

2023 AGM Agenda

April 19, 2023 – Sport Council Room – Nicholas Sheran Arena

1. Call to order
2. Adoption of AGM Agenda
3. Adoption of minutes of the previous AGM (April 13,2023)
4. New business arising from the minutes.
5. Special Resolution to amend LRA By-Laws
6. Presentation of LRA Awards
7. Officer and Director Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Registrar's Report
 - d. Director of Tournaments
 - e. Director of Officials
 - f. Director of Promotions
 - g. Director of Fundraising
 - h. Director of Information Technology
 - i. Director of Ice Administration
 - j. Director of Player Development
 - k. Director of Coaching
 - l. Director of Equipment
7. Thank you to departing board members (Cara Parks) - Current Board departing (Ian Bennett – Director of Coaching)
8. Election of Board Members –
 - a. President – Cara Parks will stay on
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Registrar – Arnie Gjerlaug will to stay on
 - f. Director of Coaching
 - g. Director of Fundraising
 - h. Director of Tournaments
 - i. Director of IT – Rob willing to stay on
 - j. Member at Large nominees
9. Other new business
10. Adjourn

Minutes of the April 19, 2023
Annual General Meeting
of the
Lethbridge Ringette Association

1) Call to Order (Sports Council Room – Nicholas Sheran)

- 6:30 pm meeting called to order by Cara Parks (LRA President)
- 35 members attending
- Quorum (20 members required)

2) Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to adopted the agenda as presented: Kelly Dinsmore, Second by Tracy Larson
- Vote in favour, none apposed
- Motion carried

3) Adoption of the Previous 2022 AGM Minutes

- Motion to adopted the 2021 minutes as presented: Rob Burton, Second by Trish Perverseff
- Vote in favour, none apposed
- Motion carried

4) Any New Business Arising from Minutes – Nil

5) Special Resolution to Amend LRA By-Laws

To amend the membership eligibility criteria in the LRA Bylaws to better comply with what is mandated by Alberta Liquor and Gaming (ALGC). This change is required to maintain our license for fund raising activities monitored by AGLC. The change will expand the definition of Membership as defined in Article 4 of our by-laws:

Motion by Kevin Staley to adopt the changes to Article 4 of LRA by-laws to amend membership requirements as outlined below and as per the handout. Second by Kurt. All in favour, non opposed. Motion carried:

- 4.1.1 The Association accepts any individuals who are officials or volunteer their time on behalf of the LRA for Membership.
- 4.1.2 Associate Membership may be granted to individuals who are officials or volunteer their time on behalf of the LRA and choose not to pay the prescribed membership fee.
- 4.3.3 The membership fee for individuals who are officials or volunteer their time on behalf of the LRA should not be so expensive as to prohibit participation from members of the public.

6) LRA Awards

- **Junior Coach of the Year:** Abby Cox
- **Coach of the Year (coaching group):** Ryan Boyle, Amiee Boxer, Kurt Parks
- **Player Leadership Award:** (Nominees: Dawsyn Higgins, Kati Bandan and Aster Jonker)
Winner: Lillian Kovach
- **Player Leadership Award:** (Nominees: Phoebe Ruggles, Ily Vucurevich, and Shayla Walshe) Winner: Kaylee Sanders
- **Official of the Year:** Kelsey Logan
- **Volunteer of the Year (two recipients):** Rob Burton

7) Officer and Director Reports

a) President's Report (Cara Parks)

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b) Treasurer's Report (Notasha Borland)

