

Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Sisters Pub – 6:30

Attendees: Arne Gjerlaug, Kevin Staley, Cara Parks, Rajesh Grover, Ben Storey, Tracy Larson, Trish Perverseff, Gord Cox, Kurt Parks, PJ Lynch, Kaylene Kelly, Marnie Nagy

Regrets: Kelly Dinsmore, Rob Burton, Peter Stock, Tosh Borland, Daelyn Takasaki, Sue Stevenson, Maggie Gibb

1. Call to Order - 6:33 pm
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
Action: tabled June minutes till Sept. meeting as June minutes are not yet posted on RAMP website.
3. Registration Update - Arne Gjerlaug
Registrations to date total 147 players, consisting of:
 - 7 - Active Start
 - 40 - U10
 - 37 - U12
 - 27 - U14 (including 2 goalies)
 - 20 - U16 (including 2 goalies)
 - 10 - U19 (0 goalies)
 - 6 - Open

Action: Request by LRA President for ongoing comparison data to support tracking and analysis of registrations year to year, or between years (i.e., at set points during registration period and at the close of registration).

4. Come Try Ringette (CTR) Event - Trish Perverseff
Event has been set for Sept. 9, 2023, Labor Club at 10:00 am to coincide with Conditioning Camps.

Promo items - A local supplier with various offerings is being explored (e.g., ball hats, toques, etc.), as well as expanding variations on the logo (e.g., Ringette Grandma, etc.)

5. Coaching Clinics and In house Clinic Update - sent from Tosh Borland

Medicine Hat is hosting coaching clinics
In house coaching clinic - classroom and on ice session. Sept. 17, 2021 (classroom session).
26/27 coaches registered

6. Officials Update – requirements for upcoming season - Tracy Larson
 - a. Officiating Community

- Shared a post 2022-2023 Season Survey to capture those interested in returning to officiating
 - Low response (N=6)
 - Have begun reaching out to past officials to gauge interest and intent on officiating
 - Ringette Calgary has connected me to an official from Calgary moving down to attend the U of L (newer official - Level 1).
- b. Universal Refresher
- Not a rule change year BUT program is changing and every official will require a refresher EXCEPT Level 1 clinic participants for this year AND those from last year
 - New Level 1s from last year will be provided program updates and self-directed pieces which are coming soon
- c. Level 2/3
- RAB will be offering this clinic again this year - invitation only
- d. Level 4
- Invitation only - hosted by Ringette Canada
- e. Level 1 Clinic
- Working with Lauren Koster - Ringette Alberta Director of Officials Development.
 - Potential for coordination on enrollment with Medicine Hat
 - Minimum registration 10-15
 - One day clinic requires 4 hours classroom time and 1 hr on ice time.
 - Working with Gord to coordinate ice and classroom (close proximity) for Oct.
 - Must be 14 years of age at the time of registration
 - 9-10 individuals have expressed interest already.
 - Will generate an association wide email to be sent out to garner further interest.
- f. First Stripes Program
- New RAB program - Lauren is working on program components and documents.
 - Meant for half ice games with or without experienced partners
 - Includes a manual, then a test as the training and intake into the program, if we opt to host the program
 - Includes other checks and balances (e.g., game card that coaches have to read and sign), and a QR code for post-game survey (help RAB track program roll out, uptake, success and areas to work through)
 - open to those who are at minimum 12 years old by September.

Action: General consensus to host First Stripes Program by the LRA for the 2023-2024 season

7. Conditioning Camp Schedule - [Kurt Parks](#)

- Camp schedule is under review and under development. Sept. 5, 2023 start of Conditioning Camp. All ice for Conditioning Camp is located at the Labor Club.

- Less ice per day, but more days.
- 3 on 3 game evaluations will be added this year.
- Invite only game evaluations based on UAA scores (for U10 Step 2/3, U12 and U14), bubble players will be invited to both. Formula for scoring (% of UAA and % Game Score).
- Parent information package to be sent out soon, to minimise anxiety and increase transparency on game evaluation process. To be shared with LRA, so they can plan and prepare.

8. Approval of Team Selection committee - [Kurt Parks](#)

Kurt Parks - Chair of committee

Committee members - Rajesh Grover, PJ Lynch, Rob Burton, Sue Stevenson, Loretta Staley, Tom Kinnell, Ben Storey

Action: Kurt motions that the identified LRA members (Rajesh Grover, PJ Lynch, Rob Burton, Sue Stevenson, Loretta Staley, Tom Kinnell, Ben Storey) serve as the LRA Team Selection Committee for the 2023-2024 season. Ben Seconded. Carried.

