

**Regina Ringette Association Board Meeting
September 3, 2024 - Open Meeting**



Attendees:

President – Jason Hoffart	✓	Equipment - Cam Wright	✓	U12 – Mike Keck	✓
Vice President / ROAR – Michelle Burnett	✓	Marketing - Darin Degenstein	✓	U14 – Emily Chambers	✓
Secretary - Darla Larson	✓	Player Development – Tania Orr	✓	U16 – Lesley Jung	✓
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): Kelly West Kelly Chambers	

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm
- 2) Additions/changes to the agenda - 1) Team Staff Meeting Date and location; 2) Shot Clocks; 3) Dressing Room Flags; 4) U16 Equipment; 5) Power Skating; 6) Goalie Camp
- 3) Adoption of agenda – **FISHER/C. WRIGHT**
- 4) Adoption of Minutes –

MOTION: THIEL/PETTIGREW move to adopt the August 12, 2024 minutes as posted on Basecamp with one minor change to the scheduling report. 16 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.

- 5) Treasurer Report (Dustin)
 - Not a lot to report. Registrations are coming in and once the season gets going there will be more of an update provided.
- 6) Registrar Report (Vanessa)
 - U19B will have 4 teams; U16 will have 3 teams; U14 will have 5 teams; U12 will have 6 teams; FUN3 will have 5 teams; Fun1/2 will have 3 teams in each division; 4 Open A; 1 open B; and 7 Open C.
- 7) Old Business/Action Registry

Owner	Deadline	Description	Status (Open/closed including date)
Nicole	October 2024	Update the weather policy before next season to indicate "travel at your own risk".	OPEN Mar 4, 2024
Jess	August 2024	Review/Update the Open Spare List Policy/procedure. Jess has the procedure developed. She is going to make a few adjustments and we will vote on it at the September meeting. Sept. 3 - Policy is complete. Darla will format and get it uploaded to the website.	OPEN May 6, 2024 CLOSED Sept 3, 2024
Nicole	August 2024	Update Game Change Form for use in the upcoming season. Nicole - work in progress.	OPEN June 3, 2024
Michelle B.	August 2024	Develop a new Social Media Policy. Michelle will share the google doc with everyone so we can make comments and then she will formalize it so that we can vote on it at the September meeting. Sept. 3 - Open to Sept. 15th for further comments. Darla will then format and get uploaded to the website.	OPEN June 3, 2024 CLOSED Sept. 3, 2024

**Regina Ringette Association Board Meeting
September 3, 2024 - Open Meeting**



Owner	Deadline	Description	Status (Open/closed including date)
Michelle B.	August 2024	Develop a process for the use of the funds in the CRC Legacy Fund Sept. 3 - Draft is done. Darla will format and get onto the website.	OPEN June 3, 2024 CLOSED Sept. 3, 2024
Dustin	April 2024	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) Sponsorship Request (Jason) - Received a request from the U of R Cougars for up to \$10K. Last year we sponsored them \$5K.

MOTION: DEGENSTEIN/THIEL motion that RRA commit \$5K to the U of R Cougars and in turn they need to provide 1-hour per player per month of volunteer time for RRA activities. 16 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.

- b) RAS AGM (Jason) - The RAS AGM is September 18th via zoom. RRA can have 16 voting spots at the AGM. We need to advise RAS by September 11th who our delegates will be. Please comment on the message thread that Jason started if you can attend. Jason will provide the link once we have it.

- c) Provincials Organizing Committee (Jason) - RAS put a bigger effort into B provincials last year so that people/teams would want to attend. They approached Saskatoon Ringette and asked for volunteers to organize since the event was being held in Saskatoon. They are looking for a committee from RRA membership to do the same for this season when they are in Regina. Jess will do a call out on social media for volunteers.

- d) Jr. Coaches (Nicole) - Do we want to fill the U14 and U16 divisions before the FUN 1, 2, and 3's? The priority should be the FUN 1,2,3 and U12. For the older divisions it should be a coach decision/choice. The U14A coach is going to take a junior coach, but has been told that she can't fill a female position on the bench as she's only 16. We received a letter from Claire Powers asking to be a junior coach but she has decided not to play this year. She can replace the female coach as she is certified and over 16, but this should be verified with RAS.

MOTION: PETTIGREW/HUMBLE motion to allow Claire Powers to junior coach without being a registered player in our association. 16 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.

