

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
April 8, 2008

Rene Vandervlis called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

In Attendance: Rene Vandervlis, Lee Caine, David Allin, Dave Millar, Chris Kelly, Tara Melvyn, Darren Garbe, Doug Domoney, Irene Taylor, Elizabeth Wilson, Marsha Smalley, Candy Towers, Darcy Gabert, Dave Appleby, Tracey Phillips, Melody Carberry, Lorianne Domoney, Marilyn Shand, Sue Millar, Elaine Williams Allin, Nan Shybunka, Rick Muriel, Tracy Farebrother, Trent Farebrother, Tamara Pollock, Sheila Fowler-Greene, Bonnie Galasso, Jan Mowat, Jill Meraw, James Ward and Nancy Lougheed.

Agenda – Moved by Marilyn Shand to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Irene Taylor. CARRIED

Proposed New Executive – President, David Allin; Vice President, David Millar; Secretary, Irene Taylor; Treasurer, Marsha Smalley; Director at Large (Referee Scheduling), Nancy Lougheed; Director at Large (Bunny/Novice Evaluations), Clayton Cassidy; and Past President, Rene Vandervlis.

Moved by Lee Caine to nominate the following: David Allin, President; David Millar, Vice President; Irene Taylor, Secretary; Marsha Smalley, Treasurer, and Rene Vandervlis, Past President. Seconded by Darren Garbe.

Moved by Lee Caine to nominate Nancy Lougheed and Clayton Cassidy as the Directors at Large. Seconded by Darren Garbe.

Moved by Tamara Pollock to nominate Candy Towers as a Director at Large. Seconded by Jan Mowat.

Voting on nominations held in abeyance pending consideration and adoption of the proposed Association bylaws.

Reports

President - Rene Vandervlis provided congratulations to the Belle A Team Alberta who were the Silver Medalists at Western Canadians. Congratulations to the Open A team for the successful hosting of provincials and special thanks to Kathy Stewart for a very well organized event. Rene offered thanks to the members of the executive over the last two years for all their time and effort in organizing Red Deer Ringette and to the new volunteers for offering to fill executive positions.

Celebrations – Red Deer Ringette is very competitive at the provincial level, and the association is in very good shape financially. Our growth has been staggering, now up to 280 members, and Red Deer Ringette is the fourth largest association in the province (only Calgary, Edmonton and St. Albert are larger).

Challenges – Our success puts more demands on people's time, and the association is considering splitting some of the positions to lighten the workload. The biggest challenge is ice availability. The Dawe Arena will be closed for part of the year, and our association will be losing one-sixth of its ice time (possibly 5 to 6 hours per week). Members of the executive have been trying to acquire ice elsewhere, contacting the surrounding communities, but have had very little success in getting a firm commitment. For next year, there is a possibility of more

shared ice practices. The association may have to consider limiting registrations. There may be more out-of-town travel for both practices and games. The executive will continue to work on a resolution.

Treasurer – Copies of the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2008, and the Income Statement for the period of August 1, 2007, to March 31, 2008, were distributed to members. Treasurer Tara Melvyn noted that the expenses were higher than the revenues; however, this was expected as last year's budget was set to make use of some of the cash reserves.

Moved by Dave Millar to accept the Financial Statements as submitted. Seconded by Sheila Fowler-Greene. CARRIED

Adoption of Bylaws – the proposed association bylaws were presented at the March 11 meeting and have been posted on the website since the first of March. David Allin summarized portions of the bylaw. Discussion ensued regarding some of the sections.

Moved by David Allin to adopt the Red Deer Ringette Association Bylaws as presented. Seconded by Darren Garbe. CARRIED

Executive Elections – Consideration of and voting on the following motion, previously moved and held in abeyance for adoption of the bylaws: "Moved by Lee Caine to nominate the following: David Allin, President; David Millar, Vice President; Irene Taylor, Secretary; Marsha Smalley, Treasurer, and Rene Vandervliis, Past President. Seconded by Darren Garbe." CARRIED

As there were three nominations for the two Director at Large positions: Clayton Cassidy, Nancy Lougheed and Candy Towers, a closed ballot took place.

Following the closed ballot Nancy Lougheed and Candy Towers were declared elected to the Director at Large positions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.