

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upstairs Meeting Room, Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex, Lacombe
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.



In Attendance: Shelley Vickery, Terri Gessleman, Raelyn Buksa, Sami Rodwell, Amanda Hatto, Sherri O'Muir, Shantel Robb, Shelley Leslie, Brett Miller, Megan Bateman

Shelley Vickery Called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 19, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the February 19, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Lyle Granigan **CARRIED**

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Terri Gessleman that the March 19, 2025 agenda be accepted as presented. Seconded by Shelley Leslie **CARRIED**

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (voting members)

a. PRESIDENT - Shelley Vickery

- Approximately 22 positions will be open at the Annual General Meeting
- New League championship banners are being posted on the back ice

b. VICE PRESIDENT – Terri Gessleman

- Working on banquet. Theme will be blue, white and red

c. REGISTRAR - Gwen Martin

- Absent

d. TREASURER – Raelyn Buksa

- Paying a lot of bills from the season
- Finances remain on track

e. SECRETARY – Sami Rodwell

- Draft bylaws were reviewed and feedback was provided. Draft bylaws will be presented at the Annual General Meeting
- Alberta Ringette is requiring ringette associations across the province to adopt their Safe Sport Policies to ensure consistent application across the province and satisfy insurance requirement. A review of the Ringette Alberta Policies has started but is not complete at this time

- f. ICE ALLOCATOR** - Amanda Hatto
 - Contact at The City of Lacombe is currently off so there has been some issues with ice bookings recently
 - Have been working with Minor Hockey to address some events
 - If teams are interested in hosting provincials or playoff tournaments we would need to know as soon as possible as there is typically a lottery for event ice in March
- g. REFEREE ALLOCATOR** – Sherri O’Muir
 - Last round of payments will be made for the end of the season
- h. CASINO / FUNDRAISING** - Megan Bateman
 - Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission (AGLC) has changed their rules. Teams are now able to do raffles for under \$5,000 directly through AGLC instead of requiring the Association to support to do AGLC processes
- i. PAST PRESIDENT** - Lyle Granigan
 - May need to look at banners Lacombe Ringette banners for promoting our teams at Provincials and Championships as the current banners are damaged

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- a. COACHING DIRECTOR** - Shelley Leslie
 - Nothing to report
- b. GOALIE COACHING DIRECTOR** – Sarah Hatto
 - Saw numerous teams this year and was able to provide a lot of on ice support
- c. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR** - Brett Miller
 - Equipment returns have started
- d. MARKETING DIRECTOR** – Chelsea Friesen
 - Absent
- e. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** – Brett Miller
 - Would like to have a meeting with the Ice Allocator and Registrar to discuss 2025-26 tournaments and start the sanctioning process
- f. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR** – Deanna Zunti
 - Ideas for banquet were provided. Banquet planning has already been completed
 - Come Try Ringette is scheduled for March 23 in Blackfalds
- g. ZONE 4 DIRECTORS** - Amanda Hatto and Sherri O’Muir
 - Medals have been given out and were very well received
 - Working on finances with Red Deer
- h. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS (BGL)** – Shantel Robb and Corrine Sloane
 - BGL is still considering limiting the number of tournaments that teams can attend next season

- i. **U6/U10 DIVISION DIRECTOR** – Amanda Hatto
 - Nothing to report
- 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
 - Nothing to report
- 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
 - All the company sponsors, Platinum / Gold / Silver / Friends of Lacombe Ringette, had certificates delivered
 - The tournament delivered a letter of thank you to tournament sponsors

6. **UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Open Teams**
 - A question was asked about providing an Open Team for the Association for younger players to increase access to ice for players looking for a more flexible option to play for Lacombe Ringette Association
 - Team would want approximately one ice time a week
 - There are U19C teams being considered however, there has not been uptake from enough associations to make a viable league at this point in time

MOTION: Moved by Shelley Leslie that the Lacombe Ringette Association offer registration for an Open team for the 2025-26 season. The team would be capped at 16 players. If players who are eligible to play on a Black Gold League team register for the Open team their transfer will be considered in alignment with Association policies. If there are not enough registrations the team will not be provided. The team will utilize current equipment and no new supplies will be purchased. Seconded by Terri Gessleman **CARRIED**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Shelley Vickery adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- Annual General Meeting April 9, 2025 7:30 p.m. Rotary Room, Lacombe Memorial Center