	28-Feb-23	31-Jul-22	31-Jul-21	31-Jul-20
Assets				
Scotiabank Bingo (7618)	-	65,457.78	109,705.00	85,833.25
Scotiabank Casino (1011)	9,729.51	18,221.22	36,038.73	21,249.23
Scotiabank Main (3713)	52,187.60	54,063.40	21,049.15	6,656.94
Scotiabank Raffle (5317)	17,504.61	-	-	-
Scotiabank Savings (2118)	29,978.75	-	-	-
Tournament (0910)	11,008.89	17,404.53	3,916.17	14,165.43
Undeposited Funds	-	-	-	850.00
Total Assets	\$ 120,409.36	\$ 155,146.93	\$ 170,709.05	\$ 128,754.85
Liabilities and Equity				
Deferred Revenue - Registration Fees	-	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue - Bingo Funds	-	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue - Casino Funds	-	-	-	-
Retained Earnings	155,146.93	170,709.05	128,754.85	109,148.78
Profit for the year	(34,737.57)	(15,562.12)	41,954.20	19,606.07
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Revenues	28-Feb-23	31-Jul-22	31-Jul-21	31-Jul-20	31-Jul-19
Registration	\$ 69,109.19	\$ 91,003.59	\$ 99,100.00	\$ 87,236.08	\$ 77,004.72
Provincials Income	\$ -	\$ 8,509.67			
Tournament	\$ 49,672.20	\$ 52,095.84	\$ 1,962.50	\$ 73,967.91	\$ 57,337.85
Bingo	\$ -	\$ 11,553.93	\$ 12,581.72	\$ 12,209.30	\$ 17,592.95
Casino		\$ 20,115.00		\$ 31,919.27	
Raffle	\$ 24,910.00		\$ 19,210.00		
Sponsorship	\$ 700.00	\$ 8,073.50	\$ 1,901.00		\$ 20,735.00
Interest	\$ 150.91	\$ 498.94	\$ 429.87	\$ 866.63	\$ 971.75
Donation	\$ 8,524.50	\$ 5,400.00			
Reimbursement Income	\$ 9,660.00	9942.55	-\$ 3,449.20		
Summer Camp Registrations	0			\$ 3,557.44	\$ 3,349.52
Ringette Alberta Rebate	0			\$ 3,322.88	
Uncategorized Income	0				\$ 4,768.30
Sales	0				
Total Revenues	\$ 162,726.80	\$ 207,193.02	\$ 131,735.89	\$ 213,079.51	\$ 181,760.09

Expenses					
Ice Rental	\$ 108,862.22	\$ 105,874.44	\$ 36,767.17	\$ 78,311.56	\$ 76,274.89
Tournament Expenses	\$ 40,276.92	\$ 45,135.69	\$ -	\$ 64,210.44	\$ 57,728.82
Ringette Alberta	\$ -	\$ 12,959.00	\$ 9,852.54	\$ 11,507.00	\$ 11,697.62
Equipment	\$ 8,410.66	\$ 11,847.58	\$ 2,880.84	\$ 11,474.54	\$ 5,562.64
League Fees and Provincials	\$ 7,079.24	\$ 3,800.00		\$ 5,237.50	\$ 6,970.00
Clinics, Training and Mileage	\$ 4,986.53	\$ 3,395.71	\$ 1,630.00	\$ 3,610.20	\$ 2,312.12
Referee Expenses	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 1,029.95	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 7,466.06
Advertising and Promotion	\$ 2,126.31	\$ 1,837.20	\$ 480.50	\$ 973.50	\$ 533.81
Website and Subscriptions	\$ 449.79	\$ 945.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 2,006.64	\$ 2,302.88
Office and Banking Expenses	\$ 927.45	\$ 1,815.89	\$ 1,953.23	\$ 1,378.47	\$ 838.62
Merchant Fees	\$ 4,148.14	\$ 2,850.17	\$ 3,304.68	\$ 1,467.34	\$ 579.95
Power Skating Expenses	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 1,462.50	\$ 2,118.75	\$ 2,494.19
Bingo Expense	\$ -	\$ 3,738.13	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 1,989.89
Legal/Professional Fees	\$ 1,732.50	\$ 761.25	\$ 446.25	\$ 682.50	\$ -
Pronghorn Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Provincials Expenses	\$ -	\$ 11,894.85			
Bad Debt	\$ -	-\$ 2,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Player Reimbursement Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,502.26	\$ 20,987.50	\$ -	\$ -
Raffle Expense	\$ 7,321.41	\$ 5,147.97	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Expense	\$ 168.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 143.89	\$ -	\$ -
Cleaning supplies	\$ -		\$ 1,282.73	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expense	\$197,464.17	\$222,755.14	\$88,931.78	\$ 193,473.44	\$ 176,751.49
Revenue over Expenses	-\$ 34,737.37	-\$ 15,562.12	\$42,804.11	\$ 19,606.07	\$ 5,008.60

c) Registrar's Report (Arnie Gjerlaug)

DIVISON	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19
ACTIVE START	14	12	13	22	25
U10	44	51	56	52	37
U12	39	21	27	28	24
U14	25	23	16	14	14
U16	14	13	11	11	15
U19	13	16	15	14	13
OPEN B	0	0	0	0	0
OPEN C	39	21	0	17	17
OPEN A	17	18	16	17	16

- Total 205 Registrants (149 excluding Pronghorns and Open Registrations)
- There were 30 more registrations than 2021/2022 in total and 13 additional registrations over 2021/2022, when excluding the open division.

d) Directors of Tournaments (Kelly Dinsmore)

Bridge Battle Fall – success, Hosted 51 teams. Successful Raffle Room. RAMP was better but still caused confusion for many teams. Rob had to put a lot of work into that for sure. We noticed more competition for teams in certain divisions this year, had to spend a lot of time reaching out and in the end were not successful in filling our 14A pool (3 teams only).

