



Sherwood Park Ringette Association
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Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday February 3, 2015
7:00 pm Advico Boardroom

In Attendance: * voting

* President – Jen Rogers	Marketing – Nicole Skiba
* Past President – Darrel Pidhirniak as guest	Sponsorship- Dacia Mead (Abs) Marla Hladysh , Rod Kurylo (Abs)
* Vice President – Linda Poole	Asst A /B League – Ken Patsula
* Secretary – Tracey Partridge	Statistician – Chris Manning
* Treasurer – Ann MacTaggart	AA Director – Pam Sims
* Zone 5 Rep – Darren Poole (Absent)	Photo Coordinator – Rona Pasika (Absent)
* A/B League Director – Warren Fuller	Asst Tournament Director – Heather Nedohin (Absent)
* U8/9/U10 Director – Rob Bishop (Absent)	P1/P2 Coordinator – Kim Hawkes
* Technical Director – John Weinmeier	U9 Coordinator – Kelly Fleck (Absent)
* Registrar – Prez Skiba (Absent)	U10 Coordinator – Jen Wright
* Fundraising – Trevor Torgerson	U12 Coordinator – Mike Stuckless (Absent)
* Tournament Dir – Dave Nedohin	U14 Coordinator – Jim Scarr
* Dir of Officials – Darren DeGrande (Absent)	U16 Coordinator – Lisa Labrie (Absent)
* Equipment Director – Mary Muir	U19/18+ Coordinator – Vinnie O’Callaghan
Ice Allocator – Glen Kayne (Absent)	Webmaster – Shaun Hladysh (Absent)
Asst Ice Allocator – Tracy Kayne	Judy Niebergall – Teamwear (Absent)
Referee Allocator – Darren DeGrande (Absent)	Guest – Chris Broadhurst (Zone 5 AA)

- 1) **Additions to Agenda:** AGM discount and ice allocation.
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Ann MacTaggart to adopt the agenda dated February 3, 2015, seconded by Warren Fuller. All in favor. 9 votes for, Zero votes against, Zero abstained. Motion carried.
- 3) **Adoption of Minutes:** January 3, 2015, Minutes. Motion made by Warren Fuller to adopt minutes, seconded by John Weinmeier. All in favor. 9 votes for, Zero votes against, zero abstained. Motion carried.
- 4) **Correspondence:** None
- 5) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **U14AA** – Chris Broadhurst and Darrel Pidhirniak offered insight from the perspective of Zone 5 AA in relation to SPRA’s interest in hosting a U14AA team next season. Chris and Darrel discussed athlete commitment, ability to excel, coachability, desire, off ice commitment and the ability to put team first as traits of a AA athlete. A sustainable model is also desirable, so that U14AA athletes can proceed to the U16AA level, and onwards. Zone 5 AA expressed concern that SPRA does not have a large enough pool of athletes to draw on to have a successful program, the ideal number is 15% of your athletes, ie. 100 athletes at U14 level, and a 15 athlete roster. Costs of Zone 5 AA athletes are in the \$1600-1800 range, plus registration and travel costs for 5-6 tournaments per season. Chris and Darrel also indicated that Zone 5 AA would probably not proceed with a team at the U14 level if SPRA went on their own. Lengthy discussion held on the pros and cons of SPRA hosting a pilot season of U14AA, including size of our association, number of goalies, number of athletes, other associations considering hosting. It was also mentioned that there were concerns and growing pains with the phasing of U10 athletes as

well, but that is now progressing nicely. Linda Poole will post the FAQ documents that have been created to the SPRA website, and encouraged the executive members to continue to discuss with the SPRA community for feedback.

- b) **Jersey Update** – Jersey mockups and logo design are still being worked on. Discussion held on whether, or not SPRA wants to create their own brand, or “name” to be known by, for example Sherwood Park lacrosse teams are known as Titans. Decision made to go ahead with SP, SPRA or Sherwood Park in the jersey design.
- c) **AGM Date and discount** – The AGM has been set for 7 pm, Tuesday, March 24th at the Broadmoor Golf and Curling Clubhouse as the Council Chambers were booked the entire week. Discussion held surrounding the AGM discount. MOTION: Ann MacTaggart / Warren Fuller that a \$75 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. 9 votes for. Zero votes against. Zero abstained. Motion carried.

6) **New Business**

- a) **Policy Creation/Review** – Process is ongoing to meet goal of having document ready for executive review and vote. Jen asked for any suggestions to be submitted.
- b) **Executive Position Revisions** – Linda asked if any revisions were outstanding to please get them to her as soon as possible for inclusion in the policy review. The current Director of Officials asked to have the position changed to non-voting to maintain appearance of being neutral. Discussion held and decision made to keep voting position as is. Further discussion held around dividing the Technical Director into two voting positions, namely Player Development and Coach Development, and also removing Past President as a voting position. Motion made by John Weinmeier to remove Past President as a voting director, seconded by Dave Nedohin. All in favor. 9 votes for, zero votes against, zero abstained. Motion carried. Motion made by John Weinmeier to split the Technical Director into two positions, Director Player Development and Director Coach Development, with both positions having the right to vote, seconded by Linda Poole. All in favor. 9 votes for, zero votes against, zero abstained. Motion carried.
- c) **SPRA Registration Date** – In order to line up the monies that come in with early registration into the right fiscal year, the registration date will be moved up to July 1st, with early registration ending July 31st. Regular registration will close the end of August.
- d) **Finland 2015** – An International Friendship tournament is being held in Helsinki Dec 31, 2014 to Jan 3, 2015. A U12 and U14 team are eligible to attend, but skill level is unknown. Is SPRA interested in facilitating? Two spots are currently on hold. Jen will obtain more information.
- e) **Ice Allocation** – Need to examine how to help ice allocator enforce cancellation on short notice. Ken will examine if the already existing policy needs to be firmed up, or just enforced.

7) **Reports by Executive**

President – Nothing to report

Past President – Absent, appeared as guest only

Vice President - Nothing to report

Secretary - Nothing to report

Treasurer – Ann asked that if anyone had any upcoming expenses to please let her know so that budget analysis could be done.

Registrar – Absent

Zone 5 Rep – Absent

A/B League Director – Universal Athlete Assessment process – Competitive Thread (Don Waschuk) has quoted \$35 per athlete at the U10/U12/U14 level, approximate cost of \$5600. No coaches would be involved on the ice, only Competitive Thread. Warren will ask Don to attend the next SPRA meeting.

U9/U10 Director - Absent

Technical Director – Everything is running well, programs are finalizing.

Fundraising – Nothing to report

Tournament Director – Nothing to report

Equipment Director – Nothing to report

Director of Officials – Absent

Referee Allocator – Absent

Ice Allocator – Nothing to report

Marketing – A Come Try It Event will be held in conjunction with the U12C provincials on Saturday, March 21st. The video contest has 4, or 5 entries so far. Videos will be presented at the AGM, and on the website.

AA Director – Nothing to report

Sponsorship – Nothing to report

Statistician – Nothing to report

Photo Coordinator – Absent

P1/P2 Coordinator – Athletes are coming along really well, attended a jamboree at Edmonton Silver ring.

U10/U14/U19 Coordinator – Nothing to report

Team Wear Coordinator – Absent

8. **Standing Items**

a) Review of Financials completed earlier in meeting

9. **Announcements:** None

Tracey Partridge moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm, seconded by Mary Muir.

Future Meeting Dates

March 3

March 24th AGM