

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
April 10, 2007

Rene Vandervlis called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

In Attendance: Rene Vandervlis, Lee Caine, Darren Garbe, Tara Melvyn, Marilyn Shand, David Allin, Irene Taylor, Jeff Grebinsky, Clayton Cassidy, Chris Kelly, Phil Penner, Lisa Park, Tamara Pollock, Sheila Fowler-Greene, Darcy Gabert, Ron Miller, Kim Falls and Nancy Loughheed.

Agenda – Moved by Jeff Grebinsky to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by David Allin. CARRIED

Minutes – Moved by Marilyn Shand to adopt the minutes of the March 13, 2007, meeting as submitted. Seconded by Phil Penner. CARRIED.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Equipment Return – has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Discovery Services shop.

Bring a Friend / Try It Night – has been scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2007, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Red Deer Arena. The “Try-It” portion is scheduled for 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and then there will be an exhibition game featuring the Belle A North Star Fusion versus the Teachers.

Black /Gold Banners – Chris Kelly reported that he has contacted Kindopp Digital Printing regarding the creation of these banners, and the cost will be approximately \$100 per banner. Moved by Phil Penner that the Black/Gold League Banners include the team names and division but not include the names of players/team staff affiliated with the team. Seconded by Jeff Grebinsky. CARRIED

It was agreed that in order for a team to qualify for a Black/Gold League banner, the team would need to be successful in winning the top half of the league in those situations when a division is divided into two groups part way through the season.

Trophy Cases – Chris Kelly reported on the need to acquire more trophy case space. It was agreed that Chris will check into the cost of purchasing another case for the Association, as well as determining if the Association would be able to locate another trophy case at the Dawe arena. If not, possibly the case at the Dawe could be moved to the Kinex and a new larger case could be located at the Dawe. Chris to report his findings at the next meeting.

New Business

Registration Fees: Payments and Refunds Policy – a draft of this proposed policy was distributed and reviewed by the members. Moved by Jeff Grebinsky to adopt the Registration Fees: Payments and Refunds policy as presented. Seconded by Irene Taylor. CARRIED.

Team Selection, Player Evaluations, Coach Selection – a document noting the proposed process and procedure to be followed by Red Deer Ringette starting with the 2007/2008 season was distributed and reviewed by the members. The general consensus was an agreement with the concept of the process being proposed. It was agreed that a point form listing of the actual responsibilities of the positions be drafted that would clarify to interested parties what the responsibilities of these positions are.

g2007/2008 Budget – a proposed budget drafted by Treasurer Tara Melvyn was distributed and reviewed by the membership. During discussions, the membership was in agreement that if ice would not be available at Sylvan Lake next year, the association would be pursuing the rental of ice at another central Alberta location. The following revisions were made to the budget: Delete the \$25,000 revenue for a casino as the next casino is not until October to December 2008. The revenue side of the budget will show \$35,000 being taken from the reserve (cash on hand). David Allin moved to adopt the budget as presented and amended. Seconded by Lee Caine. CARRIED.

AA Ringette – Chris Kelly advised that there may be a possibility of a Petite AA team again next year. This team can be double carded. Chris also advised that he would like to pursue a Tween AA Zone 4 team that he would like to see registered with the Red Deer Ringette Association. He reported that in order for an AA team to be successful, it is necessary to have at least two practice ice times per week. He proposed that registrants for this team pay an additional registration fee (\$50 or \$75 more for the year) to be allowed more ice time. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal, especially since the Association is already having difficulty in providing sufficient ice times for all its teams. Chris Kelly agreed to make inquiries with Lacombe Ringette to determine if that association would be willing to allot one ice time per week for this team, with these ice slots to be paid for by Red Deer Ringette since Red Deer would be collecting the registration fees for the team.

Reports

President – Rene Vandervlis offered congratulations to Red Deer teams on their recent successes, and offered thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the hosting of the Petite A provincials so successful.

Rene reported of a suggestion from Phil Penner for Red Deer Ringette to host a Ringette Banner Raising / Media Event to celebrate all our successes and to promote the sport of Ringette. It was recommended that this event take place in late April or early May, in advance of the May registration date. The idea would be to hang all the banners at the event, invitations would be sent to all teams as well as invitations being forwarded to all City media. The coach of each championship team would be asked to provide a listing of the team's year and to highlight two or three of the players from the team. Phil Penner agreed to coordinate the event. Lee Caine and Chris Kelly volunteered to assist Phil.

Rene reported that the Ringette Alberta AGM is scheduled for April 28 and 29. Red Deer Ringette has five votes this year. Rene Vandervlis, Lee Caine, Jeff Grebinsky and Marilyn Shand will be attending the meeting as Red Deer's voting members.

The Association is still looking for volunteers to fill the following positions for the 2007/2009 season: Black / Gold League Rep, Zone 4 Rep, Referee Coordinator, Team Selection Coordinators (two) for Petite Level and Up, and an Ice Allocator.

Ice Coordinator – Rene reported for Gary, noting that Gary is pursuing out of town ice for next year. He has requested additional ice from Red Deer and has applied for the tournament ice as well as for a weekend in March for the hosting of a provincial championship.

Zone 4 – The Black/Gold AGM is scheduled for April 21 in Beaumont. Rene, Jeff Grebinsky, and David Allin will be attending.

Treasurer – Tara Melvyn distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2007.

Moved by Irene Taylor to accept the treasurer's report for the period ending March 31, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Darren Garbe. CARRIED

Statistician – Phil Penner thanked everyone for forwarding their stats throughout the year.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ringette feature that has appeared in the Red Deer Advocate in past years. Rene volunteered to contact the Advocate in this regard.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Arena.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.