

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upper Lobby, Lacombe Arena
WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024



ATTENDANCE:

In Attendance: Lyle Granigan, Sherri O’Muir, Shelley Vickery, Nicole Plewis, Megan Bateman, Carmen Wilson, Gwen Martin, Brett Miller, Barb Taylor, Chantelle Robb

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Shelley Vickery moves that the meeting minutes from the February 2024 Executive Meeting be approved as presented. Gwen Martin seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

2. NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Megan Bateman moves to accept the agenda for the March 20, 2024 Executive Meeting as presented. Carmen Wilson seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. 2024-25 Positions (Lyle Granigan)

- There will be about 20 positions available at the AGM.
- Lyle is collecting feedback to see who is interested in staying for another term or who will be vacating for sure.

ACTION: Lyle will email the membership once he has all/most of that information, to get people thinking about joining the Executive. **Nikki** will include job descriptions on a PPT to run during the meeting.

4.2. Summer Ringette (Sherri O’Muir/ Chelsea Friesen)

- The Boys and Girls Club has asked Lacombe Ringette if we would be interested in doing a gym ringette demonstration during their camp this summer
- July 11 is the date
- Lacombe Ringette can bring gym equipment from Ringette Alberta to the camp and will have volunteers on-site to demonstrate the game.

4.3. New Player Discount (Chelsea Friesen)

- Come Try Ringette participants indicated that there could be seven participants who will be in either U12 or U14 if they sign up for the fall.
- A discount for New Players (older players) could be a benefit/encouragement for registration.

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ACTION: The board was in favour of this, and the Executive will vote on this at the Budget Meeting, in order to set the rates for it. This will only be for players who are new to Ringette.

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

5.1. **PRESIDENT** – Lyle Granigan

- Will be bringing the issue of reffing reimbursements to the Zone 4 meeting, so that there is one overall Central Alberta process in place.
- Plans are underway to look at growing the sport in the region.
- More conversations are happening about combining the Red Deer and Lacombe Associations for the A level.

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

- AGM/Banquet is set for April 11. Dessert Bar at 5PM, Awards at 6pm, Dance/AGM to follow.

5.3. **SECRETARY** – Nicole Plewis

- Ice Costs Committee letter response was received. The Blackfalds Recreation, Culture and Parks Board has discussed the possibility of a rate reduction, perhaps creating a regional non-profit rate or something to that effect, but ultimately this would have to be approved by Council as part of Rate Bylaw (Schedule C).
 - no response is expected to come until September.
 - The Blackfalds folks mentioned there **possibly being less ice next season**, and we will have to look at other options, like approaching Ponoka from practice/game ice.

5.4. **REGISTRAR** – Gwen Martin

- Question to the Treasurer about whether e-transfers can be sent in, as there are families who don't use credit cards, and this has prevented a few people from registering their children in Ringette.
 - Carmen says that it is doable, and to have the next Treasurer set it up for the 2024-25 season.
- Wanted an idea on how to have people sign up for the discount without sending around a clipboard to sign, as people will write extra names on there
 - We will have people sit at the door to take names as they come in, and to watch for people signing more than one name on the list.

5.5. **TREASURER** – Carmen Wilson

- Current bank balances:
 - \$62,945 (total)
 - Chequing has \$52,115
 - Casino account had \$10, 830
 - GIC accounts had \$33,650

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- Billing has been completed for other associations for games hosted
- Ringette Alberta has been billed for coach clinics
- Will deal with the Red Deer invoice for the U12 Championships, as they have added ice to that which was not used (and one slot did have hockey playing on it, which they are trying to change to Lacombe Ringette).
- No Session 3 fees
 - This was covered at the beginning of the season through a separate charge
- Will still need to deal with the last charges for the U16 Provincials.

5.6. ICE ALLOCATOR – Amanda Hatto

- Not in attendance, but see information in the Secretary's report

ACTION: The Board would like Amanda to look into the options of using ice in Ponoka for the 2024-25 season, to help pre-plan for any potential ice shortages in Lacombe and/or Blackfalds.

5.7. REFEREE ALLOCATOR – Sherri O'Muir

- We need more senior/adult referees and are trying to figure out how to attract more adult refs
 - Has sent a note/request to CABO/Open to see if anyone in those leagues is interested in being a higher-level ref.
- Met with Zone 4 about reffing for next year
 - We had more young refs than could be used
 - Will look at putting together an application for refs, to help prioritize who will take the ref courses.
 - Will also encourage kids to either ref OR junior coach (as it's too complicated for them to do both).

5.8. CASINO/FUNDRAISER/SPONSORSHIP – Megan Bateman

- 50/50 will close on April 11. It is currently at \$1750.

6. DIRECTOR REPORTS

6.1. COACHING DIRECTOR - Shelley Leslie

- All coaches are ready to be done for the season.
- The U19s go to Beaumont this weekend for provincials.

6.2. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR - Brett Miller

- **Jerseys for 2024-25:** Would like to know if there is a budget in order to get more larger jerseys for next season, as we will have an increasing number of U14s/U16s and U19s.

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- Will order higher numbers to allow for one set to be shared between several teams, as needed.
- Timbit jerseys will be ordered for the younger kids (U10-1 and U10-2)

ACTION: Brett to contact Tim Hortons to get Timbit jerseys lined up for next season

- The question did come up as to how much it would cost to sponsor a whole new set, which would be about \$3500.

ACTION: Barb says she will look into finding a sponsor for this new set of jerseys.

- **Shot Clocks in Blackfalds:** Brett asked if we could price out new shot clocks to use in Blackfalds, as those ones don't always run properly.
- **Small Nets in Clive:** We don't use the small nets in Clive any more. Should we bring them back?
 - There was some concern about the nets being thrown out by the City of Lacombe (which was what happened to some of our other shared supplies).
- **Sign out Sheet:** Brett would like to make a sign up sheet to better track equipment being loaned out during the season.

6.3. ZONE 4 DIRECTORS - Amanda Hatto/Jeff Rohrer

- No update

6.4. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS – Cheryl Talma\Lori Unger

- BGL AGM in May

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Brett was in attendance to discuss the tournaments that took place this year, and some of the lessons learned.
 - Medals should be ordered in small batches each year, so that the company making them doesn't get rid of the stamp.
 - Between both tournaments, we were in the green.
 - Sanctioning will be done EARLY (September) for BOTH tournaments
- With the new format, the board discussed changing the Tournament Rep to be Tournament Director.
 - There would be 1-2 Directors, and then have 2 (two) Tournament Reps for U10-U12 and 2 (two) Tournament Reps for U14-U19

7.2. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE - Barb Taylor

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- Barb would like to send letters out to businesses in August, and requested the ability to use the Lacombe Ringette Logo to make logo'd envelopes with LRA's return address on them
- The Board will allow the logo to be used with other printing companies.
- A Gmail address will also be set up for Sponsorships, as the old email address was not working properly and some email responses were lost.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Lyle Granigan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.