all these kids will play full-ice next year
- Would like to acknowledge graduating players at the banquet this year. Potentially have pictures of them on a slideshow and have them up on stage
- Looked at approximate team sizes for next year, and it looks like we are really small for most teams
- We would like to add a question on our registration regarding our intent to try out for AA just so we are aware of that when looking at numbers early on

b. VICE PRESIDENT – Terri Gessleman

- A draft copy of the Managers Package was sent out to the review committee.
- Concern was raised that we should not be advertising for sponsorship on our LRA page for specific teams
- Banquet has been booked for Wednesday, April 9, and the LMC.
 - We may review the awards and decide whether to keep them all. We will also review the parameters of the awards and email the information to the Association.
- There is a team going to a tournament in Regina that now has players not on their official roster. Therefore, they will not be covered by our insurance. There is another

team entering a non sanctioned tournament in the USA, who will also not be covered by our insurance. Both have been made aware.

MOTION: Moved by Sherri O’Muir that the Lacombe Ringette Association implement travel rules. When teams are attending post season and/or unsanctioned tournaments and would like LRA jerseys and/ or equipment, each player will have to provide a \$100/jersey post dated cheque for the date of the tournament. Seconded by Terri Gessleman **CARRIED**

c. REGISTRAR - Gwen Martin

- Absent

d. TREASURER – Raelyn Buksa

- Working on annual society return
- We would like to look into changing the year end date to March 31 so that we can present a full year at the AGM. This would also align our revenue in April with the correct year

e. SECRETARY – Sami Rodwell

- Absent

f. ICE ALLOCATOR - Amanda Hatto

- Session 3 has not been as smooth as last year. Several double bookings
- Has ice to hand out for the March 8th and 15th weekends. U14B has asked to host a little tournament as they will not make provincials. Waiting to see how much ice they will need. Team has committed to covering all costs
- There have been a few occurrences where managers have been going in and adding or deleting things which affects the website and RAMP
- U10-1 and U10-2 windup scheduled for Blackfalds

g. REFEREE ALLOCATOR – Sherri O’Muir

- Made second round of payments which was \$3,950 of which \$1,846 was for the second tournament
- There will be many games in Lacombe this weekend. Red Deer is using our ice as they lost theirs due to hockey tournaments. Red Deer will be billed for the ice

h. CASINO / FUNDRAISING - Megan Bateman

- We have been drawn for a Casino on August 13th and 14th. When the new fundraising representative is determined at the AGM information will be passed along to this person
- We are approved for Rafflebox going forward

i. PAST PRESIDENT - Lyle Granigan

- Absent

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

a. COACHING DIRECTOR - Shelley Leslie

- Absent

- b. GOALIE COACHING DIRECTOR** – Sarah Hatto
 - Continues to work with teams as requested
- c. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR** - Brett Miller
 - New shot clocks have been installed in Blackfalds
- d. MARKETING DIRECTOR** – Chelsea Friesen
 - Planning on putting an ad in the Don't Hibernate book
- e. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** – Brett Miller
 - Absent
- f. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR** – Deanna Zunti
 - Absent
- g. ZONE 4 DIRECTORS** - Amanda Hatto and Sherri O'Muir
 - Medals have been ordered for windup. There should be enough medals for 2-3 years, depending on numbers. We are going to use the money in the Zone 4 bank account and then it will be closed. Red Deer and Lacombe will work together from here on out
- h. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS (BGL)** – Shantel Robb and Corrine Sloane
 - At the AGM they discussed rescheduling games again. There were many reschedules this year and they addressed the fact that they will be pursuing limiting all teams tournament registrations
 - Looking at changing U19 games to four 11 minute quarters
 - Looking at not having AA as part of BGL
 - An email was sent to all Managers stating that all minor officials including the penalty box need to be entered. Some teams are stating that it is not required and it is not updated on the BGL website which is causing confusion
- i. U6/U10 DIVISION DIRECTOR** – Amanda Hatto
 - Working through an issue with a coach and parent
- j. U12/U14 DIVISION DIRECTOR** – Leanne Shaw
 - Absent
- k. U16/U19 DIVISION DIRECTOR** – Shantel Robb
 - Nothing to report

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. TOURNAMENT** – Ainur Haw, Marina Mazure, Ami Rintoul, Bev Smith, Deanna Zunti
 - Overall, the tournaments went well and were successful. A document was created of what worked well, etc., that will be helpful next year. There was also a Google Drive created from previous years, but no one at the meeting had access to that, so we would like to follow up, as there could be some helpful information in there.
 - As part of the LRA budget meeting this year, the tournament committee will be informed of the budget and revenue expectations from the tournaments.

MOTION: Moved by Amanda Hatto that at the AGM there be a Tournament Chair position for the U6 – U12 Tournament and a Tournament Chair position for the U14-U19 tournament, in place of the Tournament Director. Seconded by Terri Gessleman **CARRIED**

b. APPAREL REP - Megan Bateman

- Nothing to report

c. EVALUATIONS COORDINATORS - Linda Forrester and Melissa Stephenson

- Absent

d. PICTURE REP – Nikki Plewis

- Absent

e. SPONSORSHIP – Bev Smith

- Absent

6. UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

a. Handling question and concerns

ACTION: Find a way to improve communication regarding expectations around practice times, team expectations, etc. Current ideas include a pre season parent meeting or FAQ

7. ADJOURNMENT

Shelley Vickery adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 19, 2025 7:00 p.m. Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex
- Annual General Meeting April 9, 2025 7:30 p.m. Rotary Room, Lacombe Memorial Center