- e) RRA vs RAS - when do we go to RAS (Nicole) - When RRA says no to something our members can not go running to RAS to override it. Our board is the authority and is the final word. RAS has the minimum guidelines for us to follow and if we choose to put more stringent guidelines we can do so. RAS can not and will not overrule us and they won't get involved.

- f) Open Team Registration Fees (Jess R.) - BPRA charges their open teams \$5K and we charge ours \$7,500K. The question has been asked, why are we charging so much more than BPRA? This discussion will be tabled until this season is over and it will be discussed prior to next year. Dustin will do a financial breakdown and analysis for next season.

- g) Sask Heat Ice (Jason) - there is zero adult ice available in Regina and the Sask Heat will never get approved for ice in Regina applying on their own. They have asked if RRA would consider providing 3 hours of ice one weekend per month for them in order to balance out the schedule for Regina and Saskatoon.

MOTION: C. WRIGHT/ROMANSKI motion to offer 2 hours of RRA ice one weekend per month to the Heat so they can facilitate their schedule accordingly as it provides value to the sport as a whole. 15 in favour; 0 opposed; 1 abstention; CARRIED.



- h) Who has access to What for social media and the website (Jess W.) - a number of people have access to the Facebook account and she's not sure why. The preference is to have one person posting things on our social media for consistency and that understands how social media works. Social Media has changed over the years and so someone needs to be committed to keeping up with the changes and understand the most efficient way to post things so as to keep RRA active in individuals' feeds. Jess will discuss it with the marketing committee and they will get it sorted out.
- i) Pants discussion (Cam) - We have been advised that we can't buy direct from Stinger anymore and we have to buy through a dealer now (Western Cycle) or there is another company in Saskatoon we can deal with. Of course the price goes up quite a bit (like by \$50). The thought is that we could offer a one-time order each year in September. The decision was made to blow out what we have and then advertise and do an order once-a-year. Cam will work with the Webmaster to get something on social media for clearing out the current stock and placing an order.
- j) Using Basecamp for Subcommittees (Darin) - Darin noted that we should be using Basecamp for all subcommittees for retention of documents.
- k) Banners for Co-operators Centre (Darin) - cost was just under \$400 and Darin has communicated with Co-operators to hang them.
- l) Children's Ringette 24/25 proposed changes (Cindy) - There are 5 changes to the game rules on the website that Cindy reviewed and would like to change. They all made sense and all agreed. Cindy will get the playing rules updated on the website.
- m) Open A/Cougars concerns/questions (Jess R.) - People are wondering whether or not the Cougars are entering provincials because if they do, they will destroy all other Open A teams. No, the Cougars are not entering provincials.
- n) Team Staff Meeting Date and location (Darla) - Go with Oct. 10th @ Core Ritchie or Cathedral. Cindy will have a separate meeting for CR.
- o) Shot clocks (Cam) - One set has fallen apart and quit working and the other set isn't in great condition. Cam will get them serviced if we can but we should likely purchase a new set of shotclocks this year.

MOTION: C. WRIGHT/ROBERTSON motion to purchase one new set of shot clocks this year. 16 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.

- p) Dressing room flags (Jess W.) - Jess talked to Jen Shupe about flags and has some information if teams want them. Can we advertise them on the website? No, that's not a good idea and if we did that it sets a precedent and expectations for others and future advertising. We can definitely put the information in the team staff information that we share at the coaches/team staff meeting.
- q) U16 Equipment (Cindy) - In U16 shoulder pads are not required. Calgary has mandated them for all youth divisions. Should we make this mandatory for RRA? This is possible but looking at it now this close to the start of the season is not a good time to do that and it would be better to look at it in March to prepare for the next season and to give people fair warning if we are going to make any changes. Darla will diarize to add to the agenda for next spring/summer.
- r) Power Skating (Tania) - An individual has asked about incorporating power skating for U14 and U16. Tania does see some value to it and it could possibly be a paid camp. The problem will be finding ice for it. Tania will take it away and put some more thought to it.
- s) Goalie camps (Tania) - Tracey Phaneuf will be the goalie clinic instructor but she is asking if we can pay the assistants? It would be good to have consistency with the helpers for the sake of knowing what's going on. The position was approved by the board for \$50/hour (\$100/week) and that is how it will remain. We have other programs that we don't pay for at all.



