



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 24, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
Spruce Grove Public Library

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Pedlar called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the following in attendance:

Brian Pedlar, President
Rhonda Kew, Vice President/Past President/Coordinator, Website and Communications
Donna Fortune, Director of Administration (Secretary)
Heather Murray, Director of Finance (Treasurer)
Sharleen Reed, Director of Registration (Registrar)
Leanne Couves, Director of Ice Acquisition & Allocator
Dillon Elliott, Director of Coaching Development & Assessment
Gail Hipperson, Director of Officiating & Officiating Development (Referee In Chief)
Shelley Schmidt, Active Start and U10 Step 1 Director
Karen Kunyk, Director of U14, Director of Statistics
Rebecca George, Director of U19
Brandy Fraser, Director of 18+ (Open)
Krista Wood, Representative to Black Gold League
Shelley Leclair, Director of Publicity & Promotion
Sherry Stypula, Director of U16
Vanessa Kenyon, Director of U10
Johanne Parker, Director of U12
Kirsten McGroggan, Coordinator of Equipment
Jacinda Rolph, Director of Player Development & Assessment
Allyson Zelisko, Coordinator #1 of Special Event
Karen Shackleton, Coordinator #2 of Sweetheart Tournament
Shelley Oster, Coordinator #2 of Special Event
Lynne Anderson, Coordinator of Referee Scheduling

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Quorum established 11 voting members in attendance at the start of meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Heather Murray moved to adopt the Agenda of September 24, 2015, Lynne Anderson seconded, all in favor.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The following items were added to the agenda, shot clock, apparel, Sweetheart Tournament update, and Financials. Karen Kunyk made a motion to adopt the revised Agenda of September 24, 2015. Leanne Couves seconded, all in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Amendment to August 20, 2015 Minutes – Added Rob Shackleton’s name as a member of the association.

Kirsten McGroggan moved to adopt the August 20, 2015 Minutes with the change. Rhonda Kew seconded. All in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Amendment to September 10, 2015 Minutes – change Active Start ice time to Saturday's at 8:15 a.m., not 8:45 p.m. The Minutes should also read that 2 people recused themselves, not 3.

Vanessa Kenyon moved to adopt the September 10, 2015 Minutes with changes. Lynne Anderson seconded. All in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Rhonda Kew addressed the following items:

Confidentiality – Rhonda Kew addressed the issues of confidentiality. Items that are discussed during executive meetings were to be of the upmost confidential especially when it comes to player movement. We need to be sensitive to the Spruce Grove Ringette Association members. It was confirmed that there is a policy within the Spruce Grove Ringette Association which could lead to disciplinary action if it was found that a Board member discussed issues outside of the meeting with someone other than a Board member.

Conflict of Interest – if your child is being discussed you would be required to declare that you have a conflict of interest and recuse yourself. The Board member that has a conflict of interest can be in the room but cannot participate in the decision making vote.

Parliamentary Policy – This policy is in place to assist with motions and to ensure the correct steps are followed in decision making.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events Report – Allyson Zelisko has spoken to McDonalds and they are willing to sponsor or donate items to our events, ie: juice, coffee, muffins. It was discussed whether this would be a conflict with having Tim Hortons also as a sponsor. We decided that it would be considered a donation, rather than a sponsorship and shouldn't be a conflict.

Sweetheart Tournament Report – It was reported that a Regina team has reached out to us.

The committee is also looking at the possibility of a NRA sanctioned game, Edmonton Wham versus Edmonton Black Gold Rush on the Friday night in an extra ice slot.

Edmonton Black Gold Rush has offered to run a clinic on the weekend of our tournament. The Edmonton Wham wants to offer teams an opportunity to be on the ice with them and go into their dressing room for autographs for a \$150.00 team donation. It was discussed that asking teams for donations of \$150.00 may be too much on top of other tournament expenses. It was suggested that a ring toss may be a better idea and then half of the proceeds would be donated to the Edmonton Wham. We would like to see the Edmonton Wham and the Edmonton Black Gold Rush work together in order to support our tournament.