- Fundraising: Did hybrid 50/50 model (Zeffy) was a success, Raffle Room with assigned themes/baskets per team seemed to work well.
- Succession Plan: Had some great volunteers step up in the fall – Trish, Nicole to help with weekend of. Continue to build off strength of U10 Parent group for succession plan.

- Lots of comments from parents over the course of the year about our tournament being great... Future goal of setting a standard of high-quality events from;
- Considerate scheduling
- Little touches (professional signage, dressing room signs, welcome table, well set up and distributed raffle room)
- Net Profit - \$12,500

Bridge Battle Spring – Daelynn Takasaki took the lead on this and did an amazing job. She was able to pull together a solid group of U10 parents who assisted with the planning and the weekend itself.

- 18 teams, 4 Active Start, Total 215 players + 45 Active Start
- Made some new local sponsor connections – Marble Slab, Milk Man
- Challenge with Stay and Play (lots of ideas in the works but need to ensure a more transparent and easy booking for teams, or secure another source of sponsorship to offset loss of this relationship)
- Lots of positive feedback from teams, again I can't reiterate how exceptional our Association is at going the extra mile and being considerate of team needs.
- Secure committee involvement at start of season. Ideally there would be a few more parents who are not also board members/coaches.
- This tournament has always been cost recovery. With the \$2500 from the stay and play, Net profit was \$64.00. Need to consider this for future.

e) Director of Officials (Tracy Larson)

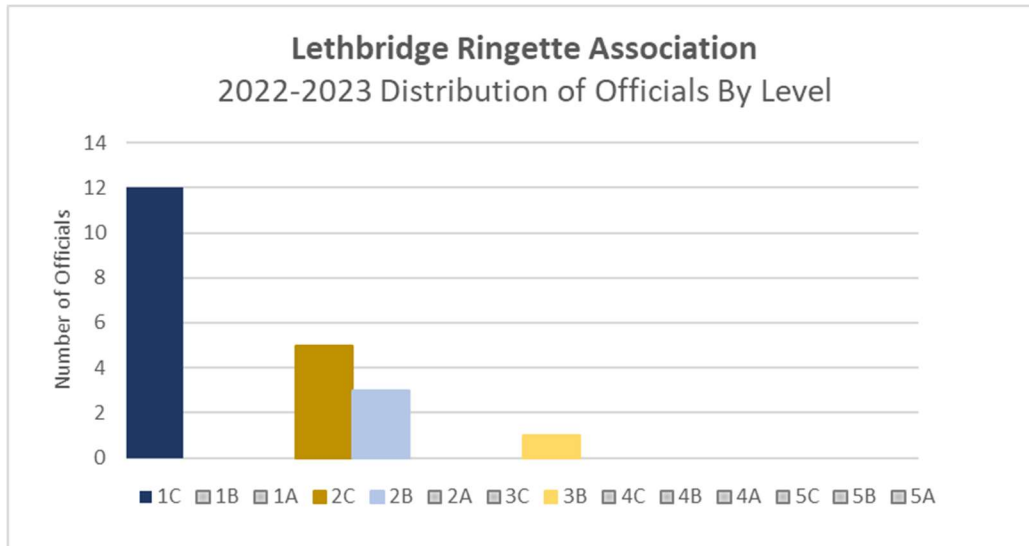
For the 2022-2023 season, the LRA started the season with a total of 16 officials. Five new officials were added following a Level 1 officiating clinic in October, for a total of 21 officials.

The LRA officiating community is distributed across Officiating Levels 1-3. Over half of the LRA officiating community are Level 1 (N=12), a third are Level 2 (N=8) and only one is Level 3, for a total of 21 officials. There are no officials at Level 4 or 5 within the LRA.

No. of officials at start of year - 16

Additions (via Level 1 clinic) - 5

Total - 21



Training

LRA hosted one officiating clinic, a Level 1 in October 2022. A total of five (5) local U16 players participated in this clinic. Mentoring opportunities were provided throughout the season, so that by the end of season, all 5 new Level 1 officials were feeling competent to officiate at the U10-U12 levels. Ongoing support will be provided to ensure they continue to grow in their experience and competence.

