

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upper Lobby, Lacombe Arena
WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2024



ATTENDANCE:

In Attendance: Lyle Granigan, Sherri O'Muir, Shelley Vickery, Nicole Plewis, Cheryl Talma, Megan Bateman, Carmen Wilson, Chelsea Friesen, Shelley Leslie, Amanda Hatto, Deb Martin

Lyle Granigan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Shelley Leslie moves that the meeting minutes from the December 2023 Executive Meeting be approved as presented. Cheryl Talma seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

2. NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Sherri O'Muir moves to accept the agenda for the January 17, 2024 Meeting as presented. Shelley Vickery seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1. **PRESIDENT** – Lyle Granigan

- U16C Player Request: Request to add a player to the team (new player, can skate but hasn't played ringette before). Lyle is talking with Becca (U16C coach) about having her come for practices only at this point.

Dallas has offered to take her into CABO (open ringette) to introduce her to the game.

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

- U16B Provincials: Question about provincials and funds.
 - Will set up a separate bank account for provincials, to help keep things streamlined.
- AGM/Banquet will be set for April 11. Dinner at 5PM, AGM to follow.
- Survey will be sent out to families soon. Responses due January 31.

4.3. **SECRETARY** – Nicole Plewis

- Ice Costs Committee letter was going to be discussed by the Blackfalds Recreation and Parks Board in January. Hope to have more information at the next meeting about our request.

4.4. **REGISTRAR** – Gwen Martin

- No Update

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4.5. TREASURER – Carmen Wilson

- Current bank balances:
 - \$68,836.82
 - Casino account had \$18,069.43
 - GIC accounts had \$33,650

4.6. ICE ALLOCATOR – Amanda Hatto

- Session 3 ice was sent in to BGL. Will get it back weekend by weekend (depending on whether it's picked up or not). This could result in last minute practices being assigned to teams.
- U12A is hosting the championships in Red Deer on March 8, 9, & 10.
 - Ice has been secured.
 - BGL asked if we would host in Red Deer and will cover the ice and ref costs.

4.7. REFEREE ALLOCATOR – Sherri O'Muir

- Struggling to find refs for the tournament because it is not a PD day, and high school students (who usually ref the younger kids) are in finals.

4.8. CASINO/FUNDRAISER/SPONSORSHIP – Megan Bateman

- Cash Raffle raised \$20,000. After the payout and expenses, the LRA was able to keep \$15,586, which was our goal.
- A 50/50 will be set up for the U16B Provincials (via rafflebox).
 - Will combine with the U12A Championships
 - Draw will take place at the Banquet/AGM on April 11 at 6PM.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

5.1. COACHING DIRECTOR - Shelley Leslie

- Some coaches are missing their Respect in Sport certification.
- Goalie Clinic planned for January 21 with Keeley Brown. It would train coaches on how to train ringette goalies.
- Shelley is being trained on how to evaluate coaches.

5.2. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR - Brett Miller

- Not in attendance
- Scoresheets - we are out. Brett was going to look under the stairs and confirm if we need more printed.

5.3. ZONE 4 DIRECTORS - Amanda Hatto/Jeff Rohrer

- Looking at doing something for Blackfalds WinterFest to promote ringette
- Wind up will be in March, done in conjunction with Red Deer.

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- Jamboree will be hosted in Blackfalds for U10-1s, U10-2s, and U6.
 - Looking at bringing in the older players to work with the kids
 - Focus will be on fun.
- **U16/U19 Survey**
 - Conduct a survey about joining with Red Deer to see what families are interested in doing.
 - Could combine with Red Deer to create a true U16A/U19A team, allowing Zone 4 to be more competitive with the larger city teams.
 - This will be discussed more with parents at the AGM

5.4. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS – Cheryl Talma\Lori Unger

- **Fort MacMurray cancellation\issues**
 - if the ice wasn't used after the last cancellation (due to cold weather), Fort MacMurray will be billed for it. Lacombe U16B did take the Sunday night slot for a practice.
 - Want to bring up that there are supposed to be 2 levels of teams going up at a time to make the trip to Fort Mac worth it (or have them play several different teams here, if they are travelling - like Lacombe and Red Deer or Lacombe and an Edmonton-area team).
- **U12 Championships**
 - Central Alberta keeps being pressured to host these. Cheryl will bring up the idea of creating a set schedule for U12A hosting, and rotating through communities, so it doesn't continue to land on the same one or two associations (costs, volunteers, scheduling, etc).
 - This would be set up for several years, so that associations can plan better to host when it's their turn.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. TOURNAMENT REP – Brett Miller/Lori Unger/Jeremy Olthof

- No one attended.
- Committee discussed the need for a better structure to help make our tournaments a success. This might mean bringing together a sub-committee OR having the reps from each team to play a larger role in planning.
 - Ice Allocator to deal with scheduling
 - Ref Allocator to deal with referee schedule
 - Vice President to deal with sanctioning - **this MUST be done in September, otherwise getting teams will be difficult!**

MOTION: Megan Bateman moved to have Board Executives take over key aspects of the tournament, to alleviate the stress of planning on volunteers. Amanda Hatto seconds the motion. **Motion carried.**

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6.2. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE - Bev Smith/Barb Taylor

- All thank you certificates to sponsors have been delivered.
- A "Thank You to our sponsors" will be in the Lacombe Express the next week.

6.3. MARKETING REP - Chelsea Friesen

- Chelsea would like access to the association email list, so that she can more easily email the association about LRA events.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Ringette Gives Back initiative (Nikki Plewis)

- This needs to be a new position, so that we can move have someone dedicated to community involvement, and creating opportunities for LRA players to give back to the community.
- We will add a committee (1-2 people) to help focus on this, starting with the 2024-25 season.
- To be announced at the April AGM.

MOTION: Sherri O’Muir moves to create a Community Engagement Committee for the LRA Executive, starting for the 2024-25 season. Shelley Vickery seconds. **Motion carried.**

7.2. Ringette Night Feedback (Shelley Leslie)

- Due to increased food costs, should we focus on using the concession downstairs or making Ringette Night more about the experience/prizes/kids.
 - Team to organize their own food.
- Chelsea has a plan to make things better, and will implement those ideas next year.

7.3. Goalie Development / Clinics (Deb Martin)

- Deb expressed concerns about the lack of support for goalies.
 - In 2023-24, there has one been one session for the kids to attend
 - Goalies aren’t being focused on during practices, and coaches need better training/direction/plans.
 - No training on angles, slides, etc. means that Lacombe goalies are falling behind or feeling unsupported.
 - We need to promote the goalie position to younger kids, and we need coaches to promote goalie training.

MOTION: Shelley Vickery moves to create a Goalie Director position for the LRA Executive, starting for the 2024-25 season. This position would help develop a goalie program for the Lacombe Ringette Association, and would help promote coach training

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and practice plans. Nicole Plewis seconds. **Motion carried.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Lyle Granigan adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.