



Director and Committee Reports

Meeting Date: Nov 28, 2019

Meeting Location: Border Paving Building

Past Presidents Report:

- Attended strategic planning meeting with VP, Coordinator of Sponsorship and external facilitator on Oct 29. Provided information in advance. Follow-up meeting planned for Nov. 26th.
- Registered for the Ringette Alberta stakeholder meeting on Excellence (Red Deer) but was unable to attend.

Presidents Report:

Position Vacant- No report at this time

Vice Presidents Report:

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Subject: Excellence Stakeholder Meeting Follow Up

Excellence Stakeholder Meeting
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Happy Monday Everyone,

First, I want to extend sincere thanks to everyone who attended on Sunday. Ringette Alberta is committed to involving you in the development and implementation of the Pursuit of Excellence context over the coming seasons and that doesn't happen unless you participate, so, thank you.

Our facilitator, Tara McNeil, indicated to me that, in her experience, the type of meeting we had isn't typical among sport organizations. If this is the case, I hope that the effort yesterday is seen as a reflection of Ringette Alberta's transparency and willingness to engage our stakeholders.

Yesterday's discussion was the beginning of the process.

I know when we used the phrase, "the status quo is not continuing..." it got a lot of attention. That was intentional as we had very little response to the earlier invitations to the stakeholders to get involved. Moving off the status quo, however, does not mean Ringette Alberta is "bulldozing AA ringette" as one person put it to me yesterday.

Moving off the status quo next season could mean nothing more than having every existing AA team submit a yearly training plan and we have an expert, like Tara, help the team staff review the plan and make adjustments. This is just one example of an incremental improvement that will take place over time. Whatever the final plan is, we also want you to know that a reasonable timeline for transition is part of the thinking.



The, 'what does it look like' process is still very much underway and other than a commitment to being better than we are today and a commitment to a talent development model, nothing else has been finalized.

Lastly, the state of AA ringette in Alberta is very different between the north part of the province and the south. As the provincial body, Ringette Alberta has to consider the entirety of AA or the Pursuit of Excellence context and, given the differences, some will see more change than others.

So, what's next?

This week, we will share a summary of the meeting including the presentations.

The Ringette Alberta Excellence Ringette Task Force (and very likely the entire Board) will meet to discuss next steps and we will communicate those with you.

We will circle back with Ringette Canada to ensure both processes are in sync.

In the mean time, if you haven't already, please share your thoughts in the meeting evaluation survey and the standards survey you were emailed yesterday.

Director of Finance (Treasurer):

U12:

In the past SGRA has paid a "commitment to attend" playdowns to Ringette Alberta - the cost is \$450 per team - U12 and up - if that team makes provincials then the team incurs the cost of the provincial tournament fee. This commitment to attend is to pay for ice and refs for playdowns. Last year we paid for 11 teams which was \$4,950.

This year U12 is different as there are no provincials - Instead each team will be charged a fee for playoff's (\$750 is expected but not confirmed). Each team will be expected to fill out a "commitment to attend" form but Zone 5 Black Gold League wants an association cheque for all the teams.

So we have a couple of options - we can pay the whole amount for each U12 team or pay \$450 towards each U12 team. This is not currently in our policies so we will have to vote on it and add it to our policy on Tournaments.

AA:

Last year for the first time the AA teams didn't have playdowns - they went straight to provincials so they didn't get the \$450. This year it is the same but their provincial fee has gone up quite a bit (last year it was \$850-\$900 and this year its \$1200). Again because we don't have a policy surrounding this we need to vote as to whether we are paying the AA teams \$450 as well and change our policy on tournaments to show this.

Director of Administration (Secretary):

Nothing to report

Director of Registration (Registrar):

Nothing to report

Director of Ice Acquisition & Allocation:

Nothing to report



Director of Player Development & Assessment:

Nothing to report

Director of Coaching Development & Assessment:

Nothing to report

Director of Officiating & Officiating Development:

We continue to have new officials mentored and receive feedback. We have also had some returning officials move up in levels and are having them "mentored" and evaluated when possible, to ensure they can handle the new levels.

