

**LACOMBE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**



**DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Present: Sheri O’Muir, Carey Flewelling, Shelley Vickery, Tarina Hampton, Stephen Lindsay, Connor Winslow, Wes Skene, Chris Huston, Brett Miller, Matt Walker, Shannon Walker, Linda Forrester, Megan Bateman, Leanne Shaw, Kristin Teskey, Deanna Lawrence, Amanda Hatto, Shelley Leslie, Karol Warner, Amanda Coutur, Bev Smith

Sheri O’Muir called the meeting at 7:01 pm

Sherri O’Muir occupied the chair, Carey Flewelling acted as secretary.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Sheri O’Muir approves the minutes, Shelley Vickery seconds.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Karol Warner approves the minutes. Shelley Vickery seconds.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

**4.1 PRESIDENT** Sherri O’Muir

Team Canada posters- one poster needs to be replaced as it is ripped

- Have not received \$300 from Sting yet

Alberta Winter Games team funding- \$500 of the money in the budget for donations was donated to the Alberta Winter Games players

- Email vote, all in members were in favour

- Amanda Hatto abstained from voting as her daughter is a member of the Alberta Winter games team

Childrens’ Ringette review – RAB

- Currently designing a review process, with Ringette BC and Ringette Canada

U12 League Playoffs – request for financial support

- \$800 per U12 team to attend league playoffs

- U10-3 is \$(Kristin will look this up) and is paid for by LRA

- Voting members agreed we would fund at least half the cost in an email discussion before Christmas

- BGL: what is the difference between U10-3 and U12? Why is it not revenue neutral?

- Being treated more like provincials with swag bags, and semifinals and playdowns, refs are assigned by RAB and are more expensive

- U10-3 has a round robin and finals with the same teams played throughout the second half of the season

- Would we want the money to deter a team from participating, or is this a good experience for the players and a lead in to provincials in U14?
- If they are league playoffs they should be covered by registration fees?
- LRA covers u10-3 costs
- Is U12 considered part of children's ringette?
- Karol Warner has contacted other associations to see what they cover at different age groups
- It has already budgeted for this year to cover U12 provincials
- Percentage. U14-U19 pay roughly 1/3 of of the total cost of their "provincial" experience, U12 could pay 1/3 of the \$800?
- Coaches are looking at other options for that time of year, such as a tournament with different teams from the south

Amanda Hatto makes a motion to pay 50% of the cost of U12 league finals for this season. Karol Warner seconds the motion. 2 if favour, 1 opposed. 4 abstained. Motion is carried

#### 4.2 **VICE PRESIDENT** Shelley Vickery

- Ringette Banquet Possible dates- Thurs., April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>- this is going into Good Friday.
- Shelley will check the LMC for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, back up April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Suggestions for supper; Bob Ronnie
- Budget \$3500 for the banquet
- Shelley will book the meeting room as well
- Discussion on DJ, candy bar, movie, play list
- MC- players, different members
- If someone wins provincials/league championships make a big deal of it
- Google slides for slide show
- Done ice on March 26, u19 can be at provincials until March 29

#### 4.3 **REGISTRAR** Deanna Lawrence

- Proposed numbers for next year
  - U10- 37
  - U12- 27
  - U14- 25
  - U16- 10
  - U19 -19

We are looking at 2 U14 teams and would need more ice, or more shared practices

#### 4.4 **SECRETARY** Carey Flewelling

Correspondence – Registration Fees for U10

- First time U10 player will pay the first time fee, even if they played U6
- Maya Blatz, Aubrey Taylor, Piper Unger, Talyn Stephenson have paid \$485 as first year U10s.
- Do we refund the difference between the \$485 and \$350- \$135

- Kristin Teskey makes a motion to refund these 4 families \$135. Shelley Vickery seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

#### 4.5 **TREASURER** Kristin Teskey

Chequing: \$73,419.43

Casino: \$12,140

GIC: \$32,920.13

- GIC are up for renewal this January
- 1 year redeemable at 1%
- Shannon Walker will renew this

#### 4.6 **ICE ALLOCATOR** Amanda Hatto

- We are hosting U14B playdowns last weekend of Feb
- We are hosting U10-3 championship the last weekend of Feb as well
- Fri/Sat/Sun in Clive, Sat/Sun Lacombe Ice, a couple ice slots in Red Deer
- Power skating this Sunday with Jay Adamson
- No ice left in case of weather cancellations
- Amanda has asked for an extra 75 min ice on Sat/Sun for game ice
- We need a strategy for more ice
- Kristin has spoken with Tracy and they have Mon, Thurs, Fri front/back ice available 7:00-8:00 am
- Ringette chose not to cancel our ice for 2 days with school closures.
- Work with hockey and figure skating for the betterment of all 3 associations and the best use of ice
- We are next in line to get the sting ice if they fold
- Ice Shortage
- No ice for U6 games in Lacombe the rest of the season

#### 4.7 **REFEREE ALLOCATOR** Karol Warner

- RAB short refs at higher levels. Some refs are phasing out
- Evaluations for refs are ongoing
- RAB has contacted Karol for suggestions of refs who are able to ref at provincials
- Ref costs are likely to increase
- A few games have been cancelled within 48 hrs, in which case we still have to pay refs
- Contact Karol if you cancel a game so that she can cancel the refs
- Weather cancellations need to go to Karol as well
- Respect refs as they are trying new levels

