



## Director and Committee Reports

Meeting Date: August 28, 2019

Meeting Location: Border Paving Building

### **Presidents Report:**

Position Vacant- No report at this time

### **Vice Presidents Report:**

- Attended BGL meeting
- New this year is the spectator liaison, the association will be given 1 free lanyard per team, if lost the association will be charged for a new one (we will need to charge accordingly). The spectator liaison needs to be someone who can have a discussion with anyone on their team that is out of line (other sports have them such as lacrosse)
- Rule change year, there will be 3 major rule changes (they have not been announced yet)
- it is highly suggested that we ask RAB to send the Referee in Chief to our coaches and managers meeting to go over changes
- U14A and up has a new referee in assigner
- U10 and above a seasoned level 1 or more for U10
- at the u10 meeting we should have a ref a from RAB attend to answer questions
- the ratio for referee's per team in an association is to have 1.5 refs per team in any one association
- U10 step 1 half ice only allowed 2 tournaments
- U10 step 1 no goal limit, need to discuss with coaches (this may change in session 2)
- U12 & 19 adding 2 games to session 2 for a total of 18 games
- Zone 2 has been added to BGL U19AA only
- for children's ringette document refer to a new website from RAB <https://yourringette.ca/home/>
- U12 will no longer have Provincials it will be league championships instead
- NRL is looking for 2 free ice sessions from the larger associations for free, in exchange they will be providing some information as to what they can offer to the associations
- updated operational manual coming soon
- estimated to have 152 teams in BGL this year, last year there was 148
- Alberta winter games year, RAB pays for the ice, mid October will be tryouts
- next BGL meeting is September 24



***I am looking for someone to take the lead on the below.***

One or a few key representatives from SGRA would have to work with a contractor that the City would hire to prepare the strategic planning session – (@ 10 hours?) - (Gathering Key documents and getting a pulse on Ringette and where Spruce Grove Ringette wants to go – discuss provincial and national strategic directions). There would then be the actual session, it would last around 7 – 8 hours which could be held in one day or over two days (times can be determined). Usually the Executive and the Board (if not too big), or people with knowledge of the organization would be the ones participating in the strategic planning session. Whomever is the key representatives would select/talk to the people to take place in the strategic planning session – (usually no more than ten people or it just gets too big and hard to facilitate for the Contractor). The Contractor will then take that information away and create a Strategic Planning document for SGRA. City of Spruce Grove Recreation Services has budget money this year for one more strategic planning session and it would cost SG Ringette \$500.00. I do not know if I will have this funding next year.

The benefit and value for SGRA – minimal cost for a strategic plan that would be created in a version that SGRA can update from now one, have in place a short to mid-term plan – (guiding document) for the organization/board and it could potentially assist with future grant applications. I am seeing more and more grant applications asking if organizations have a strategic plan (Action Plan) or not. The funders are looking to see if organizations have a longer term plan or are just working on a year to year strategy. It would also help the organization identify key areas to work towards/red flags – (upcoming challenges)/identify key measurements or benchmarks to reach and be able to communicate with your members.

If you could please let me know if SG Ringette is interested in completing a strategic plan by the end of 2019? If you could please let me know your answer by August 2, 2019. If I do not hear back from either of you then I will take the non-response as a no. (If it does not work out this year and I have funding next year I will be in touch again to see if SGRA is interested in the future.)

Please contact me if you require any assistance with your board, governance or operations of your organization I may have resources that I can refer you too.

Any questions please contact me at 780-962-7616 or e-mail me at [cdunnigan@sprucegrove.org](mailto:cdunnigan@sprucegrove.org) I will be in the office until this Friday then off on holidays.

Thanks  
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Below is and email from RAB and some comments from Aaron as he did some preliminary investigating.

Dear member associations,

You are receiving this email because you host “AA” programs. At the AGM in April, we introduced attendees to Personal Sport Record (PSR) which is an athlete-centered tracking tool. All aspects of athlete development can be tracked using this tool from physical fitness to technical abilities to social-emotional development. Overall athlete development can be broken down within to tool to be made appropriate for all stages of development from Active Start to Train to Win.



Since the AGM, we have worked with veteran coaches to integrate the ringette Athlete Development Matrix (ADM) into Personal Sport Record. We are happy to report that Personal Sport Record is ready for all “AA” teams for the 2019-20 season. We strongly recommend all U16AA and U19AA teams start using PSR this season. While the U14 age group does not cleanly fall into the Excellence context, U14AA teams are welcome to use this tool as well. The cost will be \$4/month per athlete, or \$40/year per athlete; coaches use the program for free. A promo code will be sent out when we are prepared to onboard all the athletes. Ringette Alberta is not subsidizing this cost this year, but this price represents a 60% discount from what the tool costs if you did not go through RAB.

