



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

POSITION REPORTING FOR: Coach Director	REPORT DATE: 2024-05-07
PERSON REPORTING: Breanne Brown	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON? Yes

We have a total of 21 coach applications so far, only 8 are for head coach positions,

The deadline to apply for head coaching AA is June 1 and the deadline for all other teams is August 1st. Email sent out to entire association advising of same.

Spring Comp Intro coach clinic disseminated.

Year-end coach reviews will only be shared with individual coaches if requested.

Inquiries have been made for Coach Appreciation night, awaiting responses from potential locations to consider. Although the formal quote has not yet been received, the budget for this event will need to increase to \$1500 for the 2024/25 season.



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POSITION REPORTING FOR: Tournament Directors	REPORT DATE: Tuesday, May 7, 2024
PERSON REPORTING: Tiffany Zender	WILL YOU BE ATTENDING IN PERSON?: Yes

Discussion Points were to be tabled for meeting in May, however, I missed the deadline so we can push this to a later meeting....

It's good to take a look now so we all have ideas to bring to the table. This will help move the conversation along so we can make this as efficient as possible.

- We will use provincials rules going forward for our medal game minor officials. Most people in our association are not comfortable running the clock and scoreboard for higher level divisions. We really have to think of a way to get qualified people to work these shifts. Any suggestions would be helpful.
- We had a bit of an issue with volunteer shifts for our Committee members. When we first sent our committee the volunteer sign up, there were **63** shifts and only **32** Committee members. We had originally told them they would have to work **two, 4 hour shifts**. When told this they were understandably very upset. During a discussion with Aaron on the subject, a suggestion was made to entice committee members to take on the extra shifts: the idea was to offer **\$25/2hour shift**. This small gesture was enough to make the committee members feel heard and understood. Michelle Thoben (iVolunteer coordinator), Rae-Lynn, and myself worked very hard to lean out the volunteer positions, and we were able to whittle it down to 43 shifts. That meant that there would be 11 extra shifts for a max payout of \$550. This was within our budget, and in fact allowed us to raise even more money as our Plinko game and Croc Charm sales alone brought in more than this. At the May meeting we will look to discuss with the board what kind of parameters should be worked within when making these financial decisions and when we should look to form a sub committee.

- Rae-Lynn and I are actively looking for 2 *Tournament Coordinators* to help us out with the 2025 Tournament. The purpose of these coordinators would be to learn so they can take over for us for the 2026 tournament. This would not be a board position, just a step above a committee volunteer. Please start talking to people and have anyone interested contact us at Tournament@sprucegroveringette.com .

- Some ideas for next year...
 - Our Tournament committee was amazing this year. They put in 14 hours of meetings, 4+ tournament volunteer hours, and countless hours on their own time. Also they raised around \$24,000.00 in sponsorship money. It is really underestimated what our committee puts into our association. We would like to see our committee members compensated in some way for their efforts. Perhaps not requiring committee members to work a bingo shift or something like that. We would love to hear your suggestions at the next meeting.
 - It has been suggested that the board gives permission to someone on the tournament Activities Committee to post directly to SGRA social media. Heather did a great job, but the tournament is a lot. It would be much better for everyone if someone from our tournament Activities committee could go on and schedule all of the posts for the tournament. This of course is a board decision which we will discuss.
 - Rae-Lynn and I suggest considering moving away from using **Sport Accommodations** for hotel bookings next year. As we received complaints during the tournament, some of which concerned safety. As much as the \$3,000.00 kick back is nice, we would hate to see anything happen to one of the visiting teams because Team Sport Accomodotions chose a seedy hotel. Of course this would be a board decision.
 - Regarding Sweetheart Tournament Expenses, we are going to have to have payments made directly from the association. Association Treasurer will have to do all tournament purchasing. We will have to come up with a process to make this work. Committee members will no longer pay out of pocket for tournament expenses. This will give the board a bit more say in expenses, but also alleviate all of the reimbursements that build up such a backlog which is a lot of work for the treasurer.