



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23rd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams

### 1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The SGRA President called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Michelle Viney, President  
Aaron Bomke, Vice President  
Jody Sutherland, Secretary  
Joline Anderson, Treasurer  
Desiree Janzen, Director of Ice Acquisition  
Brian Pedlar, Director of Player Development & Assessment  
Anthony Wierenga, Director of U10 Active Start and Step 1  
Heather Murray, Director of U10 Step 1 & 2  
Robin Pedlar, Director of U14  
Breanne Brown, Director of U16  
Shauna Paisley-Cooper, Director of U19

### 2. CREDENTIALS REPORT – ESTABLISH QUORUM

11 total voting board members, quorum was established.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Joline Anderson motioned to adopt the February 23, 2022 agenda as presented.

Brian seconded.

All in favor.

**Carried.**

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Shauna Paisley-Cooper motioned to adopt the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting adding Shauna Paisley-Cooper to the agenda as presented.

Joline seconded.

All in favor.

**Carried.**

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Joline Anderson presented the budget.

## 6. **DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **President:**

BGL Meeting Update: Update of BGL and RAB changes to the formats. Some associations agreed that new format is good, extending teams' season, some preferred the shorter time frame.

Next season there will be a Session 3 to be added, with league play determining placement for Provincials.

BGL & Chinook black out policy to be changed to allow for same black out policy for teams to access tournaments.

A couple of Code of Conduct issues brought up in latter part of the season and an issue at the Sweetheart Tournament. No negativity heard of from Sweetheart

### **U10:**

Things are going well I believe as I haven't heard anything otherwise!

Step 2 had 2 wins and 1 tie at Sweetheart and came out with a silver!

Step 3 had 2 losses and 1 tie at Sweetheart

Candace (Manager from Step 2) has reached out wanting some ice so they can prepare any kids going to U12 next year (rules, full ice, shot clock etc) - I believe Des is working with her to make that happen - great idea!

All teams are aware of their windup game times. No games are being held in Spruce - I have talked to Des about this and we will try to give some ice next year.

**U12:** Coaching code of conduct reminders were issued by SGRA following an incident involving a U12 coach from another association approaching referees as they were leaving the arena after a game in Spruce Grove. RAB was made aware of the incident and has taken the matter up with the other association.

One of the U12B teams raised concerns about the aggressive physical play of the overage players from Drayton Valley. The concern was brought to the DV president by the SGRA president. The response indicated that DV has spoken with their coaches regarding the concerns and that they will keep these in mind. They

also noted that their overage players were approved by RAB and are only a matter of months over age.

All four U12 teams participated in the Sweetheart tournament and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend as did the huge number of spectators at the U12B medal game that saw the two Spruce Grove teams pitted against each other. Everyone has their sites set on the upcoming year end championships in mid-March and are waiting for schedules to be finalized once league play is complete.

**Ice:** Ice costs for Sweetheart (only includes ice and not the area for tables, etc at the arenas)

Glenn Hall - \$2,283.76 (approx)

Agrena - \$2,824.77

TLC - \$11,926.25

Total - \$17,034.78

I am waiting for an actual invoice from Glenn Hall to confirm that cost. I went by the contract I signed in September. Once I know the actual cost, I will let you know.

Most ice has been cut back for the month of March. Weekend ice will only be used at Stu Barnes. Weeknight ice was cut back where needed. Once teams confirm their attendance or not at Provincials, ice will be given back or allocated to teams as needed.

**Officiating:**

Great weekend for officials this past Sweetheart weekend, four out of six required evaluations were completed. Limited complaints from all parties. Paystubs have been calculated and sent in.

Lindsay did an amazing job scheduling!!! Many many hours put in by her. So greatly appreciated!

**Flex:**

Work on ensuring a Flex division is available for U16-U19 age players for the 2022-23 season will be starting as soon as provincials are over. SGRA will be asked in the coming months if we are able to offer a consistent weeknight ice slot to support this; this may be a weekly or bi-weekly slot.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ratify of Motion - End Date for Active Start  
Desiree Janzen motions that the AS team gets one more practice slot after Sweetheart tournament weekend of Feb 27/28 as the official end date of 2021/2022 season.  
Anthony Wierenga seconded.  
All in favour. **Carried.**
- b. Sweetheart Update:  
**Summary**
1. 60 Teams
  2. 891 Athletes (including 3 Playdowns Teams - U14A/B, U16A)
  3. 48 Silent Auction Items
  4. Rafflebox locations issues was corrected when locations settings
  5. Directors to provide summary for next meeting
- c. BGL Update  
Meeting February 22, 2022:  
BGL credits have been received for Fort McMurray travel costs  
New BGL position, Treasurer, open next year
- d. U14/U16 Playdowns/Provincials:  
U16A team is done playdowns, have made Provincials  
U16B have started their playdowns  
U14A/B/C have begun playdowns games
- U14/U16 Directors to request coaches contact Ice Allocator if more ice requested (should teams move on to Provincials). Directors to have coaches notify Treasurer if they make it to Provincials - so \$450 commitment to attend fees can be invoiced back to teams (paid for by SGRA)
- e. U10 & U12 Championship Update:  
Directors to update teams of timeline for U10 & U12 teams  
U10 Teams - wrap up  
U12 Teams - League Championships  
Michelle Viney will pick up medals & banners from BGL on February 24 and pass on to both Heather Murray & Anthony Wierenga for the Active Start &