The next step is to onboard all ‘AA’ coaches. Use of PSR is only successful if we have the support of our athletes and coaches. The more people we have using the tool the more effective it will be and the more leverage we will have to keep the cost low. We need your assistance in encouraging your coaches and members to use this tool. PSR allows coaches to know where their team falls in technical development and physical fitness. It also allows athletes to take control of their own development by seeing where their weaknesses are and where they need to develop further in order to reach their ringette goals, whatever they may be. The athlete’s record does not disappear if they switch teams or step away from the sport; it goes with them, and they can share their data with any coach they choose. This could include a new coach in subsequent seasons, or a Team Alberta coach in preparation for the 2023 Canada Games.

We have made every effort to make sure this change in programming does not burden already busy coaches. PSR is easy to use on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. We are in the process of creating a tutorial video for both coaches and athletes which will be available by August 26<sup>th</sup>. (A link will be sent out when it is available). Caleigh Wojcicki has been working with the Alberta Sport Development Centers to establish a more formal relationship between their services and RAB. Teams will have a gateway to access services as they see fit including sport nutrition, fitness testing, mental performance, and sport medicine. While it is not mandatory for this season, we will be continuing to develop these relationships to provide access to these services for athletes as we move towards this Excellence context. At the very least teams should be participating in fitness testing this year. We recommend completed fitness testing early in the season, mid-season, and end of season. Teams are encouraged to join with other clubs to cost share for the facilities and personnel to complete the testing. Further guidance will be provided along with connecting teams to the ASDCs early in the season.

We are very excited to be integrating this tool as we align “AA” ringette with the Excellence context outlined in Ringette Canada’s competition review. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please reach out by emailing [robyn@ringettealberta.com](mailto:robyn@ringettealberta.com) or call 780-638-4720.

Best,

**Robyn Gillespie**  
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**780-638-4720**

This looks like a pretty good concept but I definitely have some concerns to how much it would get used vs cost (if incurred by SGRA). Some of my concerns are:

1. Website looks professional but information to me doesn’t go too far into depth (Personal Sport Record: <https://personalsportrecord.com/>). i.e. you have 1 layer of very brief descriptions. If I came across this on my own I wouldn’t give it a second glance. Obviously not all people are in sales/marketing focused but shows to the infancy of the company and potential for teams/athletes to not utilize to its fullest or at all.
2. As anything if crap information goes in then there is crap to pull out. How easy is it to add in information? How easy is it to read? Especially for a 14-18 yr. old.
3. How many of these athletes are going to actually utilize this information? In the first couple of months of our new board one of the most consistent comments (on the record at least) is about how busy athletes are at this age and the different directions they are being pulled in:



job/school/friends/boyfriends(help me). Will they actually utilize this as a whole or is it limited to a small group of individuals?

4. Unsure how we would account for the cost as an organization. At \$4/m per athlete this is an additional \$48 to the season? I understand the information stays with them if they move on but do monthly fees have to be kept up to view this, does it need to be exported, etc.?
5. With the information given should this be a cost to SGRA or to individual teams/athletes?
  1. not all athletes will use this as such the ones that do use it will have costs subsidized by the ones who don't
  2. increasing fees by \$48 (\$4x 12m), unless adding cost to entire division or association, is a lot to ask in an already expensive activity.
  3. No organization can make everyone happy but I would think the quickest way to increase animosity would be to increase costs. (I will not mention the second quickest.)

With costs still in our minds I would say it does fall to us to help find, vet, and pass along tools which can promote the betterment of our athletes and in turn SGRA.

To summarize: I like the concept as it looks to give the athlete the ability to see their strengths, and probably more important areas to work on, but there is definitely not enough information to commit to anything or really to pass along. I would say this would not happen until there is a working demo or perhaps the opportunity to test for a year. Perhaps we could sell this by offering a testimony at end of year, which is another thing missing from the website.

