

LETHBRIDGE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
THURSDAY, May 7, 2009

PRESENT: Ken Gentek, Deb Zarowny, Cheryl Nixon, Karren Neufeld, Cam Shade, Robert Neufeld, Tara Pansky, Lyn Paterson, Terry Schwengler, Leslie Aldcorn, Michelle Sheridan, Paige Sauter

REGRETS: Tyler Bowes

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 7: 02 pm, by Ken Gentek
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Cheryl MOTIONED to accept the minutes as written, Terry SECONDED, CARRIED.
3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: None.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ken Gentek
 - Need to get new website up and running asap, with board email addresses included. Discussion. Terry will find a server we can contract to house our website for an annual fee and will look into costs for membership to use online registration.
 - Robert MOTIONED that we spend up to \$400 per year on a server for our new website, Karren SECONDED, CARRIED.
 - April 24, 25, 26, 2009 Ringette Alberta (RA) Annual General Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta.
 - AGM discussion re: implementation of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD)
 - Key speaker Dr. Steve Norris, Director of Sport Physiology & Strategic Planning at the Canadian Sport Centre Calgary, where his focus is on winter sports.
 - LTAD was introduced to RA, from Ringette Canada (RC), a few years ago and the implementation process started last year. This year for the 2009-2010 season, will be the first visible signs of LTAD implementations into RA and our local association. The basic of LTAD can be viewed on RC website at www.ringette.ca or www.ltad.ca
 - The implementation of LTAD through RC, RA and our local association will be a monumental step in the development of our ringette athletes.
 - The LTAD model is proposed to be fully implemented by the end of the 2012 – 2013 season.
 - Some of the first major changes that we will see happen in years to come, is the removal of tiering in some divisions, name changes of competitions, and the trial of ALL inclusive provincials.
 - The LTAD model will immediately make an impact by having name changes for the divisions, for the 2009-2010 season.

- Ringette Alberta is currently looking for individuals to sit on a committee for the development of LTAD.
- Ringette Canada announced that fees will be increased for the 2009 – 2010 season as follows:
 - \$ 2.00 / player \$ 2.00 / Official \$ 2.00 / Coach
 - Ringette Alberta will absorb the registration increase for the 2009 – 2010 season, however the increase will be initiated for 2010 – 2011, along with another potential increase from Ringette Canada for the same amount.
- SARL AGM meeting scheduled for Sunday May 24, 2009 at 12:00pm in Strathmore.
- Karren MOTIONED to pay Ken's expenses for attending the Ringette Alberta AGM, April 24-26/09 in Edmonton, \$525 mileage, \$242 hotel, \$60 meals = \$827, Tara SECONDED. CARRIED.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Deb Zarowny

- Kim Graham unable to meet until May because of tax season, therefore no account information
- No need to purchase accounting software as LRA has a program that can be used.
- In order to compensate for out-going and in-coming board members, bank signing authority changed to Ken Gentek (President), Paige Sauter (Secretary) and Deb Zarowny (Treasurer)

6. OLD BUSINESS: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) – See President's Report
- b) LRA Vision & Mission statements – due to time constraints, will be discussed at a later date

8. FUNDRAISING REPORT: Cheryl Nixon

- Deb Zarowny has a signed agreement and \$500 deposit from the Lacrosse Association to cover if there is a no show for our scheduled bingos in May & June/09.
- We have one bingo before then - May 2- reminders have been sent out to the members working this bingo.
- July and August (4 bingos to fulfill), need to find someone to fill these. There is a possibility that Deb may have a contact interested. Suggestion to contact Gaming to ensure it is okay to be doing this. Deb will contact Gaming.
- Discussion re: effectiveness of Grocery Card operations last year. Suggestion to start selling cards at early registration.
- Suggestion that registration needs to be paid and all grocery cards need to be bought by Nov 1st, or no icetime. This will be adopted for the upcoming season. Ken will send an email out to the membership about this.

- Suggestion re: newsletter with early registration info to include grocery card info and payment deadlines info.