9. Player Development Policy change - Kurt Parks

Discussion around proposed changes. Kurt will communicate changes via email, Policy has been updated and posted on LRA website

Want to add the scope or options for team formation specifics (e.g., more tools available for evaluation).

For example, changes will be made to the following subsections of the policy:

9.1 Team Formation Procedures - Team formation may include a combination of UAA, game evaluations, skill evaluation, coach evaluation, and coach input.

9.3 For divisions U10 and above, change to: For divisions to U14 there will be a UAA at the beginning of the season

9.4b Removed "and up" U12, to U14

9.5 Formation changes, to include coaching input. The top 2/3 of the team is picked by the selection committee and the bottom 1/3 could include coach input.

Action: Kurt motions to accept the changes to the Player Development Policy as presented. Gord 2nds. Carried.

10. Goalie Players - Cara Parks

a. U 12 Goalie Discount

Gord motions that if a U12 player commits and plays 75% of the games for the season in goal, they may be eligible for a registration rebate, such that their registration fees for the season total \$250.00. PJ seconds. Carried.

b. Hockey Goalie Fees

Kaylene motions that an emergency back-up goalie can be registered with the LRA, and only required to pay the RAB fee requirement at registration. Marnie seconds. Carried.

11. Intro To Ringette - Cara Parks

Two skate times being set aside, will be a part of CTR and Active Start group in the Conditioning Camp sessions. Aimed at the 6-9 year old range.

12. Proposal for Para Hockey Ice share - Cara Parks

LRA was contacted by Shannon Wandler who is trying to resurrect the Para Ice Hockey program in Lethbridge. Due to unavailability of ice allocation, the City of Lethbridge has suggested that she reach out to Lethbridge Minor Hockey and the LRA for access to ice allocation time slots. She was looking for two one hour half ice times a month.

Action: LRA to revisit in September following team formation, practice scheduling and league game commitments to determine ice availability.

13. Volunteer Policy - Cara Parks

Volunteer credit options are still being reviewed towards implementation. A summary has been conducted, based on registration lists to review registrants for exception from the policy. Proposed exemptions include LRA board members, families with three or more player registrants, head coaches, assistant coaches and potentially managers. work through the points options and implementation.

Leaves us approximately 46 volunteer shifts available. General consensus to include managers as fulfilling a volunteer commitment.

A volunteer option spreadsheet is available. Intention is to circulate high priority volunteer opportunities within the available LRA (excluding the exemptions) for sign up/commitment, then the medium priority followed by the low priority until all options are covered.

Action: Cara to circulate the volunteer spreadsheet.

14. Chinook League Requirements

Sept Meeting

15. Fundraising Update - Cara Parks

Received funds from Cavendish \$3500.00. Plan is to purchase 13 additional sets of uniform jerseys, in addition to Active Start jerseys.

The current proposal being presented to the local Lethbridge Hotel Association, is a request for \$5000.00 in funding in exchange for the fall tournament being a stay-and-play tournament with hotels in the association. The Lethbridge Hotel Association is reviewing the proposal and will be tabling it at their next meeting in September. This does not impact the \$5000.00 that the Best Western and other hotels provide us for the Spring Tournament for hotel registrations.

16. Adult Ringette Update - Ben Storey

Ben working with Kailey Pierson from the Leth Vegas Open C Team. Ice is available on Monday nights, 9:30 pm @ Cavendish Farm Centre. Require a minimum of 30 participants, with 20 individuals currently interested. This initiative would eliminate the Leth Vegas Open C group, at a loss of about 17 adult registrations (NOTE: these registration fees were set at a cost recovery level). Cost for participation would be about \$150 + \$25 insurance fee

Action: Ben to develop an expression of interest email to be circulated via Cara

17. Alberta Winter Games Coordinator - Cara Parks

Kurt has offered to fulfil this role as the Player Development Director. Expression of interest email will be sent out to the LRA to encourage and support as many players as eligible and of interest to participate. There is a limit of 10 players participating from the South Zone, which also includes Medicine Hat. Tryouts after Thanksgiving weekend.

18. Roundtable:

Tracy - Facebook page for used ringette equipment. Current administrator, Christie Saunder is looking to step back from the page and looking for a new administrator.

Action: Tracy to reach out to Christie to facilitate the page administration being moved to the Director of Equipment - Marnie Nagy.

19. Call to Adjourn

Kurt motions for adjournment. Rajesh 2nds. Carried.