9) Reports (as posted on Basecamp):

- Bingo Report
 - No report.
 - Children's Ringette (Cindy)
 - Proposed changes as previously noted/discussed.
 - Coaching
 - Starting to reach out to some divisions to notify coaches that they've been selected to coach in the B division. Need to get all the HP team selections finished first.
 - Checking with RAS about the age for junior coaches.
 - Equipment (Cam)
 - Have a number of old jerseys that we have no use for anymore, what should we do with them? Distribute at 3 on 3 and wherever else they are needed but don't take them back.
 - Marketing (Darin)
 - Jess Wright is going to maintain the tournament website.
 - There were 4 CTR's in August and September
 - Thank you to members of the Prairie Fire and Vanessa Atherton for running the booth at I love Regina Day.
 - Directwest continues to push our registration videos and CTR's through digital media.
 - The RAS summer student ran the U of R summer sports school sessions.
 - Gym Ringette starts Sept. 9th and will conclude Oct. 28th at the Al Ritchie Community Assoc.
 - The U of S Ringette program will proceed and Darin has connected them with the U of R and plans to promote the first game between the two clubs. Darin also invited them to participate in the Elite tournament.
 - Banners are produced and will be hung at the RMSL diamonds in time for fall ball and for the entire 2025 season.
 - Player Development
 - No report.
 - Respect in Sport (as submitted by Kim Byrns)
 - Have 128 certificates out of 464 registered youth players. Reminders will be sent mid-September.
 - Vice President/ROAR (Michelle B.)
 - The ROAR contract stayed the same this year as far as rates and such.
 - The issue with refs living in Regina but registering with BP equals out at the end of day. We either pay them to go out to BP to ref or pay them to come here if they live in Regina.
 - Scheduling (Cheryl)
 - Confirmed how evaluations are going to be set up so Cheryl can ensure refs are there.
 - Why does RRA do all the work to run the league at no cost to BPRA? RRA Players are subsidizing BPRA players. This is something that has been discussed before but it is something that can be reviewed again next spring/off-season. It's too late now to do anything for this year.
 - BPRA has less teams this year, but didn't lose any ice so they will be able to help us with some ice time.
 - Blackout dates for the 1st half for the A/AA teams is Sept. 15th. The first half game schedule will be released October 2nd and the 2nd half game schedule will be released by December 15th.
-



- Tournaments (as submitted by Jayda McMillan):
 - No report.
- Website (Jessica W.)
 - No report.
- U12 (Mike)
 - No report.
- U14 (Emily)
 - Was contacted by Saskatoon 14AA coach asking if they can AP a goalie from us for tournaments, etc. The names of those released from A evals were provided and the families notified.
 - B evals and team selections will be complete by the end of September.
- U16 (Lesley)
 - No report.
- U19 (Malorie)
 - No report.
- Open Division (Jess):
 - There is an open A team that doesn't have a goalie and as such they will be APing a goalie for the season. There was a lot of effort put into trying to find one but no luck.
 - Jess is going to have a meeting with open team managers aside from the meeting for other coaches/team staff.
 - We only have 2 bag orders right now. Jess will promote it again to see if we get anymore.
 - We didn't get the 50/50 license in time for tryouts/evals, so we will do a progressive 50/50 and draw championship weekend.

10) Comments/questions from guests in attendance

- Kelly Chambers attended the meeting as a parent and had questions about the goalies in U19 this year. Why did AA only take 1 goalie? From the development standpoint, RRA is doing injustice to goalies. When and how is it decided that the U16AA stingers and U16A Attack were only allowed to take 1 goalie? Jason advised that the decision is based on the best interest of the association as a whole and we have to consider all athletes and divisions. Kelly noted that the policy wording is not good nor clear as not all kids are equal.

11) Review of upcoming events/key dates

12) In-Camera

- Prairie Fire Adding A Player - a player resigned from the team and there is an ask to replace the player with another player that is a sibling to a current player on the team already. No objections and as long as the Prairie Fire have agreement amongst the team they can proceed to add the player.
- Travel Team - added the application to basecamp for review. The committee will meet with the coaches in the near future.
- U19AA goalie issue - the board was advised that the issue is currently a work in progress and an update will be provided when one is available.

13) Next Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2024, 6:30pm

14) Motion to adjourn - Pettigrew
