

LRA Board Meeting - November 9th, 2022

Attendance: Cara Parks, Tosh Borland, Rob Burton, Carmen Gfrerer, Tracy Larson, Raj Grover, Trish Perverseff, Kurt Parks, Kayelene Kelly

1. **Call to Order** – 6:30pm
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** (Oct 19, 2022)

Carmen motions to approve the minutes. Second by Kayelene. All in favour.

3. **Cash for Christmas Update** - All tickets have been distributed with only six books remaining. Raj will send out emails to managers reminding of the date everything needs to be returns and of the parent/player obligations to sell all their tickets (part of their volunteer obligation). Draw date is Dec 8th and tickets need to be back by Dec 1st.

4. **Changes to bylaws** – notice of special meeting

Notice to LRA membership of a Special Meeting being held Dec 16th, 2022

Location: ATB Centre (lounge) – 74 Mauretania Rd West, Lethbridge, AB

Time: 6pm

Reason: 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:

Motion by Trish to have a Special Meeting December 16th at the ATB Arena to amend our policy as follows:

- 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.

5. Tournament update

There are 51 teams registered for the Bridge Battle (Fall) including:

- U10 Step 1 – 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U10 Step 2 - 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U10 Step 3 – 6 teams including Rattlers Blue and Rattlers Yellow
- U12A - 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U12B - 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U12C - 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U14A - 3 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers

- U14C - 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U16B - 6 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- U19A - 4 teams including Lethbridge Rattlers
- Open A - 4 teams including the U of L Pronghorns
- Open C – 4 teams including the Rattlers and Leth Vegas

6. **Board volunteers for medal presentations:** (Sunday medal presentation for Bridge battle) – Board members be aware medal presentations will be taking place on Sunday and be available to help out.

7. **Volunteer Committee Update:** Still working through the logistic of updating and creating volunteer data base / digital signup process.

8. **Player Discussion** – In-camera discussion

9. **Player Development** – Kurt completed an informal review of frequency of ice times for other association teams. It appears other teams are having on average 2-3 addition practices per month. Questioning how we remain competitive. May look at sharing ice and having more frequent half ice practices rather than less frequent full ice practices.

10. **Recruitment strategy** – new active start registrations – We currently have 10 active start player and need to continually build the pipeline of player. Suggestions?? What about holding another Intro to Ringette Program?

11. **Portfolio Updates:**

Promotions: Player bags are a hit, Carmen will look in to different options, may look at putting in another order 16 weeks

Referees: 5 individuals took the level 1 ref course. With many of our current ref pool being university student we need to be aware of the university holiday schedule – it can present a problem getting enough refs during that time. Scheduling is almost complete for the Bridge Battle Tournament

IT: Scheduled to move over to the new platform on Nov 25th

Registrar: In summary we have 205 registrants including:

Active Start (Sept to Dec) - 2 Players

Active Start (Jan to Mar) - 0 Players

Active Start (Sept to Mar) - 13 Players

U10 - 41 Players

U12 - 40 Players

U14 - 24 Players

U16 - 15 Players

U19 - 13 Players

Open Players - 57 Players

12. New Business

Bag Order: There was a miscalculation so we were \$183.00 short on the bag order. Commitment we made as an association to promote our brand and mistake was made by our board member so we should absorb it in the association budget.

Motion by Trish to cover the short fall of \$183.00 on the LRA equipment bag order to be paid out of the LRA promotion budget. Second by Rob, all in favour.

Pronghorns: request to allow them to set a raffle at the Bridge Battle. Ok, but the items/funds raised cannot be intermingled with LRA money and the raffle booth must be maned by pronghorn players.

13. **U12 regionals:** – In past years the association has paid for 50% of the registration fee for regionals and provincials. It is expected to cost approximately \$3,500 to satisfy our 50% commitment. (We budgeted \$2,700) We will table the decision and readdress mid season to see where we are sitting financially.

14. Call to Adjourn 8:39

Motion by Kurt. Seconded by Trish. All in favour.

**** Amendment made Nov 22, 2022 regarding the change to LRA bylaws to satisfy ALGC requirements** – AGLC has granted an extension to accommodate deferring the vote until the LRA AGM held in the spring. The executive voted in favour of amending the motion to allow the vote to take place at the AGM in the spring of 2023.