

**LRA Board Meeting (Best Western)  
Wednesday Dec 14, 2022**

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

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:36pm
  
- 2) **Approval of the prior meeting's Minutes** (Nov 2022):  
PJ motions to approve, Rob seconds, Vote in Favour.
  
- 3) **Referee update (complaint discussion)** – 14C game at Bridge Battle there was a complaint registered regarding the officiating. 1) excessive calls, 2) player was not allowed to exit the penalty box to get medical attention, 3) problems operating the shot clock. Tracy Larson discussed the complaints with the officiating team and used it as a learning experience. The most important complaint of not allowing the injured player to exit the penalty box – none of the officials realized that the player was injured or they would have definitely allowed them to exit to receive medical attention.
  
- 4) **Tournament wrap up** – It was the largest tournament we have put on with 51 teams participating (Total profit of \$12,500). Kelly feels that there is lots of opportunity for further fundraising 50/50 tickets etc. There were many great comments from players, teams, coaches, fans. Next year it may be beneficial to look at using electronic game sheets? We also need to have more volunteers (approx. 20) and to break it down to positions in to smaller tasks that can be delegated).
  
- 5) **Cash for Christmas update** – Thank you to Kelly for organizing the Cash for Christmas raffle. The raffle netted approx. \$17,000 (approx. \$24,500 in gross sales). It has been a bit of a nightmare to reconcile the tickets / money as this was not done at a team level prior to handing the tickets back. This maybe solved with a propose fund raising fee that is paid at registration to cover the cost of the tickets.
  
- 6) **Regionals / Provincials discussion** – The change from “playdowns” to “Session 3” has been confusing and poorly rolled out (Playdowns are essentially being replaced by “Session 3” at a fee between \$750-\$1,000 for U14 and up). In

previous years, teams paid for playdowns and the LRA paid for provincials (historically all our teams have participated in play downs). Fee for provincials this year are expected to be \$1,000 (U14 and up). What portion of the Session 3 fee and Provincials will the association cover? (to be discussed)

- 7) **Recruitment Strategy (New Active Start registrants)** – Active start registration is still open – Gord will check to see if we have ice available to run the Intro to Ringette Program.
- 8) **Ringette Calgary update** – 1) All over ages requests were accepted 2) The Chinook League of is trying to decide if they should continue to operate as a sub-league of Ringette Calgary or split off and operate as a sperate league 3) they have decided to pay travel for refs of \$0.45 / km (min of 45km to travel).
- 9) **Cell Phone Policy** (in dressing room) - Section 14(c) of the LRA Code of Conducts “Cell phones and other mobile devices with audio or visual recording capabilities, still cameras or video cameras may not be used in dressing rooms or other changing areas including referees change room. If these items need to be used, the user MUST leave the room except when a member of the team staff is using the playback mode as a coaching tool and only when ALL the athletes are dressed.”
- 10) **Complaint policy update** – Currently dealing with a Code of Conduct violation as per LRA Policy and Procedures.
- 11) **Coaching Report** - current certification deficiencies are out. RAB has contacted those coaches individually.
- 12) **Refund Requests**
  - **U12** player (request was received Dec 6<sup>th</sup>). Refund of \$625 (early bird registration amount) at 50% = \$312.50 - \$109.52 Team Promo Code = \$202.98 - \$100.00 unpaid registration = \$102.98. Motion by Kaylene to refund the player \$102.98. Second by Kurt. All in favour.
  - Active Start player - Registered and paid for a full year but would like to withdraw for second half of year. Motion by Kelly to refund the difference between full season registration cost and half season registration fee. Seconded by Rob. All in favour.

13) **New Business**

- Hockey as request a few ice times on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> to accommodate tournament.
- Getting refs to Vulcan is too difficult – no more open games there this year.

14) **Adjourn** - Kelly 1<sup>st</sup> and PJ 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favour.