



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 24th, 2021 at **7:00 p.m.**
Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The SGRA President called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Michelle Viney, President
Aaron Bomke, Vice President
Jody Sutherland, Secretary
Lisa McIntyre, Registrar
Joline Anderson, Treasurer
Sherry Stypula, Officiating Director
Leeam Freadrich, Coaching Director
Brian Pedler, Technical Director
Anthony Wierenga, AS Director
Heather Murray, U10 Step 2 & 3 Director
Fenna Poelzer, U12 Director
Robin Pedlar, U14 Director
Brienne Brown, U16 Director
Shauna Paisley-Cooper, U19 Director
Shelley MacCallum, Open Director

2. CREDENTIALS REPORT – ESTABLISH QUORUM

15 total voting board members, quorum was established.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Brienne Brown motioned to adopt the November 24, 2021 agenda as presented.

Heather Murray seconded.

All in favor.

Carried.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Fenna Poelzer motioned to adopt the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting as amended.

Heather Murray seconded.

All in favor.

Carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Joline Anderson presented the budget.

Received \$21,320 from Casino.

Ice costs to be confirmed with Ice Allocator for October 2021.

SM Grant \$2600 from Government of Alberta as decrease revenues in 2020. Discussion re: player development budget be used for Active Start and U10 teams?

Survey to teams - would teams use credit towards dryland vs. power skating? Michelle Viney to send to teams.

Michelle to contact Goalie & Equipment Coordinator to confirm the amount of goalie equipment remaining and confirm how much has been spent on equipment to date.

6. DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coaching: Sent out concussion awareness information to all coaches and included useful guides to help coaches recognize and manage concussions. Also, sent the link to the Free course called "Making Head Way"

Mid-season coaching review was sent out last week, I will review and provide feedback to all the coaches. Positive or Negative.

Some coach mentors have been assigned and are working on a few more this week.

I'm still getting CRC's coming in, I'll review by month end to ensure all have been returned.

Active Start/U10 Step 1:

The first half of the season seems to have run smoothly. The Step1 teams and Active Starts needed some guidance to get things started but things appear to be running on track right now. Bit of a learning curve for both the kids and parents in those first years in ringette.

Also happy to report our U10 teams seem to be doing very well in league play and are more than holding their own.

U12: All four teams have signed up affiliates but have not yet needed to use them.

Coaches and managers are communicating well, gamesheets are being turned in quickly and teams are off to a good start.

U12C had many new players who have taken really well to the sport and their skill level is increasing rapidly, resulting in their games being close and competitive even against the top teams in their tier.

U12B teams are both having successful seasons with U12B-1 playing in the Gold division and U12B-2 playing in Black. B1 has one rescheduled game remaining in session 1 which will be played on December 5. B2 is undefeated and has requested to be moved into the Black tier to provide for more even, competitive play for their team.

U12A is also undefeated with many lopsided scores and has requested to be moved to the Black tier for the second session.

Indoor gatherings questions: given current restrictions, are we allowed to have social events (gathering vs. event)? Michelle to confirm with Ringette Alberta.

Masking: required during warm up (if doing in dressing room)? RAB Return to Ringette does not require athletes to wear masks in dressing room, on ice - coaches required to wear masks in dressing rooms, on ice, on bench

Ice: Session 1 is now done. There are a few games that are being played during the break. Re-pooling is being done this week. Session 2 schedule has been sent in. Session 2 will start December 10. The schedule will be distributed December 5. Christmas break is December 19 - January 2.

Sweetheart:

- Applications closed November 15
- 132 applications received
- Awaiting replies from SGRA coaches for their team suggestions
- Final decisions will be made this week
- Emailing teams this week to let them know if they have been accepted or put on the wait list.
- Short one team for U19AA
- Short one team for Active Start.
- We will keep application open for these divisions.
- Vendors - Damaged Timber and The Ringette Store will be attending. We may still be looking for one or two more vendors.
- Sponsors - We have received \$4000 in donations to date.
- Program is moving from paper to website.
- 50/50 is going online via Raffle Box

Apparel: As far as Apparel and the SGRA store items, the estimated timeline for me to receive the items is the beginning of December. I have no specific date, and I communicate with the vendor weekly for updates.

I have had teams ask for their items ahead of everyone else, and I cannot have this done. When the whole order from our Association is complete then they will release the order to me.

