



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 20, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
Spruce Grove Library

CALL TO ORDER

Rhonda Kew called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm with the following in attendance:

Rhonda Kew, Vice President/Past President/Coordinator, Website and Communications
Heather Murray, Director of Finance (Treasurer)
Leanne Couves, Director of Ice Acquisition & Allocator
Gail Hipperson, Director of Officiating & Officiating Development (Referee In Chief)
Shelley Schmidt, Active Start and U10 Step 1 Director
Lynne Anderson, Director of U10 Step 2 and Step 3
Karen Kunyk, Director of U14, Coordinator of Statistics
Jacinda Rolph, Director of Player Development & Assessment
Johanne Parker, Director of U12
Sherry Stypula, Director of U16
Kirsten McGroggan, Coordinator of Equipment
Shelley Leclair, Coordinator of Publicity & Promotion
Robin Pedlar, Coordinator #1 of Sweetheart Tournament
Karen Shackleton, Coordinator #2 of Sweetheart Tournament

Brian Pedlar, President arrived at 7:25

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Quorum established 9 voting members in attendance at the start of meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Lynne Anderson moved to adopt the agenda of August 20, 2015, Gail Hipperson 2nd the motion, all in favor.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Shelley Schmidt moved that the minutes from July 16 2015 be adopted, Jacinda Rolph 2nd the motion, all in favor.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Registrar requested direction on a special circumstance that resulted in a late registration fee.

Rhonda Kew moved to waive the late fee a due to medical reasons presented to the Board. Sherry Stypula 2nd the motion, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Information presented about Ringette Alberta's Executive Director family passing. A sympathy card will be forwarded on behalf of Spruce Grove Ringette Association.

A request was made to SGRA to loan out equipment, specifically rings, to a group running a U10 summer camp. The request was denied. SGRA will loan out goalie equipment to individual SGRA athletes who are attending ringette goalie camps/clinics.

Director of Finance (Treasurer) presented an updated budget, with changes made based on the discussion at the July 16 Board meeting. Budget shows a profit of \$11,000.

Heather Murray moved to approve and pass the budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Sherry Stypula 2nd the motion, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The Board welcomed Rob Shackleton, a member from the association, who wanted to express concerns about the mini-nets being proposed for the 2015-16 season. The Board discussed appropriate ages and level of experience for these types of nets and clarified who was using them and when. There are similar concerns coming from other associations. It was recommended that SGRA recommend to Black Gold League (BGL) that for 2015-16 the mini nets would be used at Active Start and phased into the U10 division, starting with Steps 1 and perhaps Step 2. It was recommended that the mini-nets not be used for U10 Step 3, as athletes in this division likely have played with larger nets for 2-3 years and this level is a transition to the U12 division.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board accepted the resignation of Lynne Anderson, **Director of U10 Step 2/3**. This position will be put out to the Association, with interest and nominations requested by Friday, August 28th. The Board will vote on these nominations via email prior to the start of the 2015-16 season.

Brian Pedlar nominated Lynne Anderson to the position of **Coordinator of Referee Scheduling** for the 2015-16 season (1 year term). Gail Hipperson 2nd the motion, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Brian Pedlar nominated Stuart Becker to the position of **Coordinator of Sponsorship and Recognition** for the 2015-16 season (1 year term). Rhonda Kew 2nd the motion, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

It was reported that there are four new **referees** this year, bringing the total to sixteen Level 1 and eight Level 2 referees.

The Board directed the **Tournament Committee** to purchase a mobile payment system, an online volunteer signup system and investigate initiating a sub-bank account associated with the main SGRA account. The Sweetheart Tournament organizers will await a decision from BGL before determining which divisions would be using the mini nets at the tournament. It was also requested that the Coordinators of Tournament, Special Event and Sponsorship and Recognition work together on a coordinated sponsorship program.

Brian Pedlar confirmed several **key dates** in the calendar, including a Parent Meeting for Thursday, September 17.

Registration numbers were discussed. Currently 254 athletes are registered, with up to 30 more expected in mostly U10 and U12 divisions, after the Come Try Ringette event on August 25th. Ice availability was discussed with these numbers. Active Start division will likely move to weekends only. Other provinces are being creative with ice usage in younger divisions. SGRA may need to consider these options if registrations continue to grow at 9% per year (prior to introducing a registration cap, for example).

Coordinator of Gaming (Bingo and Casino) needs to report to the Board within the next 2 weeks on status of bingos.

Brian Pedlar moved to modify bingo requirements to one bingo per player, up to a maximum of 2 bingos per family, for the 2015-16 season. Those who have worked more than their required amount, those bingos will be credited to their bingo account for the following year. Jacinda Rolph 2nd the motion, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

SGRA is able to get an **additional ice slot** at Calahoo on Saturday evenings. This increases our slots on Saturdays to 12 slots. There continues to be a risk that we would have to return some Saturday slots when teams are away at tournaments.

Leanne Couves moved to create/update a policy limiting team participation in tournaments to up to three tournaments (including Sweetheart), and excludes provincials and playdowns for U12 and U10 Divisions. The limit would be four tournaments (including Sweetheart) for the U14, U16 and U19 divisions, to keep in line with increased competition requirements according to LTAD. Karen Kunyk 2nd the motion, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Jacinda Rolph updated the Board on evaluations process. A draft process and schedule will be circulated to Board for feedback. Oversight committee will be in place for team selection. For U12 and U10 divisions, goalies will be evaluated as skaters as well. Board discussed how to group kids for first skate and skill assessments. The process will also be shared with association members via the website.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Thursday, September 24 2015 at the Spruce Grove Library at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Pedlar adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.