



Sherwood Park Ringette Association  
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**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 1, 2015**  
**7:05 pm**

**In Attendance: \*voting**

President – Jen Rogers	Marketing – Nicole Skiba (Abs)
*Vice-President – Linda Poole	Sponsorship – Dacia Mead (Abs), Marla Hladysh (Abs)
*Secretary - Tracey Partridge	Asst A /B League – Ken Patsula (Abs)
*Treasurer – Stacey Heinish	Statistician – Chris Manning (Abs)
*Zone 5 Rep – Darren Poole (Absent)	AA Director – Jen Cameron (Abs)
*A/B League Director – Warren Fuller	Photo Coordinator – Rona Pasika
*Active Start/U10 Director – Craig Schmidt	Asst Tournament Director – Heather Nedohin (Abs)
*Dir. Player Development – Mary Muir	Past President – Darrel Pidhirniak (Abs)
*Dir. Coach Development – Todd McDonald (Abs)	Active Start Coordinator – Kim Hawkes (Abs)
*Registrar – Prez Skiba (Abs)	U10 Coordinator – Kevin McTavish (Abs)
*Fundraising – Trevor Torgerson	U12 Coordinator – Sharon Leaf (Abs)
*Tournament Dir – David Nedohin (Absent)	U14 Coordinator – Shari Nachai (Abs)
*Dir of Officials – Darrin DeGrande (Absent)	U16 Coordinator – Jill Landmark (Abs)
*Equipment Director – Marla Woodliffe	U19/18+ Coordinator – Vinnie O’Callaghan (Abs)
Ice Allocator – Jody Kirchner (Absent)	Webmaster – Shaun Hladysh (Abs)
Asst Ice Allocator – Vacant	Team Wear Coordinator – Judy Niebergall (Abs)
Referee Allocator – Darrin DeGrande (Abs)	Ann MacTaggart - guest

1) **Additions to Agenda:** None

2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Trevor Torgerson, seconded by Stacey Heinish to adopt the agenda dated December 1, 2015. All in favor. 8 votes for, zero votes against, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.

3) **Adoption of Minutes:**

Motion made by Trevor Torgerson, seconded by Stacey Heinish to adopt the minutes as amended of the November 3, 2015 General Meeting. All in favor. 8 votes for, zero votes against, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.

4) **Correspondence:** AGLC casino license has been received. Investor’s Group has a free community BBQ available for events, will also supply volunteers to assist.

5) **Unfinished Business**

a) **Jersey Update** – United Cycle has agreed to purchase, at no cost to us, twelve (6 white/6 red) goalie jerseys to get us through the season. Extra sets required for growth will be dealt with next year. One extra jersey, parent paid, will also be purchased.

6) **New Business**

a) **Platinum Ring Referee Fees** – At the 2014/2015 Platinum Ring tournament a motion was made and passed to increase referee fees for that tournament only. It was confirmed that for the 2015/2016 Platinum Ring tournament the Tournament Coordinator agreed to pay the higher fee this year as well. Approximate fees for last year were \$8K, this year were \$11K. No travel, or accommodations were paid last year for out of town referees, but were paid for this year. The Tournament directors will provide a report to the next meeting.

b) **U12 Tiering** - SPRA tiering guidelines state we must follow RAB guidelines. RAB guidelines state that in the U12 division, at the four team level, the teams should be 1A, 1B and 2C’s, and at the five team level,

should be 2A, 1B, 2C. For the 2015/2016 season in the U12 division, SPRA tiered at 1A, 2B, 1C, which does not match RAB guidelines. Although this isn't in line with RAB policy, Jen advised that RAB does not prohibit associations from tiering up a team in a division. SPRA has tiered this way in the past at the four team level; however, all other associations in BGL followed the RAB guidelines, which has resulted in a disproportionate number of 1st year and/or lower assessed players in both B and C divisions relative to other associations of the same size. This tiering has contributed to a lower success rate for SPRA B and C teams in the U12 division as evidenced by team standings over the past two years. Jen Rogers will be putting forth a RAB policy change to change U12 tiering to 1A, 2B and 1C at the four team level, 1A, 2B and 2C at the five team level and 2A, 2B and 2C at the six team level. It was agreed that failing to have RAB guidelines changed that SPRA would follow RAB policy and what other associations are doing to put our athletes in the best possible position to compete

- c) **Criminal Record Checks** – The current process for someone with a “possible match” on a Criminal Record Check is to perform a statutory declaration on that person. A “possible match” can arise when a person matches on a name and DOB. The only way to positively exclude that person as a possible match is to have fingerprints done. Tracey will investigate the cost, and implications of having fingerprints done. Hockey, Soccer and Ball Hockey currently require fingerprints on a possible match scenario.

#### 7) **Standing Items**

- a) **Financial Update** – Stacey provided an update on the budget. As of now, the tournament appears to have lost \$3K, but some adjustments to that may be coming, and we should know more by the next meeting. As it currently stands, not including sponsorship and casino, we are \$40K short of budget, and projecting an \$18K loss. Jen will be selling as much ice as she can and will eliminate any dollars for coach appreciation. The constant increase to ice costs has been very difficult for many associations.

#### 8) **Reports by Executives:**

**President** – Attended RAB summit in Canmore. RAB looking to have a U14AA league province wide next year, looks like Spruce Grove is looking to commit to U14AA next year. A North association committee has been struck to look at AA tryout etc next season. RAB wants associations to set goals for increasing registration, set up marketing calls, plans etc., a 5% increase is realistic.

**Vice President** – Working on revising parent handbook with Carmen Schmidt and Kim Hawkes.

**Secretary** – Already reported

**Treasurer** – Already reported

**Registrar** – Absent

**A/B Director** - Looking to gather coaches together in the next month or so.

**Active Start/U10 Director** – No report

**Director Player Development** - Donna Stewart costs have increased significantly this year, will need to review this piece next year. Still working on offensive piece for development camp, previous ones fell through. Trevor Mahl has missed two sessions, but will make them up. Great parent feedback on Kyle.

**Director Coach Development** – Absent

**Zone 5 Black Gold Rep** - Absent

**Fundraising** – Have paid for gift certificates for the raffle, draw to be held in two weeks. Still waiting on two teams to return tickets. Casino application is done, volunteers is the next piece.

**Tournament Director** – Absent

**Equipment Director** – Have purchased \$1763 in new goalie pads out of Shell Grant.

**Director of Officials** – Absent

**Referee Allocator** – Absent

**Ice Allocator** – Absent

**Marketing** – Absent

**Sponsorship** – Absent

**AA Director**- Nothing to report.

**Photo Coordinator** – Photos are done, being edited now. Should be online by the end of the week, under budget \$300, plus a \$300 donation.

**Statistician** – Absent

**Past President** – Absent

**Age Division Coordinators**

Active Start – Absent

U10 – Absent

U12 – Absent

U14 – Absent

U16 – Absent

U19/Open – Absent

Tracey Partridge moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Craig Schmidt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next meetings January 5, February 2 and March 1