#### 4.8 **FUNDRAISING (CASINO) DIRECTOR** Lori Winslow

- Not in attendance
- Sheri O'Muir will speak on her behalf
- Gord Bamford Concert, June 20th
- Ticket presales until March 8th
- Purchase tickets online and use the LRA code for LRA to get 15% back

#### 4.9 **PAST PRESIDENT** Chris Huston

- Nothing to report

## **5. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **5.1 COACHING DIRECTOR** Stephen Lindsay

- Nothing to report

### **5.2 EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR** Connor Winslow

- Sheri O'Muir would like mini rings, she has the last 6 from the locker
- Coaches can take ice packs from the locker to restock first aid packs
- Do we need coaches to sign out equipment?
- We had a parent sell an LRA blocker to play it again sports and we had to buy it back
- We need equipment back by the end of the season

### **5.3 ZONE 4 DIRECTORS** Brett Miller and Amanda Hatto

- U10 meeting wrap up
- U10-2 Red Deer coaches are not happy as we were too strong this year
- Meet again before the season ends
- Hoping for feedback from RAB on children's ringette

### **5.4 ZONE 5 DIRECTORS** Karol Warner and Deanna Lawrence

- Next BGL meeting is the end of January

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **6.1 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** Megan Bateman

- \$3237.91 proceeds
- Down from last year
- 362 player bags left
- \$1400 spent on toiletries, they would like to have them donated for next year
- Perhaps every team donates a bottle for the liquor raffle? It wasn't popular this year
- Thought about changing the date
- Lethbridge has already messaged us about tournament weekends for next year
- Teams are encouraged to book tournaments on bye weekends to avoid rescheduling games. We are looking for a blackout weekend
- RAB session break Nov 27-29
- If we get our date in early, the city will make sure there isn't a Generals game that weekend
- Megan will not be at the AGM but would like 2 new members to shadow for next year

### **6.2 REFEREE-IN-CHIEF** Kelly Warner

- not in attendance

### **6.3 MARKETING COORDINATOR** Tarina Hampton

- Ringette Night
- Highlight was the Team Canada girls and the poster reveals
- Snacks were very costly, almost as much as a whole supper
- Tarina recommends full supper or nothing

- The event was under budget
- Team Canada Ladies enjoyed themselves!
- Coaches can contact these girls to come support at practices

## 7. UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Shannon Walker: Team Bank Accounts

- Suggestion from parent/Servus worker
- Shannon can set up team bank accounts
- Association bank accounts to avoid problems with people using their personal accounts
- If anyone needs to look at team accounts they can do that without being in peoples' personal accounts
- 4 account signors; President, Treasurer and 2 team members
- At the end of the season they remove the 2 team members and leave the accounts open
- all under the umbrella of the existing association accounts
- community accounts with no costs to teams, 50 cheques a year
- need meeting minutes to set up accounts
- RAB recommends team bank accounts for transparency
- more organized
- can have a tournament account as well

Shelley Vickery makes a motion to set up team bank accounts for each team for future seasons. We will set up accounts for the following teams: 1 U6 team, 5 U10 teams, 2 U12 teams, 2 U14 teams, 1 U16 team, and 1 U19 team, Chris Huston seconds. All in favour. Motion carried

### 7.2 Shelley Vickery: Evaluation Proposal

- Shelley has been going through the evaluation processes for of different associations and would like to change our UAA and game play percentages
- She couldn't find another association who puts more emphasis on UAA scores, than game play
- U16 and U19 aren't evaluated and just declare their level
- Suggestions: U12 scrimmage- bench staff follow line up given by evaluation committee
- Evaluation committee suggestions: president, vice president, coaching director, past president
- Create an evaluation package so parents can see the process
- currently 75% UAA and 25% game play
- we currently have no policy or structure that is transparent to all
- Feedback from an evaluator: It is difficult to evaluate the U10 age group because of the difference and variety of skills/ages
- older girls on stage 1 progress so much faster and the little ones aren't able to keep up in the game play
- stage 1 weaker players still aren't touching the ring in half ice
- other associations start with stage 3 and pull them off first and then do game evaluations with stage 1 and 2 girls
- initial proposal was to re-evaluate stages throughout the year and re-do teams
- should be have similar skilled lines? Weaker ones against the stronger ones?
- Some associations allow players to choose if they want to be on a stage 1 and 2 teams

- Shelley would like to have a policy to put on the website
- Amanda Hatto would like this in place for the fall but not voted on tonight
- Different evaluation protocols for U10 than U12 and up
- Evaluation committee: Shelley Vickery, Connor Winslow, Shelley Leslie, Carey Flewelling, to work on putting together a package for the different age groups and to present to the executive
- Common sense has to play into evaluations. New players may not need to come to both evaluation games. This makes it very difficult for experienced players to show their skills
- Bubble players should be playing against each other in evaluations, pull off the strongest and weakest skaters
- Coach suggestions: pull off weaker skaters to see how the bubble players play with the stronger skaters.

Do we have a cell phone policy or are we just following RAB rules?

- No we don't, team by team basis
- Should we make one? Talk about at a later date

## **8. ADJOURNMENT: 9:28 pm**

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm in upstairs arena lobby