

Board Meeting – November 15th

Present: Gord Cox, Cara Parks, Kelly Dinsmore, Maggie Gibb, Trish Perverseff, Marnie Nagy, Notasha Borland, Peter Stock, Rajesh Grover, Rob Burton, Tracy Larson, Daelynn Takasaki, Ben Storey

Regrets: Kayelene Kelly, Arne Gjerlaug, Kurt Parks, PJ Lynch

Sisters Pub – 6:30pm

1. Call to Order: 6:30p
2. Approval of minutes from September meeting, Trish motions, Tosh seconds. All in favor- motion carried.
3. New Business (to be added) -Ben would like to chat about City Champs (time permitted)
4. Registration update

DIVISON	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19
ACTIVE START	14	14	12	13	22	25
U10	46	44	51	56	52	37
U12	38	39	21	27	28	24
U14	28	25	23	16	14	14
U16	15	14	13	11	11	15
U19	16	13	16	15	14	13
OPEN B	19	0	0	0	0	0
OPEN C	0	39	21	0	17	17
OPEN A	17	17	18	16	17	16
a. Total	193	205	175	154	175	161

5. Vice President Nomination - do not have a VP currently, Kelly motions for Gord to be VP, Gord would mentor for the next year for ice allocator and then move into President role when Cara finishes (2025). Seconded by Rob, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Chinook League Update - has been going through extensive bylaw, policy and procedure review. Overage and Advance/Retreat Deadline - application Nov 13, Meeting Nov 20. They are continuing to work on RAMP issues and Ref recruitment. Kristen Wiess is new admin for Ringette Calgary.
All U10 scheduling is currently done by Big Country - it's been a challenge, lots of last minute changes which is challenging for parents and planning.
There will be Chinook League Board Positions available this next year.
7. Fundraising Update
 - a) Cash for Christmas - brought extra tickets, need to do an extra push after BFF
 - b) Board sponsorships - Henderson boards are all up, 4 new sponsors, more pure cash sponsorships this year than before.

c) Grants - \$1500 from Sport Council (Hardship fund). Add budget line and then nominate family or bring to the board. Send requests to secretary.

8. Tournament Update: such an important event as a showcase in the city and for our organization. This is a big deal, board members need to promote this to all members. Lots of opportunities for more volunteers, it's not sustainable for the long term.

- Board members to volunteer for medal presentations - Once the schedule is set on Saturday night. Once you know when your kids are playing on Sunday, please let her know when you can present medals. Kelly will share in Google sheet.
- Officials update: Huge amount of work and juggling. We've had a level 3 official cancel last minute (Mon). We have one Level 3 Ref who is switching their schedule to make it on Friday. We have 2 evaluators coming - all second and third year level 1's. Hotels are booked. All the new level 1's (12), we are trying to give 3 mentor games throughout the tournament. Trish will go and shop for ref room supplies. Gord can bring sharpener. 108 games total, this is more than we have ever had. Support on ice officials.
- Raffle Update: Kelly will do the raffle license on Thursday night. Look at square reader and Ipad for Association - cost of square is \$69, fees are 2.75%, try for spring tournament.

9. Casino petty Cash – \$64 tips from Casino - put into board discretionary funds
Kevin did a year end report, \$6300 surplus. What do we want to carry as an operating surplus, strategic plan for excess dollars, what do we want to hold and what would we do with extra. What is a reasonable amount for an organization our size to have? Is there a subcommittee that can be struck and present at March meeting - Kevin will research. Do we have any bigger capital expenditures? Potential for a storage area at Henderson and upgrade the display cases.

Super sport packages to U10 Players from Bert and Mac's - get a prize pack - get a prize bag, free skate sharpen, Gift card and the staff make a big deal and get a picture.

10. Volunteer Committee Update - PRE COVID - we ran bingos, that was your LRA volunteer shift. Team tournament shifts do not include this. There are more opportunities to expand the volunteer shifts. For Jan - all members need to be signed up for volunteer shifts by June 2024. Springette, Tournament Organization, Rattlers Challenge. Net tightening, we own 8 nets and they say "ringette only". Send positions to Kelly for volunteer shifts, and we will populate excel tracking sheet.

11. Portfolio Updates (if any):

1. Promotions - LIVE BARN in city rinks, LRA asked for control on viewing options.
2. Sponsor profiles- names of sponsors on socials - send to Trish
3. Volunteer profiles - highlight on socials - send to Trish
4. Picture night – Send out packages Monday, jersey color is blue for all teams.
5. Additional CTR event - Run on a Thurs in December? Gord will look at ice - Rob/Trish will coordinate a date. Dec 14 CTR.

12. Referees: Level 1 clinic, huge success. 12 people. Great feedback from the facilitator. Highlight increase in expenses due to moving games to Vulcan. Travel allowance and meal allowance. Exhibition games - every team is entitled to 2 games/season (one teams pays Ice, one team pays officiating). Let Tracy know ASAP for scheduling of refs. Kelsey Logan has been invited to a level 4 officiating clinic - invite only. Participate in clinic and evaluations - cost associated - Tracy motions that we compensate her for \$1100

(registration, travel allowance, 2 nights in a hotel). Detailed budget from Tracy and Kelly/Cara asked for return for service. Ben seconds the motion. All in favour of conditional approval.

Tracy will be over the \$10,000 budget for this year for the tournament. This is a consideration for future tournament size and sustainability (\$35/evaluation game). The evaluation costs come from tournament budget.

Kevin motions that Tracy has discretionary \$250 to incentivize refs for BBF, seconded by Kelly. All in favor.

Vulcan bonus - future discussion (Dec), league games use incentive.

13. IT -

14. Coaching - We have a head coach for every team. All teams have a female coach. Some teams have plenty of help, some more sparse. Concerns in U10 was very hard to find female coaches, some moms took courses but are unable to skate. Need to work on more females in U10 age, Tosh will need to develop over next season. We have 16 junior coaches this year, Tosh had a meeting on Monday, gave them pointers on their roles and involvement opportunities in practice.

15. Equipment - Make a list of all the equipment that the LRA owns - extra batteries, master list in Drive. Phil is going to work with Marnie on goalie gear.

16. Gord - player extension to move to Rec League - Late Withdrawal. Gord motions to have an extended deadline for refund policy until end of Nov. Seconded by Ben. All in favor.

16. Next meeting – December 19th 7pm – Sisters Pub

17. Call to Adjourn - Ben motions, Gord seconds. 8:17pm