



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.
Spruce Grove Library Meeting Room

**MINUTES OF THE SPRUCE GROVE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION (SGRA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013, AT THE SPRUCE GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM.**

CALL TO ORDER Rhonda Kew called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following in attendance:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

Rhonda Kew, President
Donna Smith, Treasurer
Robin Pedlar, Registrar
Vanessa Kenyon, Secretary

DIVISION AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS:

Shelley Schmidt, U12 Petite Director
Jeff Shewchuk, U14 Tween Director
Brenda Bell, U16 Junior Director
Cora Laufersweiler, U19 Belle Director/Statistician
Jacinda Rolph, Technical Director
Jason Stypula, Sponsorship
Sabrina Charity, Bingo/Casino Coordinator
Karen Kunyk, Tournament Coordinator
Johanne Parker, Tournament Coordinator
Brenda Hodgins, Publicity
Kelley Hessling, Website
Anita Bergson, Ice Scheduler

**ADOPTION
OF AGENDA**

Johanne Parker MOVED:

That the Agenda for the February 12, 2013 SGRA Executive Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

Kelley Hessling MOVED:

That the minutes for January 10, 2013 be adopted with the following addition:

- Addition to #4 Committee Report:
 - a. BGL Update

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORT COACHING UPDATE

Scott Hagel had sent an update to the executive notifying that there are coaches on teams that have not fulfilled Coaching Requirements. Rhonda will email Directors to notify Head Coaches if they have someone on their bench who has not completed required courses. It is the Head Coaches responsibility to ensure these individuals are not on the bench or may face a \$500 fine.

BGL UPDATE

Rhonda and Marilyn both attended the BGL meeting on February 7th and provided the following updates:

- Zone 5 Wildcards will be for U12A and U19A;
- Games played on neutral ice for playdowns;
- Coaches will need to certified prior to Provincials (Should be carrying certificate or a minimum, have certificate number;
- Be aware that there are some different rules for playdown games;
- A neutral association representative must be present at all playdown games;
 - Neutral representatives will not have a family member playing on the team which they are observing;
 - Ultimately, representation will be the responsibility of the Division Directors to either attend the games themselves, or ensure arrangements for association representation is made.
 - The executive felt BGL could provide better direction to associations on what would be required for the representatives at these games and what their responsibilities might be. Right now it is unclear what the role may be since reps are not required to sign game sheets or notify any teams or officials who they are or if they were in attendance.

BINGO UPDATE

Sabrina advised that the association has picked up a couple extra bingos. She also noted that this coming Sunday's Bingo will be quite busy since it is the Speedo playdown. May need extra workers for this bingo. Also had some people back out of the Sunday, February 10th bingo once they realized it was the Sweetheart Tournament weekend.

END OF THE YEAR EVENT

Brenda reported that they are still trying to firm up a date for the end of the year event. Last possible date was March 10 but due to Novice Playdowns, now looking at April 14. Part of the event was to include a Coaches Ringette game but it was felt the two events did not necessarily have to be on the same date, so the game most likely will stay as March 10th with the BBQ Event moving to April 14.

Part of the event will include thanks and recognition for our sponsors. Jason thought a great idea might be to provide tickets to our sponsors as an

appreciation and thank you. If teams had sponsors specific to them, as part of their ticket allotment, may want to include them as their guests.

SPONSORSHIP

Jason has been working with sponsorship through different groups such as Forzani Group, Coca Cola and Powerade. Lots of paperwork but making progress.

U14 TWEEN

Jeff reported that it has been a great year for both U14 Tween B teams. The decision to create two teams competing at the B level seems to have been the right choice for this season. On a move forward basis, the make-up and level of play for U14 Tween will be dependent on evaluations as they were this past season. How the players evaluate will determine what level(s) the U14 Tween teams will compete at.

REGISTRATION

Robin has the tax receipts ready to hand out to Directors to forward to the team managers within their divisions to give out. Families will need to sign/initial once they have received their receipt.

ICE ALLOCATION

Ice in Calahoo will be done at the end of February.

TECHNICAL/PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

It is late in the season to be able to set up a proper development program for goalies, but for next season, it has already been set up to hold goalie development sessions once a month.