9. PROMOTIONS REPORT: Karren Neufeld

- June 6/09 LRA is booked at Park Place Mall for early registration. Advertising for this will be in City of Lethbridge Leisure Guide.
- LRA registered for a float in the parade.
- Ice has been applied for but not allocated yet for 'Come try it.' May have to use an evaluation day ice or book small Henderson ice for 'Come try it.' Plan on 'Come try it' for the Fall.
- Discussion re: Movie Mill advertisement for summer months (approximately \$250/month) to promote Ringette. Karren MOTIONED that we pay for Movie Mill advertisement for June, July and August at a cost of \$750, Robert SECONDED, CARRIED.
- Discussion to promote Ringette with demonstrations in the schools in September. Leslie will make a list of schools and contacts and bring to next meeting.

10. EQUIPMENT REPORT: Cam Shade

- most of the jerseys have been collected by previous Director of Equipment
- all managers/coaches have been requested to return jerseys and materials that were handed out to each team
- when the collection and inventory are complete - will be able to determine what needs to be purchased for next season
- will look into need and cost of purchasing white boards, goalie equipment chest protectors, shot clocks
- Alberta lottery board – association can apply for funding every year. Did this for Team Finland, eligible to apply again in January. Tara and Cam will apply for this grant.
- Need to get sticks donated to 'Come try it.' Ask that membership bring extra equipment/sticks to early registration.

11. REGISTRATION REPORT: Robert Neufeld

- Suggestion that for Open League, cost to be \$150 if in one session, \$250 in more than one session. Lyn to send out breakdown of costs to Board to consider the change in rates for Open for the upcoming season.
- Robert presented the updated Registration Form, suggestions for revisions to be made with spaces for 'initials' for payment deadline responsibilities
- Discussion re: when to set deadline for registration payment. Decision made that for liability reasons, September 1st all registration funds are due or immediately upon late registration. Registration form will state that players must be paid in full prior to being allowed on the ice. Notice to all membership regarding this change will be emailed out asap.

12. DIRECTOR OF COACHING REPORT: Tara Pansky

- streamlining the Team Guidelines handout for all coaches and putting together the coaching package for the upcoming season
- will be contacting all past coaches to get an idea of who is interested in coaching for upcoming season, where we may need coaches and what clinics will be required
- will also be looking for evaluators for the upcoming season
- will be in contact with Brooks & Medicine Hat to see if we can't run clinics together if need be
- Staff Application will be reinstated for all coaches.
- Need to find out if we are registered as a non-profit to access funding for Criminal Record Checks. Ken will look in to this.
- Tara needs info for the numbers registered last year, by date of birth. Robert will get this info to Tara prior to May 15.
- Waiting to receive input from all coaches prior to purchasing additional "Library" materials for coaches and will investigate if there is Grant money for this

13. REFEREE REPORT: No Referee in Chief to fill position

- Michelle covering this position for interim.
- In order to attract referees, suggestion to reimburse refs at the end of the season for expense of any clinics they take, if they fulfill their commitments for the season.
- Suggestion to advertise for refs – papers, U of L, College, email notice to membership, add ref recruitment to Movie Mill advertisements.

14. ICE ALLOCATOR REPORT: Lyn Paterson

- Ice requests have been submitted for the 2009-10 season.
- applied for weekend ice for conditioning camp and need someone to run the camp. Suggestion to book Jody Black. Need to ensure cost doesn't get too high. Lyn to talk to Tyler about this. Need to determine who will organize the conditioning camp.
- For conditioning camp, suggestion to include dry land training on the 1st and 2nd day and ice for next 2 days (weekend).
- July 15 is City of Lethbridge deadline for ice application, ice will be allocated after that and LRA will then know what ice we have for the upcoming season

15. TOURNAMENT REPORT: Leslie Aldcorn

- recruiting a parent from each division to be on the tournament committee. This individual will be the liaison between the tournament committee and the manager/parents of the respective divisions. Looking for parents not already on the board to not

only share the load, but also to get the general membership more involved in the running of the tournaments.

- Will set tournament committee meeting with these individuals in late May to brainstorm new ideas about fundraising with regards to sponsorships/ programs, progressive 50/50's, and a change with regards to baskets. Once date is set – ANYONE IS WELCOME TO BE PART OF TOURNEY COMMITTEE

16. DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Tyler Bowes. None.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:53 pm

Next meeting, Thursday June 4, 2009, 7:00 pm at Adams Arena.