Leduc Ringette Association

Annual General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

MNP Room, Leduc Recreation Centre @ 6:30PM

1. **Call to order: 7pm**
2. **Establishment of quorum – Over 50 attendees, quorum established**

**Board members is attendance: Chelsea Cameron, Kari Baker, Kristine Gullickson, Angela Hewlett, Kerri McKinnon, Natasha Hancharuk, Pam Horn, Jackie Jones, Crystal Kardelis, Troy Thember, Erin Black, Amy Lackie, Brenda Goddu**

1. **Additions to Agenda - No**
2. **Approval of Agenda – Pam Horn Motions, Kari Baker seconds, all in favor**
3. **Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes- With addition of Pam Horn’s report added in. Crystal Kardelis motions, Pam Horn seconds, all in favor.**
4. **Reports:**
   1. **Presidents Report – Chelsea Cameron**

* **RAB changes U10/U12: U10 S1 will have ½ ice games. They will be 3 on 3 plus the goalie. The change will happen over the next 3 years starting with step 1 then step 2 and step 3.**

**U12 will no longer have provincials and will have a league championship instead. Due to limited access to ice and referees. As well as issues with parents and players struggling at the provincial level.**

* **Bylaw changes: There was a special resolution meeting, the main changes are the Referee-In-Chief position is now a non-voting position and they are not required to attend the meetings. This position requires a minimum of two years refereeing experience and certification.**

**Anyone who joins the board is committing to attend all meetings (May-April). Board meetings take precedent over any LRA duties.**

**We had some issues with a couple ice slots going unused but not handed back. The board will now be able to make decisions regarding if the team will be responsible for those costs.**

**Suspension on conduct: The board is now allowed to assess anything further within the association for any members who receive a suspension throughout the season.**

