

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
December 11, 2007

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

In Attendance: Rene Vandervlis, Lee Caine, David Allin, Irene Taylor, Dave Millar, Elizabeth Wilson, Bill Musselman, Clayton Cassidy, Jackie Toppe, Doug Domoney, Keith Kirkland, Dave Appleby, Jim Schlachter, Marilyn Shand, Darren Garbe and Nancy Loughheed.

Agenda – Moved by David Allin to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Irene Taylor. CARRIED

Minutes – Moved by Bill Musselman to adopt the minutes of the November 13, 2007, meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jim Schlachter. CARRIED.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Evaluation Process – Rene reported that the committee has met, and it is anticipated that a revised policy will be presented for consideration at either the January or February meeting.

Silent Auction – has been confirmed for Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Wild Bills in the North Hill Inn. Tickets will be available at the January meeting for distribution to the teams.

Reports

President - Rene Vandervlis reported that information has been received from Ringette Alberta that currently there are no provincial hosts for the following levels: Petite A, B and C, Tween B and BB, Belle A, Open A, B and D. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of forwarding an application for Red Deer Ringette to host Tween B provincials provided they could be moved to the weekend of March 21 (Easter weekend), as that is the only time ice is available. Coach Dave Appleby will discuss this proposal with Coach Darren Garbe to determine interest from the teams and will advise Rene of the outcome.

Rene reported that Ringette Alberta is interested in having Red Deer Ringette host a RAB Cup camp in Red Deer in the spring. Following discussion, the consensus was that Red Deer Ringette would not be forwarding an application to host this year.

Rene reported on a theft that occurred this weekend during a Ringette practice. The coaches' room was left unlocked and someone took car keys and broke into the car and stole a credit card. A request has been received for Red Deer Ringette to consider reimbursing the coach for losses suffered in relation to the lost car keys and remote. The consensus of members was that Red Deer Ringette would not reimburse for any losses incurred in this instance.

Discussion ensued regarding travel to Plamondon for league games and consideration being given to the Association subsidizing the cost of bus transportation for travel to games that are a considerable distance away (i.e. 2 hours' travel time one way).

Moved by Bill Musselman that Red Deer Ringette subsidize the cost of bus transportation used for travel to league games that are at least 2 hours' travel time one way in distance in the amount of \$500 per team per trip. Seconded by Dave Appleby. CARRIED

Vice President – Lee Caine reported that due to too many other commitments, he is planning to step down from the Vice President position at the end of the season.

Secretary – Nancy Lougheed reported that a league game schedule is being created for posting on the website.

Tournament Coordinator – Jackie Toppe reported that the schedules are complete and will be posted on the website soon. A printed copy of the schedules was distributed to members. Jackie reported that the volunteer sheets have been forwarded to the teams' tournament representatives. There will be a \$50 fine levied on any teams not fulfilling their volunteer commitments.

Registrar – Irene Taylor reported that all registration fees have been paid to Ringette Alberta. The provincial Team Registration Forms (TRFs) will not be available until December 15 or later. Teams have until December 31 to forward any required information for verification of the TRFs. Currently, there are two NSF cheques that Irene is trying to collect.

Ice Allocator – Rene reported that he will contact the ice coordinators regarding schedules being provided for the remainder of the season. Rene agreed to contact the City regarding the availability of ice for provincials as well as extra ice for the tournament to accommodate the Novice semi-final games that have now been created.

Referee Coordinator – Elizabeth Wilson reported that two senior referees are leaving. Holly is moving either by January 31 or by the end of the season and Jessica has moved back to Lethbridge. This leaves only four senior referees. At the lower level, it is the opposite, many referees with very few games to disperse among them.

Keith Kirkland complimented Elizabeth on the process she has set up for forwarding the refereeing schedule for each upcoming weekend prior to the weekend. It was reported that Lee Caine is coordinating the evaluations for the referees at the tournament.

Treasurer – Copies of the treasurer's report dated November 30, 2007, were distributed. Rene reported on behalf of Tara Melvyn noting that a \$15,000 GIC is maturing on December 17, 2007.

Moved by Lee Caine to reinvest the \$15,000 GIC maturing on December 17, 2007, in a redeemable one-year GIC. Seconded by Dave Millar. CARRIED

Moved by Dave Millar to accept the treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Lee Caine. CARRIED

Black Gold League – David Allin reported that Petite B has been split into three pools due to scheduling complications. Discussion ensued regarding St. Albert Ringette's hosting of the 2008 Canadian Ringette Championships and the possibility of Red Deer Ringette considering a sponsorship for this event.

Moved by David Allin that Red Deer Ringette provide a \$1,000 Silver Sponsorship for the 2008 Canadian Ringette Championships being hosted by St. Albert Ringette. Seconded by Bill Musselman. CARRIED

Team Selection Coordinators – Discussion ensued regarding the Jim Dawson Tournament (Novice) scheduled for March 18 and 19, 2008, and how player selection will occur. Lee Caine volunteered to forward an e-mail to all the Novice coaches to determine interest in coaching this team. Once the coaches have been chosen, the coaches will determine player evaluation and selection process. A request was made that ice be made available for practices for the team.

Player Development – Rene reported on behalf of Chris Kelly that 15 Red Deer coaches attended and successfully completed the CSI Clinic.

Equipment Coordinator – Dave Millar stated that the Letter of Understanding with the City is now in the mail. The sponsorship bars have all been provided to the teams.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Arena. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.