Regina Ringette Association Board Meeting
April 7, 2025

Attendees:

President – Jason Hoffart	√	**Equipment -** Mark Heisler	√	**U12 –** Mike Keck	√
Vice President / ROAR – Michelle Burnett		**Marketing -** Darin Degenstein	√	**U14** –	
Secretary - Darla Larson	√	**Player Development –** Tania Orr	√	**U16** – Jayda McMillan	√
Treasurer – Dustin Thiel	√	**Registration** - Vanessa Atherton	√	**U19 –** Malorie Humble	
Children Ringette - Cindy Pettigrew	√	**Scheduling -** Cheryl Robertson		**18+ (Open)** – Jessica Romanski	√
Coaching – Nicole Fisher	√	**Website -** Jessica Wright	√	**Others (list, if any):**	

1) The meeting was called to order at 6:26pm
2) Additions/changes to the agenda - 1) Males in Ringette; 2) update on meeting with REAL
3) Adoption of agenda – **PETTIGREW/FISHER**
4) Adoption of Minutes –

   MOTION: ROMANSKI/PETTIGREW move to adopt the March 3, 2025 minutes as posted. 12 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.

5) Treasurer Report (Dustin)
   - revenue is down a bit from last year
   - expense side - some ice costs are outstanding

6) Registrar Report (Vanessa)
   - Nothing to report. All the stats and numbers from this season have been reported in the AGM report.

7) Old Business/Action Registry

Owner	Deadline	Description	Status (Open/closed including date)
Cheryl	August 2025	Update Game Change Form for use in the upcoming season.	**OPEN June 3, 2024**
Dustin	April 2025	Provide a full financial analysis/review of the Open Division in order to determine fees for the next season. Currently BPRA charges $5K and RRA charges $7.5K.	**OPEN Sept. 3, 2024**

8) New Business

   a) <u>AGM (Jason)</u> - will need scrutineers to count ballots so if anyone knows two adults, 18 years of age or older, that are not a member and would like to attend to count ballots, please reach out.

   b) <u>Constitution (Jason)</u> - no changes submitted for this year.

   c) <u>World Championship Bid (Jason)</u> - have been invited to present the bid to Ringette Canada on May 1st. Jason, Andrea from RAS, and Sandra from Regina Hotels Association (RHA) will present.

   d) <u>Update on Respect In Sport from RAS (Michelle)</u> - tabled until next meeting. Jason/Darla will get information from Michelle as her term is done on the board and she won't be at the next meeting.

e) Volunteer Night Update (Darla/Jess/Cindy) - due to an incident in the Upper Hall @ the Wa Wa Shriners we have been moved to the Lower Hall. It is smaller but we will make due. Will be a carnival theme. Doors open at 6pm, food served at 630pm, program at 7pm, carnival games 8-1030.

f) Travel Team Policy Recommendation (Darin) - The current travel policy was meant to be a 2-year policy and with the end of this season brings the end date for the policy and it will need to be reviewed going forward for future travel teams. Darin brought forward some recommendations for consideration when reviewing the policy. Dustin will take the lead on getting a sub-committee together to review the policy and get input from the current coaches and people involved and make a recommendation to the board for moving forward with future travel teams.

g) Proposal to make youth divisions/tournaments from U14 and up "female" divisions only, not co-ed (Darin) - this should mean all female and transgender. Exceptions would be allowed by approval only. Ringette was invented because of the barriers girls faced to participate in sports. Ringette is female dominated and is about empowering girls, building confidence and boosting self-esteem. Having a team with boys that dominates, makes all the saves, takes all the shots and scores all the goals is demoralizing. Males are not allowed at the Canadian Ringette Championships or in the NRL and as such boys won't be playing AA or A and would be playing in B which allows them to enhance their ability to dominate and demoralize.

MOTION: DEGENSTEIN/ROMANSKI motion that RRA tournaments, U14 through U19 divisions, are female divisions and males may be allowed with prior approval by the tournament committee. **11 in favour; 0 opposed; 1 abstention CARRIED.**

h) REAL update - A meeting was held and a tour was done with the interim CEO and VP of Operations. There was an understanding between the two parties that we could take 1,500ish sq. ft. REAL representatives indicated that they have a board meeting coming up to discuss lease rates and they would get us some information following that. There was some turnover at REAL last week and as such we may have to wait a bit for more information.

9) Reports (as posted on Basecamp):

- Bingo Report (as submitted by Lori Klein)
  - Nothing to report.
- Children's Ringette (Cindy Pettigrew)
  - Nothing to report. Year end report prepared for AGM.
- Coaching (Nicole Fisher)
  - Year end report prepared for AGM.
- Equipment (Mark Heisler)
  - Year end report prepared for AGM.
- Marketing (Darin Degenstein)
  - Year end report prepared for AGM.
- Player Development (Tania Orr)
  - have had a request to have power Skating carried through to U14 and U16. Although this is a good idea, commitment would not be there in those two divisions. It would be better for a coach to hire someone to come to a practice and do it and include it in the budget and as part of team fees. We can explore it when we get our ice allocation. Tabled to the next meeting.
- Respect in Sport (Kim Byrns)
  - Year end report prepared for AGM.

- Scheduling (Cheryl Robertson)
  - Thank you to Vanessa for taking on the setup in TeamLinkt for the playoff schedule and brackets.
  - few issues and last minute things to deal with during playoffs with the biggest one being the Staples arena closed without notice and teams having to shuffle.
  - Championship Weekend included a Coaches game and an all goalies game - both were very well received.
  - There were a couple policy questions that had to be dealt with during playoffs. One was a game forfeiture due to a team not being able to make it to a game. They had asked for some blackout dates during playoffs, but blackouts are not allowed during playoffs. The second one was around mini games for tie-breakers and the fact that we did not have enough ice for this. A deviation from the policy was implemented but the policy needs to be reviewed prior to next season.
  - Ice request for next season has been submitted to the city asking for all the ice we traditionally get as well as more and requests also for arenas we don't traditionally get - Ritchie, Wick and Rink 6.

- Tournaments (Jayda McMillan):
  - Nothing to report.

- Vice President/ROAR (Michelle Burnett)
  - No report.

- Website (Jessica Wright)
  - Nothing to report.

- U12 (Mike Keck)
  - Nothing to report.

- U14
  - Nothing to report.

- U16 (Jayda McMillan)
  - Nothing to report.

- U19 (Malorie Humble)
  - Nothing to report.

- Open Division (Jessica Romanski):
  - Jess W., Jess R., and Cheryl are planning an open division info night mid-April for the players aging out of U19.

10) Review of upcoming events/key dates
    - Volunteer Appreciation night Friday night (April 11th)
    - Come Try Ringette event on April 13th
    - AGM April 15th
    - A/AA Coaching applications open May 1st
11) Next Meeting – Monday, May 5, 2025, 6:30pm
12) Motion to adjourn - Pettigrew