

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
May 13, 2008

David Allin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

In Attendance: David Allin, Dave Millar, Rene Vandervlis, Tara Melvyn, Darren Garbe, Bill Mussleman, Marsha Smalley, Candy Towers, Rob Kolton, Marilyn Shand, Nan Shybunka and Nancy Loughheed.

Agenda – Moved by Dave Millar to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Rene Vandervlis. CARRIED

Minutes – Moved by Candy Towers to adopt the minutes of the March 11, 2008, meeting as submitted, and that the April 8, 2008, Annual General Meeting minutes be tabled for review and posting on the website. Adoption of the AGM minutes to take place at the 2009 AGM. Seconded by Rene Vandervlis. CARRIED

Business Arising From the Minutes

Bunny/Novice Evaluations Director – It was noted that appointment for this position was required. Moved by Rene Vandervlis to appoint Candy Towers as the Director of Evaluations for Bunny/Novice. Seconded by Marsha Smalley. CARRIED

2008/2009 Registration – David Allin reported on the new registration format that is taking place this year with the City, noting that there are a few quirks, but these should be remedied and things will run smoother next year.

President's Report – David Allin congratulated the Masters' team on its provincial Gold Medal. David reported on the Ringette Alberta AGM that he attended with Dave Appleby, Darren Garbe and Rene Vandervlis noting that a national program has been established in relation to long-term athlete development. One of the ideas of this program is that sports participants do not play in league games until they are 10 years of age or older. More emphasis is placed on skill development instead of playing the game.

Petite AA will remain for the 2008/2009 season. Retaining the Junior BB and Tween BB level is still being discussed; however, it is believed there will be no changes for this year.

Ice Allocation – Rene Vandervlis reported that he and David attended the City's ice allocation meeting. He advised that Red Deer Ringette may be losing 20 hours of ice time in October; 18 hours in November and 15 hours in December. This averages out to 4 hours per week. The City is advising that the Dawe Arena will be back in use in January or earlier. Rene noted a concern regarding sufficient ice being available for the Friends-on-Ice Tournament.

Following the Open A Provincials and the problems that arose from some of the users of the City facilities, we have been advised that the City's policy is that there is to be no adult usage of use ice prior to 9 p.m. David and Rene are continuing their communications with the City in regard to ice allocation for next year.

Double A Registration – David reported that it is recommended that the AA teams be governed by the Zone 4 Committee and not by Red Deer Ringette. The ice that the association is allocated by the City is not to be used by the AA teams as they are not Red Deer teams. It is proposed that the Tween AA players register with Red Deer Ringette and pay the association's

administration costs for registration of these players with Ringette Alberta. The AA team would then be responsible for any and all other team costs.

Moved by Candy Towers that Red Deer Ringette, for the 2008/2009 season, register a Zone 4 Tween AA team with each player paying a registration fee of \$55 as well as team staff paying the required fee to cover the cost of registering the team with Ringette Alberta. The Zone 4 Tween AA team will be responsible for its own ice, uniforms and other team expenses. Seconded by Dave Millar. CARRIED

2008 / 2009 Budget – It was noted that Red Deer Ringette's year end is July 31. The executive is recommending that the budget be considered at the first executive meeting in the fall.

Copies of the treasurer's report dated April 30, 2008, were distributed.

Moved by Marsha Smalley to accept the treasurer's report for the period ending April 30, 2008, as submitted. Seconded by Rene Vandervlis. CARRIED

Zone 4 Meeting – David Allin reported that the AGM is scheduled for June 10, 2008, at 7 p.m. in Lacombe. The executive has been advised that it is Red Deer Ringette's turn to provide a President for Zone 4. Items that the Zone 4 Committee will be considering are the Bunny/Novice League, Double A team governance, cooperation between the two associations so that all girls who want to will be able to play Ringette. Representatives from Red Deer Ringette interested in participating in the Zone 4 committee are Candy Towers, Lee Caine, Marilyn Shand, David Allin, Rene Vandervlis and Tamara Pollock.

Operations Manual – Dave Millar is reviewing the current handbook of rules and regulations. It is intended to update the manual to include all the Ringette policies and procedures in writing. Once completed and adopted by the executive, these will be posted on the website.

Proposed Policies – Copies of a Coaching Selection policy, an Affiliate Player policy and a Bunny / Novice Evaluations policy were distributed.

Moved by Marsha Smalley to adopt the Coaching Selection Policy, the Affiliate Player Policy and the Bunny / Novice Evaluations Policy as presented. Seconded by Rene Vandervlis.

Discussion ensued regarding the three proposed policies with concerns being noted regarding Section XIII, Coach Responsibilities, of the Coaching Selection Policy.

Moved by Marsha Smalley to amend the Coach Selection Policy by deleting paragraph No. 5 in Section XIII, Coach Responsibilities. Seconded by Rene Vandervlis. CARRIED

Vote taken on original motion as amended. CARRIED

Uniforms and Sports Wear – Dave Millar advised that a committee of six representatives has been established to review Red Deer Ringette's jerseys and sports wear. Upon receipt of the registration numbers for next year, a determination can be made regarding the number of jerseys that will be needed for next season.

Casino – Nan Shybunka advised that Red Deer Ringette has a Casino on November 28 and 29, 2008.

Black Gold League Annual General Meeting – Darren Garbe advised that the league has increased the fines from \$250 to \$500 that teams will be required to pay for not playing games. The league wants all games to be played, and it is expected that rescheduled games will take

place within two weeks of the original game time that was cancelled. Black Gold league fees are increasing from \$75 to \$100. There will be no playoffs again next year, and the number of league games is being decreased from 18 to 16. A reevaluation will occur following the first six games, and the last 10 games will be the league games. The league is planning to attempt to stagger the ending dates of the different levels in conjunction with the provincial dates. The list of coaches has to be submitted before the end of October.

Darren requested that for any messages that relate to the Black Gold League, he receive a copy of the message so that he can keep informed

Moved by Rene Vandervlis that the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m. Seconded by Marsha Smalley. CARRIED