Jacinda also wanted to be able to conduct a survey to obtain feedback on player development, gym time and other locations for dryland as well as what could be done differently. Some quick ideas were to have links and contacts for coaches to utilize during dryland (Ex. Trainers) or to have drop-in gym times for each level or group some levels (Ex. Novice, Petite and so on).

JERSEY UPDATE

Cherie sent an email updating that jerseys were held up due to getting the remainder of sizes and numbers from one of the teams. That information has now been provided. Rhonda will follow up with Cherie as to when the board might see a proof, when they will be ordered and what costs will be.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donna Smith circulated SGRA Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2013 and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual through January 31 2013 to the board.

Donna noted the following:

- Only \$3100 over projected ice budget but now that some spots have been given back will be closer to even.
- Some bingo revenues have not been recorded – about \$7000 to put into the account.

The board accepted the Financial Report for information.

Donna notified the board that she will be taking holidays and has been in contact with Leanne Couves to provide coverage for her Treasurer related duties such as deposits. Leanne will also be auditing the SGRA finances prior to the AGM. SGRA Financial year end is April 30th, so to hold the AGM sometime in May would allow adequate time for the financial statements and report to be presented.

Jacinda Rolph MOVED:

That Leanne Couves be appointed to provide treasurer duties in Donna Smith's absence and provide an audit/review of the SGRA financials records.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM PREVIOUS
MINUTES**

SWEETHEART TOURNAMENT

Everything is moving along as expected. Issue was mentioned of using a coin toss for tied games. The INTRO issue from Sherwood Park was resolved and they will be attending the tournament as scheduled. The tournament will NOT be selling Kernels popcorn – the concession at the TLC felt it would take away from their profits that weekend. Karen discussed the lack of consistent involvement by team reps where attendance at some meetings was somewhat dismal. A different approach for next year's tournament will be explored in order to achieve a consistent attendance from these reps.

SGRA POLICIES

Drafts are currently in place and being reviewed but due to other commitments for the Sweetheart Tournament, policy project has been placed aside. Vanessa will work to have drafts brought forward for review in the near future.

MARCH ICE SLOTS

Some ice was able to be returned for the slots in March that were acquired for provincials. Anita will advise of ice costs for hosting a bunny event to fill the remainder of the ice that weekend. Karen will notify teams of those who applied but did not make it into the Sweetheart Tournament since they may be interested attending.

PROMOTIONS (COME TRY RINGETTE)

There will be display put at the TLC during the Sweetheart Tournament. Come Try Ringette flyers and brochures will be available.

GYM EQUIPMENT

There is a great supply of gym equipment, including felt rings, in lock-up.

PLAY DOWNS

Playdowns have begun for U16 Juniors and U19 Belle. U16 Juniors have lost two games so their season is now complete. Other levels will be beginning the playdown process shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

SGRA SCHOLORSHIP PROPOSAL

A proposal for an SGRA Scholarship Proposal provided by Donna Smith was discussed. Donna will “tweak” some of the criteria and present to Executive at a later time.

SPRING 3 ON 3 RINGETTE

Vanessa Kenyon was asked about inquiring to the board whether or not it would be feasible for SGRA to run a Spring 3 on 3 League. At this time, due to association size and resources, it was felt that spring or summer Ringette sessions are best to be run by coaches or groups independent to SGRA. Spring and summer sports and camps to note are:

- DA Camp – Zone 5 for Petite and up. This year WAM players are going to facilitate the camp. All of this information is on DA Website. No dates have yet been confirmed but most of the ice is out here. Once Zone 5 chooses, then it goes out to others. 1st week in May and June; 2nd week in August. U12 is in August – WAM running it – no cost yet.
- Lacrosse - Brenda mentioned that Lacrosse is looking for girls to join. Can we send out an email to U9-U14? She is looking for approval to use our list resources. Rhonda is to email Brenda asking her to ask Parkland Lacrosse to reciprocate by announcing Come Try Ringette.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next SGRA Meeting to be held Thursday, March 7, 2013. Email confirming date and location will be sent out to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Rhonda Kew adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.