

LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upper Lobby, Lacombe Arena
WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023



ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members: Lyle Granigan, Shelley Vickery, Nicole Plewis, Sherri O'Muir, Carmen Wilson, Megan Bateman, Amanda Hatto, Gwen Martin

Lyle Granigan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Shelley Leslie moves that the meeting minutes from the Annual General Meeting on April 27, 2023, be approved as presented. Sherri O'Muir seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: Shelley Vickery moves that the meeting minutes from the August 22, 2023, Executive Meeting be approved as presented. Amanda Hatto seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

2. NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Shelly Leslie moves to accept the agenda for the September 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Melissa Stephenson seconded that motion. All in favour. **Motion carried.**

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1. **PRESIDENT** – Lyle Granigan

- Alberta Winter Games: registration is open and more information will be coming in the next few weeks.
 - Girls born in 2008/09 (U16) will get priority, as this is the only and last chance to experience the Winter Games. U14 players can try out, too, but won't get priority, as they will have another chance to try out.
 - There will be 10 zones, with each zone receiving 10 guaranteed spots. There will be 120 players and 10 goalies in total.
 - Tryouts will take place between Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.

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

- Mini camps were held in August. 53 kids attended them and positive feedback was received.
 - Next year, we will try to book these earlier in the month.

4.3. **SECRETARY** – Nicole Plewis

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- Ice Costs Committee has met and has a letter currently being drafted to send to the Blackfalds Recreation, Culture & Parks Board. Hope to have that sent in soon.

4.4. REGISTRAR – Gwen Martin

- This is the first year and she has been working with Tarina Hampton to learn the ropes.
- All teams have been put into RAMP and are waiting for coaches to be added in.

4.5. TREASURER – Carmen Wilson

- Will be watching costs closely, to make sure we are not going over our budgeted amounts, as things seem to keep creeping up.
- Casino: \$16,165
- Chequing: \$52,640
- GICs: \$33,650
- GICs have been moved as follows:
 - In June 2024, \$10,000 of GICs will be redeemable. We were not able to redeem them last year, as hoped, because of the GIC terms.
- Registrations went from \$55,000 in 2022 to \$67,000 in 2023. These increased fees will help tide us over until our GICs come in.

4.6. ICE ALLOCATOR – Amanda Hatto

- Ice Costs are up across the board in Lacombe (\$106/hr) and in Blackfalds (\$168/hr).
- The schedule for BGL will be out in early October.
 - Managers - send info to Amanda to contact for spare ice.
- There will be 2 tournaments this year
 - U14/U16/U19 - November 24-26, 2023
 - U6/U10/U12 - January 26-28, 2024
- Ice users meeting: There is a sponsorship opportunity available with the City for the changerooms. It is \$5000/5 years. Please pass on this info to anyone who might be interested.
- Live Barn is now available in the arena on BOTH ice surfaces, and will be active on October 1. It is maintained by Lacombe Minor Hockey Association, and there is a user agreement in place for ringette families to access it.

4.7. REFEREE ALLOCATOR – Sherri O’Muir

- Certification:
 - All refs in LRA need to have a refresher course in 2023-24.
 - We have 12 new refs and one experienced adult ref (back in town).
 - The Level 1 Clinic will take place on October 1, 2023.

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- Exhibition Games
 - Should we be limiting exhibition games, because of the impact of them on the budget?
 - Sherri will track and teams with more than 2 exhibition games will be flagged and possibly asked to cover the cost of their own refs after that point.

4.8. CASINO/FUNDRAISER/SPONSORSHIP – Megan Bateman

- Physical 50/50 tickets will be printed and each player will be responsible for selling 2 packs of tickets. Families will buy their tickets up front, and then will get their money back once they sell them. This also ensures that ALL families are helping with LRA's fundraising efforts.
- If that doesn't bring in enough money, we will have to look at a second association fundraiser, such as chocolate sales.

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

5.1. COACHING DIRECTOR – Shelley Leslie

- Shelley has been meeting with all levels of coaches to talk about the upcoming season, as well as some expectations (ei. code of conduct, treatment of refs, proper processes, etc.).

5.2. EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR - Brett Miller

- Waiting for team numbers to be finalized, so that he can distribute the jerseys to coaches.
- First Aid Kits - will be purchased so that each team can get a new one for this season.
- Got the rings from Reds Source for Sports.
- For younger teams, Tim Bit jerseys are still available. Those can be kept by the kids at the end of the season.

5.3. ZONE 4 DIRECTORS – Amanda Hatto/Jeff Rohrer

- There is a new ice scheduler in Red Deer.
- U10s will start in mid-October.
- Will need to meet with Red Deer to make a plan for games this season.
- It is an Alberta Winter Games year, so there will be more stuff to deal with in Zone 4 this season.

5.4. ZONE 5 DIRECTORS – Lori Unger/TBD

- No fee changes, however there will be an increase of \$40 per team for session 3
- Team blackout dates need to be in by Sept 27
- U19B and U12 will have 18 games, all other levels will have the same amount as last year.
- If there is an interest to host U10 and U12 wrap up interest needs to be submitted by Dec 15
- Dec 22-Jan 5 is Christmas Break

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- Electronic Game Sheets:
 - We will be using electronic game sheets this season.
 - Visiting team will verify.
 - Make sure teams are using the proper codes when creating the sheet
- Minor officials will be inputted into RAMP. Home team will provide a person for the clock and game sheet. Visiting will provide a person for shot clock and penalty door
- Red Deer and Lacombe have expressed interest to BGL that we as well as Red Deer would like to do a double header.
- U16C Level is new for 2023-24.
 - For it to fully work we need to make sure that we are embracing it. BGL has asked all teams to ensure that the numbers really do align with a "c" level.
- A Declaration Meeting is set for September 26 with BGL.

5.5. U6/U10 DIRECTOR – Jeff Rohrer

- Everything went smoothly during evaluations and team set up.
- There were a few small concerns, but those have all been resolved.

5.6. U12/U14 DIRECTOR – Stacey Harper

- Everything went smoothly during evaluations and team set up. Stacey had some process suggestions, which she passed on to the Evaluation Committee
- There was one concern brought forward following evaluations, and it was resolved.

5.7. U16/U19 DIRECTOR – Dallas Smith

- No issues were brought forward after evaluations.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1. APPAREL REP - Megan Bateman

- Met with Wedins to go over apparel for the season.
 - Apparel Night is October 3 from 4pm - 8 pm
 - There will be two cut off dates, one early for clothing to arrive by the home tournament and one later to arrive before Christmas.
- NEW - Ringette Pants will be available for players to purchase and will match the Lacombe Edge jerseys.

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

- Will sanction tournaments in the coming weeks.
- Considering increasing fees to help cover increased ice costs.

6.3. PHOTO REP - Nicole Plewis/Shelley Vickery

- More information to come.

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- Nicole/Shelley offered to help with photos this season following the September 20, 2023 meeting.
 - Will try to use a different photographer (Barrie Jane and Rod Ince were both recommended) and to have photos on the ice.

6.4. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE - Bev Smith/Barb Taylor

- Letters to sponsors will be sent out soon with pledge forms.
- They have received \$1000 so far
- Upped the sponsorship requests slightly to help cover increased costs

7. ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1. Lyle Granigan adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.