We now have over twenty official applications for the Sweetheart Tournament. We will be sending out application link to other associations this week to ensure we have enough.

Was given feedback from RAB if we hosted a NRL game the weekend of the Sweetheart it would help ensure we had some high level officials around for the u19AA we are now hosting. We have been told a "tentative" Saturday afternoon time but really need to tell them of their for sure game time lot. U19AA games can be scheduled before and after the NRL game.

Now that we know how many teams and who is in our tournament would like to get the schedule so we can start putting officials in place and get a better feel of what we need. Again RAB wants this 30 days before tournament to ensure we have proper leveled officials in place (this is new this year for all associations). So we need earlier to get this in place.

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:

Director of U19:

Nothing to report

Director of Open (18+):

Nothing to report

Coordinator of Apparel, Ringette Pants & Equipment:

Always a new challenge starting from scratch with a new apparel company. We had some issues with embroidery on the AA items which were completely replaced by the company. The store did very well and I feel that the quality of the items are great. I think next year we just need to cut down the amount of items available. With an association of our size it makes it very difficult to have a large amount to choose from. After our first shipment we will be receiving a rebate for approximately \$1,700. The store has re-opened for about 5 days to catch anyone that missed out last time.

Coordinator of fundraising:



Nothing to report

Coordinator of Gaming (Bingo/Casino):

Nothing to report

Coordinator of Publicity & Promotion):

Nothing to report

Coordinator of Referee Scheduling:

Nothing to report

Coordinators of Special Event:

Coordinator of Sponsorship:

Nothing to report

Coordinator of Statistics:

Nothing to report

Coordinators of Sweetheart Tournament:

- The Sweetheart committee has had two planning meetings already.
- All divisions are full and all teams have confirmed their attendance. We have 68 teams participating from U10-1 to Open. 17 of those teams are SGRA teams.
- We have secured a Title sponsor again this year. The Sweetheart sponsorship committee is working hard to find sponsors and are working closely with the AA provincial committee.
- We are planning to host an NRL game on Saturday, Feb 15. We are hoping this will help bring in the higher level refs as well. Ref and Chief is helping us recruit refs.

Coordinator of Team Photos:

Nothing to report

Coordinator of Website & Communications:

Nothing to report

Coordinator of Team Photos:

Nothing to report

Representative to Black Gold League:

Re-pooling meeting took place Tuesday Nov 19.

Spectator Liaison - please ensure names of Liaisons are clearly identifiable on game sheets. Please move names to the middle and ensure pictures clearly show names of liaisons.

Scheduler issues - 15/17 associations did not submit enough usable ice. SGRA was one of the 2 that did. This has never happened before so we are looking into WHY associations are unable to submit enough ice.

U10s1 - DO NOT post scores online. Fines will be issued for teams continuing to post scores on website.

Re-pooling- a few significant changes for SGRA...

U10S1 no changes

U10S2 3 pools. SGV in gold (-2) and white (-1) pools

U10S3 2 pools. SGV (-1) in black. (-2) in gold

U12C SGV (-1 and -2) in black



U12B 2 pools. SGV (-1) moved to black

U12B 2 pools. SGV (-1) in black, *** **SGV U12B-2 moved into a gold pool with Bmt, Led, Rdr A-1 teams and Fsk & Spk U12B teams.** *** as there are no provincials, we were able to make a 'new' pool to provide more competitive play (the mandate of BGL). Based off of naming practices in BGL, we chose to call it A gold. It is a hybrid pool of top black B teams and bottom A teams. These teams will be allowed to compete in tournament play as A teams or in the case of 'moved up' B teams, they have the choice of tournament play in A div or B div.

U14c 1 pool

U14b 1 pool

U14a 1 pool

U14AA 1 pool

U16b 1 pool

U16A 1 pool

U19b 1 pool

U19A/u16AA 1 pool

U19AA 1 pool. Calgary officially added. Each team will play once in scheduled league play

Coordinator of AA Provincials:

Nothing to report