In addition, two current Level 2 officials also participated in a Level 2-3 clinic this year. This will position them for further development towards a higher level of accreditation.

Games

A number of games were hosted by the LRA this season, which required officiating from local officials. Games included conditioning camp game play, league games as well as exhibition games. In addition, the LRA hosted two local tournaments this season, Bridge Battle Fall and Bridge Battle Spring. Local officials participated in both of these tournaments. Out of town officials were secured for the Bridge Battle Fall tournament to support both the number of games and the range in game play levels.

Number of conditioning camps - 9

Number of league games - 113

Number of Exhibition games - 9

Total Games - 131

Bridge Battle Fall - 93 games

Number of LRA Officials - 19

Number of Out-of-Town Officials - 7

Bridge Battle Spring - 27
Number of LRA Officials - 10

Budget

Expenses	Information	Budget	Actual
Game Fees	Games including conditioning, league play and exhibition	\$8,875.00	\$7,281.00
Bridge Battle Fall	Officiating costs	\$9,725.00	\$8,633.99
Bridge Battle Spring	Officiating costs	\$2,650.00	\$1,829.00
Clinics	Costs	\$1,800.00	\$880.00
Totals		\$23,050.00	\$18,623.99

2022-2023 Initiatives

A few initiatives were implemented for the 2022-2023 season with the intention of moving them forward into subsequent years.

Officiating Strategic Plan

The LRA Officials Strategic Plan was developed and introduced to the LRA board of directors in March 2023. It has subsequently been reviewed by the LRA Board, and shared with officials. It outlines the current situation with officiating and officials within the LRA, the considerations/challenges and potential solutions to be implemented from the 2023-2024 season through to the 2025-2026 season.

Officiating End of Season Survey

An end of season survey has been circulated to all active officials within the LRA officiating community. This will provide valuable feedback on the officiating experience through the 2022-2023 season, as well as input to help plan the 2023-2024 season.

LRA Participation in Chinook League Officiating Brainstorming Sessions

The Director of Officials and the Director of Player Development for the LRA have been invited to participate in upcoming brainstorming sessions to improve the retention and development of officials within the Chinook League. With support from the Chinook League, LRA officials will hopefully realise greater opportunities towards development which in turn supports retention.

f) Director of Promotions

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g) Director of Fundraising (Kelly Dinsmore)

- Applied for our first license over \$20,000. Successful. Were unsure how many tickets to print, etc. There is a fee associated with this application of \$250. We printed 2500 tickets and sold all of them. Ideally, we should print more for Fall 2023. This is an easy way to generate revenue.
- If we have 150 unique families and they each sell \$200 of tickets, Gross of \$30000. Less payouts of \$7000, printing \$150, license fees \$250.
- Net: \$22600.
- Discuss goals of sales, should we aim higher? Set expectations earlier?
- Biggest challenge ongoing is tracking of tickets. Each team needs to ensure that they are tracking which family gets which bundle and when they return them. Teams should etransfer total for all tickets in one lump sum to treasurer. We had discussed families paying in advance (at registration), but not sure if this is easier or not... open to discussion
- Highway cleanup – still small section of highway. I think we are in favor of crediting each player \$100 for their BB Fall team fees.
- Casino – We have 18 shifts to cover on July 24/25 for the casino. These are likely now on a 3 or 4 year cycle. If you can do your volunteer commitment at one of these shifts it would be appreciated. Email secretary@lethbridgeringette.ca

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i) Director of Ice Administration (Gord Cox)

Summary

2022-2023 Ice went pretty smoothly this year with major hiccups. There were the usual last-minute cancelations due to weather. We had more teams than last year which was why game ice was more than budget and practice came in less mainly due to older teams that missed provincials canceling practices. We had three open teams this year, more than ever before. The two OC teams shared a practice and were allotted game ice. Unfortunately, due to the way CORA allotted games this year, most open game ice was not utilized for open games. The open teams only got a fraction of the games that other teams in the league did.

For next year

As the LRA continues to grow and have more teams competing at higher levels I propose that we have a committee to look at ice. As a background we have had the luxury of most of the teams having full ice as their regular practice ice. Compared to other association we are a minority as most share a good chunk of ice for all their teams. Many LRA teams informally started sharing ice with each other to gain extra practice time this season. I think we should make this the norm rather than the exception with the question being how to best accomplish it. A schedule could be made with teams working through weeks of shared ice with some full ice as it is still valuable for teams to have some full ice practices. The committee could exam what ratio is best for the different divisions to keep ice equitable for registration paid.

