



Sherwood Park Ringette Association
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Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday February 2, 2016
6:35 pm Advico Boardroom

In Attendance: *voting

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

- 1) **Additions to Agenda:** None
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Marla Woodliffe, seconded by Prez Skiba to adopt the agenda dated February 2, 2016. All in favor. 7 votes for, zero votes against, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.
- 3) **Adoption of Minutes:**
Motion made by Todd McDonald, seconded by Trevor Torgerson to adopt the minutes as amended of the January 5, 2016 Executive Meeting. All in favor. 7 votes for, zero votes against, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.
- 4) **Correspondence:** Grant money will be received towards payment of small nets from Community Grant Services, cheque has not arrived yet, approx.. \$875.00
- 5) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Platinum Ring Update** – Tournament shows a profit of approx. 4K, compared to 10K last season. Player swag costs increased and referee costs were higher. Examining a possible change of format next year, nothing certain at this point.
 - b) **AGM Date and Location** – AGM will be held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 11, 2016, starting at 7:00 pm.
- 6) **New Business:** None
 - a) **Baseline Concussion Testing** – Two parents have come forward to initiate baseline concussion testing. Jen will meet with both parents to discuss issue. Ken offered to find out details on whether Glen Sather Sports Clinic is still doing this as they approached minor hockey last season.

- b) **U12 Tiering Review RAB policy change** – Jen Rogers and Trevor Torgerson worked on policy submission to RAB on a tiering policy adjustment. The submission involves tiering athletes based on a bell curve format. If the policy is not approved by RAB, SPRA will need to adjust policy to match RAB to allow equitable play for SPRA athletes.
 - c) **SPRA Policy Review** – Amendments to the SPRA Guidelines and Policy manual need to be looked at now in anticipation of upcoming AGM. Any suggestions can be forwarded directly to Linda and a meeting will be set up to review.
 - d) **Spring/Summer Ice** – Spring and Summer Ice has been confirmed. SPRA will run two 3v2 programs and a pre-season training camp in August. Sanctioning is required by RAB and Jen and Stacey will work on that piece.
 - e) **Fast and Female Event** – Fast and Female hosts fun-filled, non-competitive events all over North America, their vision is “A positive, empowering environment for girls in sport”. Dacia is arranging to have an event Sept 10th, to coincide with our fall Come Try it Event. More information at next meeting.
 - f) **Registration date and AGM discount** – Early bird registration date will be moved up to June 1, 2016, and should be promoted with some form of advertising. Discussion held on discount for AGM attendance. Motion: Tracey Partridge/Todd McDonald that a \$50.00 credit will be applied to athlete profiles based on attendance at the AGM, the credit will require a sign in and will be applied to reduce fees for the upcoming season, as long as it is used and payment is received in full by the end of early registration. All in favor. 7 votes for, zero votes opposed, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.
 - g) **Equipment** – Small Nets maintenance – The small nets need to be checked for any repairs, the U10 director will send an email to coaches asking them to check nets. There are currently no nets at Josephsburg, and only one set at GARC, where two will be valuable for AS next year.
 - h) **AA Pilot and Direction** – The AA director provided a report highlighting the successes of the season for the entire U14 division. AA program has been successful at U14 level and the natural progression should be to include U16 next season and possibly U19 depending on the zone. The question becomes where to from here? RAB is still fine tuning details on policy for next year. A formal decision on whether to continue will be voted on soon.
 - i) **Player Refund** – A request has been brought forward for a registration refund from the parents of a U12 athlete injured by a concussion during the first game of the season on October 8th. The athlete has been under the care of doctors and specialists since that time, and although improved, is not able to continue Ringette. Due to the nature of the injury and possibility that she could return the request for refund was postponed. Now that it is confirmed that the athlete cannot continue a refund is being requested. Discussion held noting a possible policy amendment for these types of injury scenarios. Motion: Warren Fuller / Todd McDonald that a pro-rated refund, (based on the number of days the athlete actually participated relative to the actual season), less evaluation fees and administration fees, with no refund of fundraising fees be given to the parents. 7 votes for, zero votes against, one vote abstained. Motion Carried. Further discussion held on request for refund of Player Development Camp fees for same athlete. Motion: Trevor Torgerson / Warren Fuller that the Player Development Camp fee paid by the athlete’s parents in the amount of \$150.00 be refunded. All in favor, 7 votes for, zero votes against, one vote abstained. Motion carried.
- 7) **Standing Items**
- a) **Review Financials** – Stacey provided a detailed update on the financials, noted a projected loss of approx. \$1500 to June 30. It was noted that the casino is now only every three years, so if possible, money should be allocated into the upcoming years. It was also noted that executive compensation will be forgone if the association does not meet its budget target.

8) **Reports by Executives:**

President – Busy preparing for 2016-2017 season, attending ice meetings with Jody, working on summer ice events and tiering policy. Looks as though Ice Allocator will be stepping away at the end of this season.

Vice President – A complaint was received against an executive member. An adhoc committee of four members was immediately convened to review the complaint and go through the appropriate process. The result was no discipline of executive member.

Secretary – Awards process needs to begin, requests will go out with an end of February deadline.

Treasurer – Already reported

Registrar – Still working on collecting cheques outstanding from open division players and one AS.

A/B Director – Engaged Competitive Thread to do UAA evaluations for next season (September 11th), would like to add at U10 also. Looking at coach evaluation process and possible changes.

Active Start/U10 Director –Absent

Director Player Development - Working with Trevor Mahl for next season. One session of player development camp left.

Director Coach Development –Nothing to report.

Zone 5 Black Gold Rep - Absent

Fundraising – Casino is finished and next application has been filed. Four members of association helped fulfill; however, 10 members were required. Need to look at mandating the casino volunteers.

Tournament Director – Already reported.

Equipment Director – Nothing to report

Director of Officials – Absent

Referee Allocator – Absent

Ice Allocator – Working on 2016-2017 season and finalizing Platinum Ring Dates. Schedule from now on will be week to week because of playdowns. As teams are eliminated they need to notify Jody.

Marketing – Absent

Sponsorship – Absent

AA Director- Already reported

Photo Coordinator – Infinite Eye has provided a \$300 sponsorship donation. Infinite Eye also providing a thank you photo collage to United Cycle on behalf of SPRA.

Statistician – Nothing to report.

Past President – Absent

Age Division Coordinators

Active Start – There will be a jamboree at the end of the season, information has been provided to parent group.

U10 – Absent

U12 – Absent

U14 – Absent

U16 – Nothing to report

U19/Open – Absent

Trevor Torgerson moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Todd McDonald

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Next meeting March 1 at 6:30 pm at Advico.