We decided that this discussion would be tabled to find out more information from the Edmonton Wham to see exactly what they are proposing. The executive would like to see something that benefits our community or benefits Kidsport.

It was discussed that there would be a flat rate for team photos at the Sweetheart Tournament for the U10 and U12 divisions where they would receive a photo disk at the end of the tournament and their tournament registration fee would be increased to reflect same.

Karen Shackleton made a motion for the Spruce Grove Ringette Association to split the cost of iVolunteer program of \$159.00 for two years with the Sweetheart Tournament Committee. Heather Murray seconded. All in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Financial Report – The Association received a cheque from Ringette Alberta for \$608.00 for our Come Try Ringette event.

The budget is currently on track for this year.

Shot Clocks – We did not get approval from the Town of Stony Plain to install shot clocks at Glenn Hall. The cost for purchasing shot clocks is approximately \$1,800 to \$2,000. We have approached Lacrosse to see if they will share the costs. We have \$4000 in our budget for equipment and have spent \$1100 so far. These funds can be used for shot clocks and any other Active Start Equipment we may need.

Apparel – Apparel night is Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre. The Spruce Grove Ringette Association receives a 10% kickback from GoLogo. It will be set up in front of the soccer field. The team managers will be placing orders for the teams. It will not be individual orders. They will schedule ½ hour slots for the teams. The online store will be set up in the next 3 days and can be found under the Parents Tab on right hand side of SGRA website – Apparel/Ringette Pants tab.

Ice Allocator Report – There were a few requests regarding switching some of the base ice times. Leanne Couves will work on this and forward the base week tomorrow.

Sheri Stypula made a motion for the Spruce Grove Ringette Association to accept the base ice week with the revisions as discussed. Shelley Schmidt seconded. All in favour.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Lauren Koster, Officials Development Coordinator, from Ringette Alberta attended the meeting to discuss referee development. Topics were how do we create confidence for new referees? Ringette Calgary offers some critical learning such as mentorship, evaluations and development course. They are trying to figure out how we can keep referees from quitting within their first couple of years of reffing. They have been getting good ideas from Ringette Calgary who have a document on their website that sets out information on what it takes to be a referee, how to become a referee, etc. Ringette Calgary has a waiting list of 40 as they can only take 23 referees. There is a four hour course, which is 2 hours on ice and 2 hours class room time, then an exam. They also offer a 2 hour development course every February.

There was also some discussion about the effects on referees with the new mini nets. The referees may not be able to make “black and white” calls with the crease violation. It was felt it would be important to learn the lines and then it can be expanded upon.

It was also noted that suspension rules have been changed.

Team Declaration:

U19 – one B team

U16 – one A team, one B team

U14 – one A team, two B teams

U12 – one A team, one B team and two C teams

U10 – one Step 3 team, three Step 2 teams and three Step 1 teams

Active Start 1
Active Start 2

There are 19 teams total, 17 in league play.

Player Movement

U14 Goalie Situation - Four board members declared a conflict of interest. A request was made from a family in the U14 division. The board has had a discussion at length and considered everything that was brought up and moving forward a board member will contact the family to discuss this matter further.

Player Movement Request #2 - Four board members declared a conflict of interest. Vanessa Kenyon made a motion that the request before us from a U14 family is denied. Discussion was held with the Board and an action plan will be formulated as per concerns raised at a later date. Dillon Elliott seconded. 11 in favour. 4 abstained.

CARRIED

Player Movement Request #3 – Recap – Motion from September 10, 2015 meeting:

“In the absence of a player movement policy for the 2015/2016 season, which is in a state of development at this time, the Spruce Grove Ringette Association will evaluate all players according to applicable registered division and further discussion of player movement will only be considered if necessary as per evaluation recommendation.”

Nine board members declared a conflict of interest. Johanne Parker motioned that said U10 player be moved to U12B as per scores and anecdotal comments. Rebecca George seconded. 6 in favour. 9 abstained.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting dates:

Sunday, October 4, 2015 – Coach & Manager Meetings – Agra Room (Agregna)

Thursday, October 15, 2015 – Executive Meeting – Location to be announced

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Pedlar adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.