My duties as Ice Administrator saw me dealing with the following items:

- Work with the city to
 - contract ice for:
 - Games
 - Practice
 - Tournaments
 - Playdowns
 - Clinics
 - Special events
 - Meet with the city to plan special event ice
 - Cancel and add ice as needed throughout the season
 - Ensure facilities meet association needs
- Attend board meetings
- Schedule/reschedule/cancel team practices into available ice
- Keep an organized current schedule of all ice booked
- Work with other ice users to facilitate sharing of ice and efficient use of facilities and equipment
- Send ice contracts to the
 - treasurer
 - concession manager
 - director of referees

- Provide ice to Chinook league for scheduling
- Provide ice to Zone 2 for scheduling
- Liaise with the tournament director to plan tournament ice and schedules
- Provide practice schedule to teams
- Work with the director of player development to plan and schedule evaluations

Ice covered by registration	Hours	Cost	Budget
2022 LRA Coaching Certification (Oct 1-2)	2	264.6	800
2022 LRA Inservice Coaching Training (Sep 25-26)	4	529.2	
2022 LRA Referee Clinic	1.25	165.38	
2022 LRA September Evaluations	47	6218.11	5700
2022/2023 LRA Game Ice	152.5	20164.91	17500
2022/2023 LRA Practice Ice (PS included)	443.75	58,223.21	61175
Total	650.5	85565.41	85175

Cost recovery ice	Hours	Cost	Budget
Open C game ice	17.25	3278.1	5670
UofL game ice	7.5	1417.5	
Adult practice ice	51.5	9733.5	4725
Fall BB	119.5	15519.57	13500
2023 LRA Provincial Play Downs (Feb 18-19)	9.5	1256.85	8000
2023 LRA Provincial Playdowns (Feb 12-13)	3.75	496.14	
Spring BB	35.75	4648.89	5200
UofL summer camp	25	4278.75	
2023 Spring Ice Ringette 3 on 3	28.75	4920.53	5500
Total	298.5	45549.83	42595

Ice rates: Youth prime \$126 non-prime \$112 plus GST
Ice rates: Adult prime \$180 non-prime \$174 plus GST

j) Director of Player Development (Kurt Parks)

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k) Director of Sport Development (Sue Stevenson)

Update on the U of L Pronghorns:

The pronghorns were part of the CORA league for ½ the season. We played 8 games from October till the end of December and 2 games in January. These games helped the team prepare for the National

champions in Ottawa where the Pronghorns placed 3rd. They also went to Regina and placed 2nd as well as the CORA tournament where they were knocked out in round robin play. The team won their right to provincials against the Central Open team. They struggled in provincials as they had no games 6 weeks prior to the provincial tournament. That is a battle they have faced for years with not taking part in the CORA city championships. Something needs to change to help facilitate more games after Christmas.

The Pronghorns will run their summer camp again this summer from August 14-18 for U10 and U12/14 as well as a Top Gun Camp for U16/19 (this will help athletes prepare for Winter games).

OPEN Teams

This year we had a great turn out and managed to field 2 open teams, the most Lethbridge has had. Both teams (Brad and Kayley) started as C and Brad teams applied to go B but CORA rejected the request. Both teams had limited games in January and Brad's team did not have any league games schedule 2 months prior to their provincials. Kayley's team played off against Medicine Hat to decide who would go to provincials (as both were considered to not be part of any league) and lost. Lethbridge hosted the Open C Provincials where Brad's team went undefeated winning GOLD and the Provincial title! Great job bringing home the banner!

CORA

Accepted all of our Open teams (Open A and 2 Open C teams). The teams paid a fee to be part of the league as well as a ref fee. For the Pronghorns, CORA only acknowledged 1 ref from Lethbridge that was certified at that level and the Pronghorns needed to pay a ref from Calgary travel and game fee for all their games. Games were played in Lethbridge, Vulcan, and Calgary. In January the league informed the Pronghorns that they would not be booking ice in Lethbridge for Open A. The Open C teams only had games in Lethbridge January on when playing each other or Medicine Hat. CORA reports to the Southern teams that other CORA teams don't want to travel down, but at the Open A provincials, all the teams said they didn't mind coming down here. Teams from the CORA league would only need to come to Lethbridge once every 4 or 5 years.