* 1. **Vice President – Kari Baker**
* I had full cooperation in getting child welfare checks and security checks this year. I do suggest that if you are planning on being team staff please ask for a letter now and start the process. It does take a while to get them back.
* I had worked with Karen on ordering new jerseys for the whole association. We did run into a bit of a snag with this, but it was minor. The supplier shipped us all Adult sizes instead of part youth part adult. The supplier did work with us on getting the correct sizes and we had them just after the first games of the year.
* I had arranged our team photos. We were impressed with the quality and the professionalism that the company we used displayed. I have scheduled us to use this photographer again for this upcoming 2019-2020 season.
  1. **Treasurer’s Report – Kristine Gullickson**
* Closing balance for the year: $74817.29
  1. **Ice Allocator’s Report – Angela Hewlett**
* My year went well, I have enjoyed my position on the board.  We were able to pick up an extra slot. We had lots of ice; we didn’t have much waste. No unassigned ice sat empty. However, we had a couple assigned slots that were not utilized by the teams. Going forward we have made some changes so that if a coach/team cancels an assigned slot with no notice the team will be fined.
* No issues with league and game reschedules for Black gold or NAWRA
* Scheduling of power skating went well, no issues.
* I had no complaints made to me about ice allocation.
* Non eventful year just how I like it.
  1. **Referee-In-Chief – Christine Pittman**
  2. **Registrar’s Report – Kerri McKinnon**
* The year went relatively well. A few late updates from RAB created some challenges in the registration process but otherwise things went as expected. Extra support is needed for community events in the summer/early fall to assist in attracting more younger players to come out to play ringette.
  1. **Secretary – Natasha Hancharuk**
  2. **Zone 5 Rep. Report – Pam Horn**
* We had 8 teams play in the Black Gold League this season and one Open B team in the NAWRA league.
* We had 3 teams attend Provincial Championships for their division.
* I attended the RAB Conference and AGM this past weekend. Some changes that are coming for this next season:
  + There will not be playdowns and Provincial Championships at any U12 level.
  + Active Start will move to cross-ice sessions.
  + U10S1 will play games on half ice.
  + Calgary Ringette will be running a pilot program for having flex ringette at the U16/19 levels combined. This means that players that choose flex ringette (instead of the classic format of what all teams play now) will not have practices and dryland but will only play games approximately once every 7 – 10 days. This is to keep players in the sport who do not want the extensive time commitment of classic ringette that has practices and dryland, as well as games. This will potentially be available in BGL the following season and may even be offered at the U14 level.
  + RAB will be using RAMP for registrations, and Ringette Canada is looking to do the same.
* RAB is looking for a Treasurer for next season. Please contact them if you are interested.
* The BGL AGM is coming up on May 11. Some issues that will be discussed:
  + Every year it is discussed if Fort McMurray will be in the league, and sometimes Hinton is included with this discussion. There was a $500 subsidy from BGL to teams that had to travel to Fort McMurray, but there is no guarantee that this will continue. League fees for all teams were increased 2 years ago to allow for this subsidy. Team fees will be discussed again – Are we okay as an Association with having Fort McMurray in the league? Only if there is a subsidy? What about Hinton?
  + U12 year-end league playoffs – The plan is to add 2 more league games to the U12 schedule and then run the playoffs on one weekend, like a tournament. Both BGL and Calgary’s 123 league will hold the playoffs on the same weekend(s). The leagues are also requesting RAB to look at offering more levels within U12 to make each playoff group smaller and to get better competitive equity at all levels. They are looking at potentially using step 4 – step 8 as the levels and removing the A,B,C levels.
* BGL is looking for a Vice President for next season. This person deals with a lot of the issues that come up throughout the season, such as fines, suspensions, games that are not rescheduled, etc. If you are interested, let the BGL President know and your name can be put forward at the AGM.
* **Teams:** 
  + **Active Start – 1**
  + **U10 – 2 to 3**
  + **U12 – 2**
  + **U14 – 1**
  + **U16 – 1 to 2**
  + **U19 – 1**
  + **Open - 1**
  1. **Equipment Manager’s Report – Jackie Jones**
* **Please do not give the kids anything to eat that could stain the white jerseys**
* **Have received almost all of the equipment back**
  1. **Fundraising & Bingo Report – Crystal Kardelis**
* **About 97%of parents met all of their volunteer commitments**
* **Bingos were a success, will have about 6 bingos next season.**
* **We will have our name in for the Oilers/Oil Kings 50/50. I will also be having a meeting with the Oilers about other fundraising opportunities. They have discussed helping us host come try ringette out of the Rogers community arena.**
* **We should have a smoother year going into next year**
  1. **Manager Coordinator’s Report – Karen Clark**
* The year ran well. I relayed any information to the managers and answered any questions that they had or advised in certain situations.
  1. **Coach Coordinator’s Report – Troy Thember**
* The year went well, we had some new coaches to our organization. We had graduated players come back to coach at a couple of levels. I have been in contact with our graduates that want to come back and assist this year. We also had several junior coaches from higher levels give back to the younger levels, we have increased our junior coaches that past few years, which is great. We did have some hiccups with a couple of levels but once they were sorted out, the season went well. I would like to see all the coaches come back to see where they can go with their teams and improve the results from the previous year.
  1. **Player Development’s Report – Dean Charpentier**

**Highlights as follows:**

* LRA Held its second conditioning camp from Aug 27-30, 2018 with 26 players registered. The camp consisted of 3 ice sessions and 2 dryland training session. The camps were once again run by TR Athletics of Leduc.
* A goalie Clinic was held from August 30-31 in Leduc with 10 prospective players looking to enhance their skill development for goaltending. The clinic was run by Paul Tronchin of Complete Goalie Training. Several LRA goalies continued to work with Paul’s group over the winter at his facility in Beaumont, AB.
* Power Skating Sessions were able to be provided to each team every Wednesday from late November to March. The sessions were run by Shannon Jordan who once again provided professional instruction.
* Currently hosting 2nd annual Spring Development and 3x3 program in Leduc. This year the program has 12 -1.15 hr sessions that allow more time to work on individual skill development. We had to combine the groups due to low registration this year. The on-ice portion is being ran by 200 Hockey & Ringette Development based out of Edmonton.

