



Edmonton Ringette  
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
 Google Meet  
 6:30 p.m. September 27, 2023

Attendees	Present	Not Present		
Gord McQueen (President)	Dustin Friel (1st Vice-President, Ice Allocator)	Matt Kreski (2nd Vice-President)	Karen Garlitos (Internal Director)	Anne Rytton (Secretary)
Katie Vigen (Registrar)	Tyler Prociuk (Treasurer)	Lisa Milan (U10 Director)	Keely Brown (U10 Director)	Melissa Middleton (U12 Director)
Heather Sanregret (U14 Director)	<del>Vacant (U16 Director)</del>	Tyler Crago (U19 Director)	Kim Patten (Open Director)	Christine Peterson (Equipment Director)
Kim Simon (Goalie Director)	Sharon Giles (Inclusion Director)	Tim Mullen (Coaching Director)	Kristy Geiger (Silver Ring Director)	Lasha Shesky (Recruitment Director)
Chantel Tonner (Volunteer Coordinator)	Erin Lawson (Evaluations Director)			

**Quorum Reached**

**1. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Gord McQueen.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- **MOTION:** to approve the agenda as written. Motion by Dustin Friel and seconded by Kim Patton, carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

- **MOTION:** to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Tim Mullen and seconded by Erin Lawson, carried.

**4. 2023 Evaluations Review**

- Update provided by Erin Lawson, Evaluations Director.
- Teams have now been formed. There were a few players who either transferred or withdrew throughout the process.

- Erin provided an overview of the incredible amount of volunteer hours required to complete the evaluations process, including the oversight committee, division directors, goalie evaluations, and parent volunteers.

#### **5. Evaluations Breakout Discussions**

- Breakout sessions discussed what went well, what were the challenges, and what would be recommended to do differently next time.
- Information from these discussions will be used to inform continuous improvement of evaluations processes.

#### **6. Coaching Director's Report**

- Update provided by Tim Mullen, Coaching Director.
- There are currently 128 unique coaches identified in the system, with some appearing on multiple teams.
- There are 29 junior coaches identified to date.
- The in-person coach meeting will be held October 4th.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

- Update provided by Tyler Prociuk, Treasurer.
- Finances are currently tracking ahead of last year, with over \$230K in revenue so far.
- Received the ice fees before the City of Edmonton's deadline, so should be able to qualify for the 3% rebate on ice fees.
- Currently tracking well on other expenses.
- Equipment director to discuss needs related to rings/other equipment with Tyler.

#### **8. Ice/Facilities**

- Update provided by Kim Patten, Ice Allocator.
- Have been participating in regular City of Edmonton sub-committee meetings and recently discussed standards of play. There is a new formula for determining standards of play.
- Up next will be discussions of ice for special events. If EFCLRA would agree to 2-3 twin arenas for Silver Ring, could likely get more ice and not be required to do as much trading for ice.
- Discussed if it would be possible to have twin arenas that are located in similar areas of the city.

#### **9. Inclusion**

- Update provided by Sharon Giles, Inclusion Director.
- Currently seeking volunteers for the player advisory council.
- Looking at potential for activities related to the Silver Ring tournament.
- A reminder to please send Sharon ideas and content for posting on EFCLRA's social media accounts.
- The buy/sell/swap page on Facebook has been very active to start the season.

## 10. Player Development

- Update provided by Darcy Glassford, Player Development Director.
- Provided information on several different development opportunities that teams could explore:
  - RVX Factor - they have a specific ringette program, are currently working with U14AAs.
  - Attack Zone has synthetic ice, and is a cheaper alternative to renting ice. There is a price break if there are multiple sessions booked.
  - University Ringette is identifying development options over the winter break.
- Team power skating sessions are in progress.
- Several junior coaches are goalies, and working on having them attend practices with other teams besides the one they are assigned to.

## 11. Goalie Development

- Update provided by Kim Simon.
- Sessions from Five Count are getting underway. Full-time goalies will have 6 sessions and part-time goalies will have 3 sessions.
- Will need to identify some shooters for these sessions later in the session.
- U19B is looking for a goalie for their team - following up on some leads.

## 12. Volunteer Credits

- Update provided by Chantel Tonner, Volunteer Director.
- Discussed whether there could be some discretion in the use of 6 credits for the Manager role, in the instance where the Manager does not require 6 credits and has delegated some tasks to other parents.
- **MOTION:** That a maximum of 6 credits may be allocated by the Manager, with no more than 2 credits allocated per parent. Motion by Keely Brown, Tim Mullen seconded. Motion carried.

## 13. Registration

- Update provided by Katie Vigen, Registrar.
- Currently sitting at 359 total registrants - provided a complete overview of the amount of teams per division.
- Of note, Active Start registration is significantly higher than last year.
- There will be two Active Start teams for this year.
- Requesting that all teams get their team staff updated right away.

## 14. Tournament Policy

- Discussed proposed changes to update the tournament policy.
- The policy will be finalized via email in advance of the coach's meeting and posted on the website.

## 15. Affiliation Policy

- Discussed proposed changes to update the affiliation policy.
- The policy will be finalized via email in advance of the coach's meeting and posted on the website.

## **16. Officials**

- Update provided by Kim Patten, Officials Director
- Have hired 4 new officials, who will be doing training over the month of October.
- Have accepted 6 players to the First Stripes program, which will be getting underway in Session 2.
- There will be a universal refresher course required for all officials.
- Were able to retain all referees from last year.
- Currently finalizing the overall invoice for tryouts.

## **17. Black Gold League Update**

- Gord McQueen has shared a Google Doc that provides a summary of the recent team formation meeting.

## **18. Alberta Winter Games**

- Update provided by Dustin Friel, Vice-President.
- Emails have gone out to players with birth years of 2008 and 2009 regarding registration, posts will also go out on social media.
- Will need 3 dates for evaluations, and anticipate accommodating 36 players.
- EFCLRA provides ice times to Ringette Alberta, who will be coordinating the evaluation details.

## **19. Silver Ring**

- Division directors are requested to submit their Silver Ring representatives by October 4th. This role is worth 6 volunteer credits.
- Currently have 28/42 teams registered. Lots of interest at U19 and U16A.
- Have identified 1 Silver Ring sponsor and a potential 50/50 sponsor.

## **20. Division Directors**

- U10 - have been very busy. Thank you to the evaluation volunteers for their efforts. Heard positive feedback from power skating. S3 has had one scrimmage. Have one U10 team in Turkey Ring.
- U12 - things have setting for this division. C teams are both in Turkey Ring and all teams are looking at tournament options.
- U14 - has been quiet at the moment, and have been triaging tournament requests.
- U16 - has been quiet since team formation. Looking for a new U16 director.
- U19 - U19B is still looking for a goalie.
- Ringette for All - registration has been slow. Spruce Grove has started a program. Getting started after Thanksgiving.

## **21. Adjourn Meeting**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Oct 18, 2023**