Alberta Winter Games

This February will see the winter games take place in Grand Prairie. It would be great if Lethbridge had many athletes try out for the team. To help players get ready for the try outs, the Pronghorns with the assistance from the LRA would be willing to run a camp on Saturdays or Sundays prior to November (which in the past has been the month that tryouts take place). It would also be great if a Lethbridge

coach would apply to coach or assistant coach the team. The team is chosen from athletes from Lethbridge

l) Director of Coaching (Ian Bennett)

Approximately 50 team staff, highlighted by a new record in junior coaches at 4. I still think the Jr coach number can grow. There are associations with a Jr coach on EVERY team u14 and down - though they are boosted by having more 16+ players to choose from.

Coaching clinics were very well attended, including the first CI event in Lethbridge. I appreciate some foresight from our coaches who attended this proactively for future seasons.

This puts the association back on track to just run a CSI next season, and then hopefully be able to alternate between CI and CSI going forward.

Only a few coaches had to use their one-time exemption for coaching requirements this year. A reminder that those will need to be addressed for next season.

I keep bragging in the community about the quality of humans that do coaching for our association and I was proven correct with the post season evaluations. Our parents and participants were overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the coaching they received. So once again, thank you coaches.

My personal goal of developing a more robust evaluation/development framework for our coaches was not met. The request for a committee was met with a lot of crickets.

I am still serving on the RAB program advisory committee and have taken a lead with data collection around coach development and mentorship with the goal of developing a provincial program for both of those. With all of the current changes at RAB, things have slowed there as well.

8) Thank you to departing board members (Cara Parks) – Currently the only Board Members departing is Ian Bennett.

9) Nomination and Election of Board Members

- **President** (Cara Parks is willing to stay on) - Motion by Kelly, Seconded Tosh, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Vice President** – (No nominations were put forth)
- **Secretary** (Nomination of Kelly Dinsmore) – Motion by Trish, Seconded Sue, Majority voted in favour and elected.

- **Treasurer** - (Nomination of Kevin Staley) – Motion by Kelly, Seconded Rob, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Registrar** (Arne Gjerlaug is willing to stay on) - Motion by Rob, Seconded Gord, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Director of Coaching** (Nomination of Tosh Borland) – Motion by Rob, Seconded Kurt, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Director of Promotions** (Nomination of Trish Perverseff) – Motion by Kelly, Seconded Sue, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Director of Fundraising** (Nomination of Raj Grover) – Motion by Kelly, Seconded PJ, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Director of Tournaments** (Nomination of Daelynn Takasaki) – Motion by Kelly, Seconded Sue, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Director of IT** (Rob is willing to stay on) – Motion by Don Higgins, Seconded Kurt Parks, Majority voted in favour and elected.
- **Director at Large** (Nomination of Ben Story, Peter Stock, and Maggie Gibb) – Voted in favour and elected.

10) Other New Business – Nil

Motion that LRA apply for a Raffle licence for \$20,000 again this year. Seconded by PJ, All in favour. Motion carried.

11) Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn from Trish, Seconded by Kelly, Majority voted in favour. Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm

Amendment to LRA By-Laws as per special resolution:

CURRENT

ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERSHIP

Classification of Members

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- b. Players from outside the LRA's boundaries shall be accepted if openings are available in the program according to the Ringette Alberta residency clause.
- c. Such Members shall have paid the prescribed Membership fee by the required date where applicable.
- d. Full members have voting privileges at General Meetings and Special Meetings.

4.1.2 **Associate Members:**

- a. Associate Membership may be granted to individuals who are officials or volunteer their time on behalf of the LRA, upon approval of the Board of Directors and payment of the prescribed fee where applicable.
- b. Associate Members shall have the privileges of Full Membership, but they shall not vote at meetings of the Association.

4.1.3 **Interim Members:**

- a. Interim Membership is temporarily granted to any individual who volunteers for an Association Bingo or Casino. The membership shall be of the duration of the duties as required.
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Admission of Members

- 4.2 Any individual may become a Member in the appropriate category by meeting the requirements in Article 4.1. The individual will be entered as a Member under the appropriate category in the register maintained by the Association containing the names of the Members of the Association.

Membership Fees

- 4.3 The membership year is June 1 to May 31.
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- c. The Association accepts any individuals who are officials or volunteer their time on behalf of the LRA for Membership.
- d. Such Members shall have paid the prescribed Membership fee by the required date where applicable.
- e. Full members have voting privileges at General Meetings and Special Meetings.

4.1.2 **Associate Members:**

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