**Upcoming Season:**

* LRA was able to get a limited amount of ice for the 2019 Conditioning Camps, which will be held from Aug 26-30, 2019. We will also be offering the dryland portion as well. As there will be limited spots available this year, please register today. Additional details will follow AGM. Camps will only be offered based on registrations.
* With the new changes to the Active Start and U10 S1 groups switching to half or cross ice format, we will be working with Ringette Alberta to roll the program out smoothly.
* We will also be reviewing the Active Start program and would like to hear from those involved over the last several years. Will be researching what other associations are doing throughout the country. The intent would be to improve program and attract and retain young players in our sport.
* For those interested, we are looking at a Breakfast Club program. Yes, this is an early skate and would be intended for those players dedicated to improving there on-ice skills while having some fun doing it. Details to follow soon.
* Currently researching a Winter Development program that would provide additional on-ice sessions throughout the season. The program would consist of power skating, skating development, small area games, 3x3 and dryland training. Ice availability is a major factor in providing this type of program
* **Power skating: Suggested to consolidate the older teams. U16 and up.**
* **Some of the power skating times were given to U10 S1,2,3 and Active Start because of low attendance from U16**
  1. **Social Media’s Report – Erin Black**
* Posted reminders of important dates and upcoming events. Tried to post as much team content and events as I received. Would love to see more information from teams.
* **Would like to promote the community of ringette and encourages people to send in photos even throughout the summer. The email to send in photos is on the website.**
  1. **Tournament Coordinator’s Report – Vacant**
* **The Board ran this years tournament. It was scaled back substantially from what was done in the last couple of years and it was relatively successful. We made a little over $9000.**
* **Feedback from teams is that they love the Leduc tournament for the fact that they don’t have to travel to multiple arenas.**
* **Would really like to have someone take over this position because the tournament is important to our accosiation.**
  1. **Webmaster’s Report – Amy Lackie**
* The website was updated as requested this year. Old information was removed. Trying to update news and events regularly to match social media information.
  1. **PR & Marketing Report- Brenda Goddu**
* Sponsorship successfully brought in $5700.00 for the 2018-2019 season.
* LA Nissan, United Cycle, Prairie Dental, and Local Meats finishing year three of their three-year contact.
* LA Nissan, Prairie Dental and Local Meats have expressed to stay on for another three years.
* The Chili cook off, and Parades were some of the events teams and Sponsors worked together on.
* Tim Horton continues with their Sponsorship of LRA.
* The goal for working with a local vendor for group orders was met. A group Jaguar gear order was done
* in September with, Alice Embordery. A second order was done just before Christmas.
* Have begun working with other local vendors for team bags, to hopefully be ready for order in
* September for the start of the 2019-2020 season.
* Starting a sign campaign to attract attention to Ringette.
  1. **Team reports**
     1. Active Start – **This season went well. There were 9 players and there was great improvement over the season. Power skating was really helpful for them. The coaches were great but would like to see some jr coaches next season to offer some experience.**
     2. U10S1-1 – **It was a great season. There were 12 players. The coaches were good and the power skating was beneficial. They played in the Leduc, Cochrane and Spruce Grove tournaments. Wondering if there is more support available for the managers and if there is a possibility of using an app to upload gamesheets.**
     3. U10S2-1 – **This season went well. The pooling was wrong and the team was placed higher than they should have been. There wasn’t a single win over the entire season and we always had the smallest team. Attended Leduc, Cochrane and Edmonton tournaments.**
     4. U10S3-1 – **Started with 11 but lost one part way through the year. Power skating was good and was happy that they got more challenging tasks. Started the season at a higher level and had a tough first half but it was better after re-pooling. Played in the Leduc, Spruce Grove and Ft Saskatchewan tournaments. Was 1 of 2 ringette teams to be invited to play at Rogers arena**
     5. U12C – **Tale of two seasons, the first part of the season we had 4 first year players and had big losses. The second part of the season, after re-pooling we started winning games. We went into playdowns ranked 12 out of 16 teams. We lost the 1st round in a tie breaker by 1 goal and won in the 2nd round. Went to provincials. Had one girl lead the league for top scorer. There were 3 jr coaches. Attended Leduc, Edmonton and Hinton tournaments. Was 1 of 2 ringette teams to be invited to play at Rogers arena.**
     6. U12B – **Had a slow start. About 80% of the girls were 1st year players. The girls improved over the season. We were dropped down after re-pooling. Would have been helpful to start playing earlier in the year. Played in the Leduc, Airdrie and Beat Cancer tournaments.**
     7. U14C – **Had a big team, started with 18 and ended with 17 players. Had dryland training with Gone Strong. Our goalie was awesome but won’t have the same goalie next year. Went to Provincials and got silver. Played in the Leduc, Beaumont and Cochrane tournaments.**
     8. U16A – **Was a challenging year, started at B and then moved to A. Did not do too good in Playdowns. There was too much contact and it was the most violent season ever. Other players were doing it when the referee’s weren’t looking. Referees weren’t making calls. Need to report injuries to RAB. Played in the Leduc, Lacombe and Cochrane tournaments.**
     9. U19B – **Had a good year. There was a great mix of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year players. Played in the Leduc, Beaumont, Strathmore and Spruce Grove tournaments. Also played in Playdowns and Provincials. The team seemed to play hard for tournaments and provincials but not so much for games. Finished 5th in the provincials. Six of the 3rd year players will be leaving.**
     10. Open B – **Had a good year. Liked the 6pm Sunday slot and felt that the ice was allocated fairly. Placed 7th out of 17 teams. Played in the Leduc, and Spruce Grove tournaments.**

