

Board Meeting Agenda – December 19th

Attendees: Tosh Borland, Gord Cox, Kelly Dinsmore, Cara Parks, Kurt Parks, MAggie Glbb, Rajesh Grover, Kaylene Kelly, Trish Perverseff, Tracy Larson, PJ Lynch, Ben Storey, Rob Burton,

Regrets: Arne Gjerlaug, Kevin Staley, Peter Stock

Sisters Pub – 7:00pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order: 7:02pm
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Kaylene approves, seconded by Gord. All in favor
3. Tournament Wrap Up: \$15,000 Net, largely from hotel kickback (stay and play format), Need a team of people, Positive experience for teams. Spring Registration is closed. If teams aren't prepared to put in the shifts, then no discounted rates for teams. Have volunteer shifts assigned at the start of the season. Refing model is not sustainable, from inside the organisation it is not sustainable. Lots of chaos from a refing perspective, scheduling sunday was very challenging.
4. Cash for Christmas Update: \$27660, \$287 printing, \$150 AGLC, prizes: \$8000, net: \$19222.49. Look into electronic selling next year, but organization and collection of monies was smooth.
5. Referee Update
 - a. complaint discussion - we received a complaint after the tournament regarding a ref who is not from our association. RAB sent the complaint back to the LRA. Cara sent to the Calgary Ref in Chief.
 - b. Since our last meeting our most qualified ref has resigned. How do we change the culture of refing in our association. Kurt and Tosh can work on educating the coaches on conduct with refs and mechanisms for feedback. How do we support through Bridge Battle - be present. Create an opportunity for new refs to watch games or start a chat about video clips - to feel supported. Have an evaluator present at games. Can Arne create a RAMP chat for the refs? Safe place to chat - create Peer Support group. Fan/Ref Liason. Suggest Ref exit interview process. Can get Livebarn subscription or join FB teams to watch games. Ask parents to take the respect in sport course.
Tracy/Kurt/Gord will discuss some strategies to put into action.
6. Active Start second half fee: Kelly proposes \$99 for second half, Rob seconds, all approved.
7. Come Try Ringette Date: Bring a friend Jan 11- Raj and Kelly will be there for waiver signing, Kurt will be on the ice. Will plan a CRT for during Bridge Battle. Tosh will send a message to Tom Kinnell.

8. Plans for Dec 23 ice - Marnie was going to organise. 3 x 45 min of Edge Work or 3 on 3. 1:45 Edge Work, 2:30 Family Skate, 3:15 3:3. Cara/Gord/Marnie will plan.
9. AS player movement - 3 players ready to move, \$199 AS registration, no current policy in place, \$476 difference between AS and Step 1. Kurt makes a motion that AS pays \$150 to join Step 1 for the rest of the season, effective Jan 1, 2024. Approved by Rob/Gord. Motion carried.
10. Regionals / Provincials / Session 3 discussion: LRA is hosting the 12A/B regionals, Refs are our responsibility - New Step 1 refs are not qualified to ref Regionals (quarter finals, semi finals and finals). This event will require a big volunteer commitment from our association, unclear on details/responsibilities from the League. Kelly trying to nail down details.
11. RC Update – Cara:
 - a. Challenges with CRL - changes with policies from Ringette Calgary and RAB, eg. U12 Policy. Trying to clean up the U12 Goalie Policy, for Jan 2024 - end of season will follow RAB guidelines.
 - b. In - person hearings requirement - based on unsportsmanlike penalties - resulting in a lot of disciplinary hearings (Major, Unsportsmanlike, Body), 31 penalties handed out since DEc 1 (U16/19).
 - c. Regionals commitment to attend will be out early 2024.
 - d. RC is talking about letting Step 2 play full ice even though it contradicts the RAB policy.
 - e. Talking about sending some feedback/constraints to the league about future scheduling (Step 3 teams want to go to tournaments, Referees are harder to get nailed down. The VP will draft a letter to the Pres of Big Country).
12. Springette / Rattler Challenge: Last year we had some extra ice, wanted to give end of season opportunity for teams, U12 and up, 3:3, skills, game etc. Players loved it. Gord says no ice, but he is going to look at it. It was a great way for players to meet each other - feel like they were part of the Rattler community. If we can find some ice - we could look at it. A wrap up for the “older” groups - City Champs - use with existing ice, Ben will organize. Springette - Gord will put in the request for ice - running something similar in Aug?? Can't rely on coaching - need teams/kids be self sufficient. 6 week max. April 7 - May 12. Step 3 (or birth year 2014) and up only, 3:3. Need a parent to volunteer. Need parents to sign up to run gates and clock. Kurt wants to run a 4 week session in August,
 - a. Gord will look for ice
13. Volunteer Policy: Cara going to send out a Merry Christmas email and watch for volunteer shifts. Kelly will be working on updating the shifts on RAMP for 2024. If you have any suggestions for people or how they could meet their requirements - please email Kelly or post in RAMP chat. Coaches, assistant coaches, managers, board members - are all exempt.

14. Rattler bag order – inventory: LRA ordered extra and so did Bert and Mac's, we currently have less than 3 bags (2 coach/1 senior) in stock. What kind of stock are we comfortable carrying, minimum order is 12. Cost is approximately \$130/bag, Rob makes a motion to purchase 13 junior bags and 7 regular bags, Ben seconds, motion carried. Cara will also put out an order in Jan.
15. Volunteer Profile/Sponsor Profile: Should feature association level sponsors - Ramton Homes, Raj, LLA. All board members - should submit your picture and blurb to Trish by Jan 31.
16. Hurricanes Game, Dec 27 Ringette Spotlight - Shalane is organising, Step 1s are playing. Trish/Cara will put together a blurb. There is a promo code for teams to buy tickets. Wear your ringette gear.
17. New Business
18. Call to Adjourn - Tosh motions at 9:01pm, Raj seconds. All in favor.