

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 Lougheed.

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