1. **New Business**
   1. Request for 2 Members to Audit the books (Books are to be audited and returned with a complete report within 30 days of AGM.)

Member #1 **:Tamara Bellerose**

Member #2 **:Angela Hewlett**

1. **Election of Board**

Members of the LRA Board may be nominated or may volunteer. Members may not hold more than one Executive position and may not hold more than two positions total within the Association. (This includes Board positions and Team Staff positions.) Board approval may be granted for those seeking more than two positions, if the positions are deemed manageable for the individual.

**President**

**Position up for new term. 2 years.**

* **Tamara nominates Kari Baker, Kari declines nomination**
* **Sheryl nominates Chelsea Cameron, Jackie seconds, majority votes yes.**

**Vice President**

**Year 1 of 2. Position not up for renewal this year.**

**Treasurer**

**Year 1 of 2. Position not up for renewal this year.**

**Ice Allocator**

* **Angela nominates Shauna Paul, Shauna accepts**

**Referee-In-Chief**

* **Chelsea Cameron volunteers**

**Registrar**

**Positions up for new term. 2 years.**

* **Tamara Bellerose volunteers, Carlos seconds**

**Secretary**

**Black Gold League Representative**

**Equipment Manager**

**Fundraising Coordinator**

**Manager Coordinator**

**Coach Coordinator**

* **Shauna nominates Derrick Howard**

**Player Development**

**Social Media Director**

**Tournament Coordinator**

* **Angela Hewlett volunteers**

**Webmaster**

**Marketing Director**

1. **Draws for Attending AGM**

As an incentive to attending the AGM, we will have the following draws:

1. Draw for one free membership, in each age division\*\*, from those members that attend the entire meeting. One ticket may be submitted per family. NOTE: Families with more than one child must pick which division to enter for the draw.

\*\* U19 & Open will be combined for the draw this year.

1. U10 Winner – **Brooklyn Paul**
2. U12 Winner – **Stephanie Cyre**
3. U14 Winner – **Sadie Ward**
4. U16 Winner – **Mckayla Laimie**
5. U19/Open Winner – **Marlee McDougal**
6. Draw for two free Skate Sharpening Cards, donated by Evolution Sporting Goods, from those members that attend the entire meeting. One ticket may be submitted per family.
   1. Winner #1 – **Emily**
   2. Winner #2 – **Taneya McDougal**
7. Draw for one free Summer Camp registration from those members that attend the entire meeting. One ticket may be submitted per family. NOTE: Families with more than one child must advise after the draw which child is attending the camp under the free registration.
   1. Winner – **Abigail Rochester U12**
8. **Motion to Adjourn: 8:30pm**