



Sherwood Park Ringette Association
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Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday October 6, 2015
7:05 pm

In Attendance: *voting

President – Jen Rogers	Marketing – Nicole Skiba (Abs)
*Vice-President – Linda Poole	Sponsorship – Dacia Mead (Abs), Marla Hladysh
*Secretary - Tracey Partridge	Asst A /B League – Ken Patsula
*Treasurer – Stacey Heinish	Statistician – Chris Manning (Abs)
*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	Asst Tournament Director – Heather Nedohin (Abs)
*Dir. Player Development – Mary Muir	Past President – Darrel Pidhirniak (Abs)
*Dir. Coach Development – Todd McDonald	Active Start Coordinator – Kim Hawkes
*Registrar – Prez Skiba (Abs)	U10 Coordinator – Kevin McTavish
*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
*Equipment Director – Marla Woodliffe	U19/18+ Coordinator – Vinnie O’Callaghan (Abs)
Ice Allocator – Jody Kirchner (Absent)	Webmaster – Shaun Hladysh
Asst Ice Allocator – Vacant	Team Wear Coordinator – Judy Niebergall (Abs)
Referee Allocator – Darrin DeGrande (Abs)	Guest – Conal MacMillan of Shell

Conal MacMillan of Shell presented the Scotford Community Grant of \$5000 to SPRA, the grant will be used towards the purchase of equipment. SPRA will rename the player development program the Shell Scotford Development program. Conal mentioned there was \$30,000 in available community grant money from Scotford, SPRA was one of 30 applicants, but only one of two that received the full \$5000.

1) **Additions to Agenda:** None

2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Stacey Heinish, seconded by Todd McDonald to adopt the agenda dated October 6, 2015. All in favor. 9 votes for, zero votes against, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.

3) **Adoption of Minutes:**

Motion made by Trevor Torgerson, seconded by Warren Fuller to adopt the minutes of the August 25, 2015 General Meeting. All in favor. 9 votes for, zero votes against, zero votes abstained. Motion carried.

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4) **Correspondence:** Jen read an email from Tracy Hawtin, an executive member with Beaumont Ringette. The email thanked SPRA for moving forward with the AA program.

5) **Unfinished Business**

a) **Jersey Update** – To date approximately \$1500 of the old jerseys have been sold.

6) **New Business**

- a) **Player Movement Discussion** – At the U16 and U19 division there were some awkward final numbers in each division. A decision was made to move 6 athletes from U16 up to U19, (32% of the U16 division). Factors influencing the decision were the player numbers in each division; the late release of two players to the AA program at U16, import athletes from Fort Saskatchewan at the U19 level (Fort Saskatchewan did not host a U19 program). Lengthy discussion held on whether the Player Movement Policy had been followed correctly, and if enough consideration had been given to the impact on the entire cohort of U16 and U19 athletes, not just the six moved up. During the discussion it was noted the Player Movement Policy is worded very poorly and contradicts itself with who is responsible for the decision. The executive members involved in the final decision noted they were trying to keep as many athletes in the sport as possible. With regard to the Player Movement Policy, suggestions were made to add an oversight committee, or also to involve the entire board in the decision making. It was agreed that a detailed review of the Player Movement Policy would be undertaken when the Guidelines and Procedure Manual was reviewed.

- b) **Goalie Fees** – A reduction in player fees has been requested for a goalie moving down from the Open division to U19B. An open player registration fee is \$475, and a regular U19 player registration fee is \$725. The goalie was asked to come from Open to U19B to assist with the team viability. Discussion held. Motion made by Linda Poole, seconded by Tracey Partridge that the goalie's registration fee remains the same at her Open rate with no further registration fees required, and further that the goalie would still be required to pay \$150 in fundraising fees. 8 votes for, zero votes against, 1 vote abstained. Motion carried.

- c) **Social Media – Cell Phone** – There has been discussion around the usage of cell phones/social media and a guidelines and expectations document was discussed. A team “cell phone bag” was also discussed as best practice. The executive will stand behind the coach's enforcement of this guideline. An official document will be worked on for the future.

7) **Standing Items**

- a) **Financial Update** – Stacey provided an update on the bank balance noting approx. \$41K still needs to be paid on the jerseys, and noted we are very close to budget overall. Currently working on annual return to file by October 31st, two people have been lined up to assist in the audit. Working with Carmen Schmidt to apply for Crest grant from the county. For ease of reporting Stacey has started to use job costing, it would be helpful if people could code their receipts to certain programs, ie. Tournament, Development Program.

- b) **Transfer of Funds** – As part of a cleanup for year end, there is a “restricted fund” that Stacey would like to clear out to retained earnings. The account is not part of our reserve fund and has not been used in several years.

8) **Reports by Executives:**

President – Zone Presidents continue to meet, new twitter hashtag of #thisisingette is being used for SPRA. Ken Patsula shared with the Board that he has received several very positive comments from RAB about our president. Curling Club season kickoff for parents was very fun.

Vice President – Managers meeting is complete, went very well.

Secretary – Amended By-Laws were submitted to Corporate Registries and have been approved, and we have our stamped copy back. Waiting for list of coaches to begin CRC process.

Treasurer – Already reported

Registrar – Absent

A/B Director - Warren expressed his appreciation to Ken Patsula for all the work he did during the evaluation process. Competitive Thread did a great job and process went very well.

Active Start/U10 Director – Craig also felt Competitive Thread did a great job and would like to see them back again next year.

Director Player Development - Camps, Powerskating and Goalie Clinics have all started.

Director Coach Development – Emails out this week confirming CSI courses for U12, not successful on C1 or C2. A lot of great feedback from coaches on Quantum Speed coach training last week, would like to utilize them more but realize cost is an issue.

Zone 5 Black Gold Rep - Absent

Fundraising – Raffle tickets are out to U10-U19, with a collection date of November 28th. Active start is still forming teams. Casino work is beginning.

Tournament Director – Great committee working on the tournament again. The game and volunteer schedules are being finalized, managers have been updated on volunteer requirements. Still short teams in U12B; U14AA; U16B and U19B.

Equipment Director – Equipment distribution going well.

Director of Officials – Absent

Referee Allocator – Absent

Ice Allocator – There could be some changes/revisions to schedule. It has been challenging as the BGL game scheduler is also new this year.

Marketing – Absent

Sponsorship – It has been a very slow start to the season, but have \$500 from CCTF and \$5000 from United Cycle.

AA Director- U14AA team went to Cochrane, played 5 games in 24 hours. The team looked good and it was a great introduction.

Photo Coordinator – Photos will take place November 17/18 at Wye Hall with Infinite Eye.

Statistician – Absent

Past President – Absent

Vice President – No report

Age Division Coordinators

Active Start – Had first ice this past weekend, 40 AS 2 and 24 AS 1

U10 – lots of help on the ice, went smoothly

U12 – Absent

U14 – Absent

U16 – Several struggles at the U16 level for volunteers

U19/Open – Absent

Tracey Partridge moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Trevor Torgerson

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting dates November 3rd and December 1st