

**LRA Board Meeting (Sisters)**  
**Wednesday Feb 8, 2023**

**Attendance:** Cara Parks, PJ Lynch, Kelly Dinsmore, Kevin Staley, Rob Gord Cox, Trish Perverseff, Curt Parks, Tracy Larson, Tosh Borland, Arnie Gjerlaug, Marnie Nagy, Rob Burton,

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:30pm
  
- 2) **Approval of the prior meeting's Minutes** (Jan 2023):  
Kelly motions to approve, Gord seconds, Vote all in Favour.
  
- 3) **Bridge Battle II update** – Things are progressing and on track for March 10-12th. Couple issues with Stay & Play enforcement that have need to be dealt with. Will need to look at options / procedures going forward for the stay & play concept. Will have refs and will pay them for the Active Start games.
  
- 4) **Come Try Ringette** – March 11<sup>th</sup> on the Saturday (11:45-12:45) of Bridge Battle. Will be done on shared ice with the Step 1 game. Two players have already registered. Do we have swag / player bag give aways? Trish will email U10 coaches to find some CTR volunteers to help on the Saturday.
  
- 5) **Intro to Ringette** – \$49 for 5 sessions (Thursdays 4:45-5:30 at Henderson rink – Feb 28, Mar 9, Mar 16, Mar 23, Mar 30). Looking for volunteers to coach / run the program.
  
- 6) **Springette** – Logan Boulet Arena – 7 skates on Mondays for \$120 and 6 skates on Sunday for \$100 (3 ice time per day). The fees charged allow the program to break even (bought tee shirts and paid for ice). Are we going to offer coach and goalie discounts (Goalies 50% discount and Coaches \$25 discount)? Need to work on age groupings. Are we going to include U10 Step 1, Step 2, or Step 3?
  
- 7) **Photo Contest Prizes** – We have a few entries now. Will send out another push to get some more entries before the end of the contest. We have some swag (water bottles. etc.) for individual prizes and a \$100 team prize.

- 8) **Officials Update** – Lots of officials are becoming concerned with increasing aggressive / negative comments from both coaches and fans. It is becoming a concern in the Calgary leagues and they have officials that are stepping back or refusing to officiate. Referees are difficult to come by right now and we can't afford to lose any. There are a lot of new young inexperienced officials coming in right now. Looking at creating a platform so they can provide feedback. Maybe an appreciation dinner?
  
- 9) **LRA Awards** – Will prepare to present awards at the AGM again this year. Coach of the Year, Junior Coach of the Year, Player Leadership Award, Official of the Year, Volunteer of the Year.
  
- 10) **Casino Update** – July 24-25<sup>th</sup> – received the paperwork and call for volunteers has gone out.
  
- 11) **It Update** – Google accounts are now set up and many have logged on to access accounts (using the google drive and email). The change will better allow for a smoother transition of board positions to new board members. Eventually the email forwarding will be unlinked and all LRA correspondence should be done using the assigned Gmail account.
  
- 12) **AGM Details** – April 19<sup>th</sup> at Sport council room – The notice needs to be sent out to membership 21 days in advance. The notice will include a special resolution to amend the membership eligibility criteria in the LRA bylaws.
  
- 13) **Open C is Hosting Provincials** – (March 24-25<sup>th</sup>) What are we as an association be able to help out with? Visiting teams need to provide volunteers to work time clock, etc. They are looking for some local help. Could be paid position? Team fundraiser?
  
- 14) **Board Position Update** – We still have a couple board positions that need to be filled for next year. Working on creating a volunteer spreadsheet for the AGM. Will look at updating “roll descriptions” for each of the board positions and will send it out to each of the board members for them to review.
  
- 15) **Highway Clean Up** – May 6 (May 13<sup>th</sup> as an alternative date). Same section as last year. In 2022 it was used as a fund raiser and each participant was given \$100 credit to go towards their team for the following year.

16) **Chinook League Update** – They will be moving forward with regionals for U12. On going discussions regarding if the league will separate from Ringette Calgary. The league has just issued the \$25 / player fee invoice. All other leagues in Alberta (other than Chinook) currently pay ice and ref schedulers. They are debating looking at this going forward.

17) **New Business** – Gord: Lethbridge has been invited to submit an application to host the 2024 Western Canadian Ringette Championships. Is there any appetite to host???

18) **Adjourn** - Kurt 1<sup>st</sup> and Rob 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favour.