U10 teams. Directors to send email as reminder for teams to be aware of U10 wrap up and U12 League Championship formats

f. Board Succession:

Those whose term is ending in 2022, asked to email Michelle if intent to remain in position or possibly take on a new role within the SGRA Board. Email to be sent to Coordinators and confirm their intentions.

g. 3rd Party Evaluation Company Review:

Michelle & Aaron contacted Justin with 3rd party evaluation company Aaron discussed new process with Brian Pedlar & Michelle Viney and potential to use 3rd party evaluation.

Next meeting to invite Justin to present to Board

What is need for 3rd party evaluation:

- Number of volunteers & hours (preparation & time at the rink, independent evaluators scheduling) required to run evaluations
- Expectations on Technical & Evaluations Coordinator is unreasonable
- Starts year off on poor note with stress & time requirements for evaluations time
- Remove the mistrust in process, create an unbiased evaluations process. Evaluators to stay for entire ice slot
- Start off the season on a proper note with parents and have trust in the system
- Idea to ensure volunteers are not being burnt out, transparency with new process.
- Presentation at next meeting with board members to have open mind in potential change of process.
- Cost is a substantial part of 3rd party evaluations company
- Possibility of ice requirements (increase over current ice slots available to SGRA)
- Feedback and update to Justin re: app from this year's evaluations, issues will be corrected for 2022/2023 season's evaluations
- Aaron requests Justin to present to the Board, forward any questions/inquiries to Aaron so Justin can answer questions with presentation

h. Critical Dates for February/March:

February 6	Last scheduled league games for U14A, U14B
February 11	Associations to submit ice for U12 Championships
February 13	Last scheduled league games for U10, U14C, U16B, AA
February 20	Last scheduled league games for U19B
Feb 25-27 & Mar 4-6	U10 Windup - each pool will only play on one weekend
February 27	Last scheduled league games for U12

## 8. ROUND TABLE

Aaron Bomke commended Sweetheart Directors for a successful tournament.

Anthony Wierenga U10 teams are trying to schedule ice for players moving on to U12 next year. Candice, U10 Step 2 Manager, in contact with Leeam, Desiree and Paul Bechard so that any player moving up to U12 next year can have a feel for full-sized nets, full ice and shot clocks. Heather Murray agrees with this new idea.

Heather Murray: None of the U10 wrap-ups will be held at SGRA ice slots, next year to have a better plan in place with possibility for SGRA to host. Very limited time frame to provide ice for U10 wrap-ups, therefore, SGRA not able to provide ice. Joline Anderson has two players in U10 (different levels) - plan is to have fun activities between games (2 games/day).

Joline Anderson: Teams have been submitting expenses for dryland, nothing out of the ordinary.

Desiree Janzen: Re-iterated the plan for U10 full ice for the players (mentioned above). Suggestions for the full ice/full nets/shot clocks ice slot be used in August (closer to the beginning of the next season). Better to host the full ice now rather than in August with additional ice slot for those who are unable to attend at the end of the season or those who want a refresher for those moving from U10 to U12. Possible ice on March 12/13 weekend for those moving up to U12. Anthony & Heather to advise that there is possibility of ice on March 12/13 (dependent on teams making Provincials or Westerns). Desiree to send teams an email if not moving on to Provincials/Westerns so ice can be scheduled accordingly. Ice costs will decrease for month of March.

This level (U10 to U12) is still under Children's Ringette with a difference of 10% of UAA vs. game play (70/30). Significant numbers of players (7?) from U10 Step 1 moving up to U12.

Shauna Cooper-Paisley: Thanked Sweetheart Committee for a successful tournament.

Next Meeting March 15, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. in person at Border Paving Athletic Club.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The SGRA President, Michelle Viney adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.