#### **Director of Finance (Treasurer):**

Nothing to report

#### **Director of Administration (Secretary):**

Nothing to report

#### **Director of Registration (Registrar):**

Current numbers:

AS - 6

U10 - 79

U12 - 62

U14 - 43 (+14 players on AA team)

U16 - 55

U19 - 27

#### **Director of Ice Acquisition & Allocation:**

Nothing to report

#### **Director of Player Development & Assessment:**

Nothing to report

#### **Director of Coaching Development & Assessment:**

U12-u19 coach/manager meeting

Sept 18 7-9 BPAC

U10 coach/manager meeting

Sept 26 7-9 BPAC



Coaching Clinics

CSI - Oct 19

CI - Oct 25-27 (Need to get approval for the cost of Broxton Park classroom)

I checked with the Tri, Library and room above Stu Barnes. None were available

### **Director of Officiating & Officiating Development:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of U10 Active Start and Step 1:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of U10 Step 2 & 3:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of U12:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of U14:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of U16:**

Nothing to report

### **Director of U19:**

U19AA tryouts complete. 3 skates and 1 exhibition game. Exhibition game was a good evaluation skate. Next year U19AA (and U16AA) format: 2 exhibition games, 2 inter-squad scrimmages.

### **Director of Open (18+):**

Nothing to report

### **Coordinator of Apparel, Ringette Pants & Equipment:**

#### **Coordinator of fundraising:**

Nothing to report

#### **Coordinator of Gaming (Bingo/Casino):**

Nothing to report

#### **Coordinator of Publicity & Promotion):**

SGRA had a table at the Fall Registration night at the TLC on Aug 22nd - Lots of traffic and info given out  
Come Try Ringette is scheduled for Aug 28th @ 5:30pm - there are 21 Registered

#### **Coordinator of Referee Scheduling:**

Nothing to report

#### **Coordinators of Special Event:**

- All tickets have been handed out to directors to be distributed
- If there are any questions about how the ticket distribution process works please reach out to myself.
- I will collect the ticket packages and any money collected from directors after evaluations have



been completed (same as previous years).

- insurance for the event has been obtained and paid for. I have forwarded the contract/policy to WEM.
- once school is back in I will be going to various schools in both SG and SP and donating tickets to each school for those kids that don't usually get to attend these type of events.
- I will also be reaching out to KidsSport to donate tickets if possible

### **Coordinator of Sponsorship:**

Working on corporate sponsorship plan.

### **Coordinator of Statistics:**

Nothing to report

### **Coordinators of Sweetheart Tournament:**

Nothing to report

### **Coordinator of Team Photos:**

Nothing to report

### **Coordinator of Website & Communications:**

RAMP moved their system to new, more secure servers this weekend causing a momentary shut down of our email system. If there was any email that you may have sent out on Saturday morning even prior to the planned service upgrade which was supposed to start at noon, please double check whether your intended recipients received the email. I sent an email to the entire association before 0930 to let them know of the RAMP downtime but it didn't go thru so others may be in the same situation.

### **Directors -**

You will be unable to send 'news items' in the form of an email from your division page until your division teams have been made and you have moved your players to their designated teams. Emails have to be sent from your RAMP admin site until after evals and team formation.

**\*\*Please remember that if you want something to be sent out in a mass email that you need to send your draft copy for me to paste into the mass email. I'm not a mind reader and instead of second guessing what you want written and having to send out a second email with YOUR corrections, send it to me the way you want it the first time.**

### **Coordinator of Team Photos:**

Nothing to report

### **Representative to Black Gold League:**

Ice allocators attended ice allocator mtg hosted by BGL.

Request that association treasurer name, email and address to send association mail be sent to [treasurer@blackgoldleague.com](mailto:treasurer@blackgoldleague.com)

This year is a rule change year. Sylvie or Tamara are happy to attend a coaches meeting to explain some of the changes. Sylvie's email is on BGL executive website. Please allot approximately 15-20 mins for them.



All officials require update course to ref

At u10 refs should have at least 10 games experience before refing step 1

At u12 and u19b...2 games have been added to schedule as there is no more provincials at u12 and u19b is always so late for provincials. There will be a league finals at u12

There are new game sheets for step 1.

Zone2 will play in u19AA

Very few u19a teams predicted. Only 4 u16AA teams predicted (my own thoughts U19a will play with u16AA)

7 u19AA teams predicted.

5 u14AA predicted.

BGL will continue to facilitate NRL schedule. We will be asked again to host 2 games. Teams will supply a list of services we can ask of them in return.

BGL ops manual is updated online.

\*\*\*spectator liaison (new position) names MUST be listed on game sheet. Consider suggesting that is a volunteer spot rather than assigned as the person must be comfortable approaching loud parents and fans from your own team.

RAB policies have changed...go to policy box and look for 'last updated' dates.

AWG will start scrimmaging/tryouts around mid to late October

We have roughly 151 teams in BGL...slightly up from last year.