We have a good inventory for Jersey bags and Ringette pants in stock.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Livebarn Discussion: Streaming service,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEuO_82ybiw&feature=youtu.be
<https://youtu.be/7OWrJfYF-64>
. Livebarn to contact SGRA, SGMH and SPMH, \$17/month subscription - user paid, no cost to association, can watch oppositions games, education
- b. Repooling Meeting: Brian Pedlar & Michelle Viney attended on November 23, 2021. VP BGL - 3 warnings for excessive penalty minutes, 2 parents removed from games - 0 tolerance policy towards officials, Directors to remind coaches/managers.
490 games played, 84 reschedules (17%)

1 game not played - lack of refs

Session 2: Home Association provide minor officials, 16AA & 19AA will play 4 quarters (11 minute quarters). 16AA play 19A, 2 periods will apply unless both teams agree to 4 quarters. CRCs play 4 10 minute quarters

14AA Provincials in Sherwood Park

16AA & 19AA Provincials locations to be determined

16B: 2 pools (SGRA will play in Gold)

1 Pool for 12A (Black), 2 EDM teams moved to 12B

1 Pool for 12B (Black), FSK & LAC moved to 12C

No teams moved up divisions, only in pools

Some movement in U10, one team moved from Step 2 to Step 3 (majority of team moves up to U12 next year)

- c. Commitment to Attend: December 15 deadline to declare Teams to select "Create a New Team" from drop down menu
Payment: Select my association will send in payment
SGRA will pay on behalf of the team, if teams make it, teams to pay back SGRA, if not, RAB to reimburse SGRA.

Hosting AA Provincials: 16AA not interested in hosting, U19 Director will ask 19AA team if interested in hosting Provincials. Turnaround is about 8 weeks, RAB can extend the deadline if no teams have stepped up to host.

- d. Mid-season Coach Review: SGRA coach review survey sent, requested that U16 & U19 parents & players both complete (different perspectives). Results sent to Coaching Director, who will follow up with Coaches in next 10 days and give feedback to coaches (positive and negative).

- e. Proposal of New Ice Policy: "Ice Allocation & Scheduling Policy"
REQUIREMENTS (Please define requirements for new or changes to existing policy such as timelines, guidelines, procedures, and/or compliance and consequences):

- Each team will be guaranteed 1 half ice slot per week between Monday to Sunday. Base week slot allocation will be given based on age of players. Early slots will be given to the youngest teams and latest slots will be given to U19.
- Early morning slots will be rotated between all teams. There will not be a scheduled rotation because of tournaments and league games.
- It is the responsibility of the team manager/coach to let the ice allocator know of conflicts in the schedule ASAP. If the conflict is the mistake of the Ice Allocator, they will fix it.
- Team Manager will be required to let the Ice Allocator know of any tournaments that the team has been accepted into as soon as they are accepted.
- 5 days notice must be given to the Ice Allocator if a team can not use practice ice given to them. This is a last resort. Team Manager must try all other options such as switching with another team before saying that the slot does not work.

- Teams are allowed to switch with another team for practices. These changes must be communicated to the Ice Allocator ASAP. The Ice Allocator will make the change on the Team Ramp Calendar.
 - League games: If a game needs to be rescheduled, the team that requires the reschedule must be in contact with their Ice Allocator. Game reschedules will only be done between Ice Allocators. Coaches/Managers can not make decisions on reschedules without approval from Ice Allocators and BGL. Reschedules require a minimum 72 hours to proceed. Non-Weather Reschedules and team blackouts will be determined by BGL and explained in their BGL Operations Manual.
 - Weekend practice schedule will be posted by the Sunday evening of the weekend prior to the upcoming weekend.
- f. Raffle Update: 48 books left, 3 additional books signed out to families. Discussion to offer prizes to try to sell the remainder of tickets, offer to teams to sell additional tickets.
 Aaron Bomke motions, "Offer up to \$500 of team cash prize if all 71 books are sold over and above allotted family (player) books. One team entry for each book sold. Tickets to be sold by December 10, 2021."
 Fenna Poelzer seconded.
 All in favour. **Carried.**
 Shelley MacCallum, Open Director, to contact Open team if they're willing to sell some raffle tickets.
- g. Sweetheart Tournament Update
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- h. Pizza Fundraiser Update:
 Online orders: 9 orders for a total of \$534.77
 In-store orders: 13 orders for a total of \$421.42
 Total sales: \$956.19
 20% of sales: \$192.00
- i. Critical Dates November/December

December 5: Session 2 distributed
December 10: Session 2 begins play for all Divisions
December 15: Deadline for Coaching Certification Requirements (excluding CI Evaluation) - Coaching Director to contact Coaches with outstanding requirements
December 15: Deadline for teams to declare their intent to participate in Provincial Championships (Directors to remind teams)
December 15: Deadline for Player Changes/Team Staff Changes & Group Members to add new registrations (Registrar to send TRF to Directors who will send to Head Coaches/Managers, sign and return to Directors)
December 15: Commitment to Attend (U12 League Championships & U10 Wrap Up)
December 19-January 2: 2021 Christmas Break

8. ROUND TABLE

Aaron Bomke: Email to some board members regarding changeover with experienced directors and tenure to have a committee/review re: Coaching/Team Selection (process, who attends), Oversight Committee (role, who involved) prior to AGM

Anthony Wierenga: requested feedback from AS & Step 1 Coach & Manager to build on for next year

Jody Sutherland: Possibility of Manager Mentorship, information on website how to fill out gamesheet, etc

Leeam Freadrich: Play It Again Sports accepting equipment, SGRA could earn some money for donations of surplus equipment. Owner wants to ensure ringette equipment stocked, have conversation what to stock, has space for dryland purposes (low cost to teams)

January 12, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

9. ADJOURNMENT

The SGRA President adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.