

RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting
November 13, 2007

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

In Attendance: Rene Vandervlis, Lee Caine, Darren Garbe, Tara Melvyn, David Allin, Irene Taylor, Dave Millar, Elizabeth Wilson, Bill Musselman, Clayton Cassidy, Tamara Pollock, Jackie Toppe, Doug Domoney and Nancy Lougheed.

Agenda – Moved by David Allin to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dave Millar. CARRIED

Minutes – Moved by Darren Garbe to adopt the minutes of the October 9, 2007, meeting as submitted. Seconded by Lee Caine. CARRIED.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Evaluation Process – tentative dates were discussed for the scheduling of the first meeting of the committee. Rene will be forwarding an e-mail to the committee members and the date to be chosen will be when the majority of the committee members are available.

Skate-A-Rama – some Ringette teams are participating in this event. The information and forms were sent out to coaches via e-mail.

Reports

President - Rene Vandervlis reported that Randene Dittrich has volunteered for the Zone 4 Rep position.

Rene initiated discussion regarding a Conflict Resolution Protocol. He recommended that persons with concerns first consider a phone call or face-to-face conversation as opposed to forwarding an e-mail. He reminded everyone that we are all volunteers, and that providing negative feedback/comments does not encourage volunteers to continue in their positions. This also makes it more difficult to recruit new volunteers.

The membership agreed to set February 9, 2008, as the date for the Silent Auction. Rene will confirm this date with Wild Bills.

Vice President – Lee Caine reported on the successful goalie clinic and the positive feedback received, noting the possibility of another clinic being organized.

Registrar – Irene Taylor reported that all registrations – players, staff members, referees – have to be forwarded to Ringette Alberta by November 15. She advised that all teams, except Open C/D, are being listed as being interested in participating in provincials.

Ice Allocator – Rene gathered information regarding summer ice booking. It was agreed that the Association try to book additional ice for the Rustbuster Camp. Discussion ensued regarding the hosting of another “Try-It Night” this season when our ice time is already at a premium due to the number of registrants.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a committee be formed to gather and review information regarding the amount of ice Red Deer Ringette has available and the number of registrants and the growth that the Association may be able to accommodate. Members volunteering to sit on this committee: Lee Caine, Irene Taylor, Trent and Tracy Farebrother and David Millar.

A reminder was made that Red Deer Ringette still has ice available for the Easter weekend (March 22, 2008). Discussion ensued as to whether this ice should be returned. No decision was made at this time.

Referee Coordinator – Elizabeth Wilson circulated a proposed Refereeing Pay Schedule. The changes being proposed to the schedule are as follows: Tween AA, \$25 per game and the travel to Bentley to be compensated at a rate of \$27.

Moved by Lee Caine to adopt the proposed changes to the Refereeing Pay Schedule which results in the following pay scale: Bunny and Novice, \$15 per game; Petite, Tween and Open C/D, \$20 per game; Tween AA, Junior, Belle and Open A, \$25 per game; Travel from Red Deer to Lacombe \$15; Travel from Red Deer or Lacombe to Blackfalds \$7.50 and Travel from Red Deer to Bentley \$27. Seconded by Dave Millar. CARRIED

Treasurer – Tara Melvyn circulated a copy of the treasurer's report dated October 31, 2007. Tara advised that the two GICs that matured on October 25, 2007, have now been renewed at an interest rate of 4 percent.

Moved by David Allin to accept the treasurer's report for the period ending October 31, 2007, as submitted. Seconded by Irene Taylor. CARRIED

Tournament Coordinator – Jackie Toppe reported that currently no Open A teams have applied to play in the tournament. All other levels, except Open C/D, have been filled. Rene is scheduling the game times, and it is anticipated it will be completed the first week in December.

Black Gold League – David Allin reported that the repooling meeting is scheduled for November 27. He noted that there appear to be no issues for Red Deer teams. However, if anyone does have concerns, these should be forwarded to David. He noted that there is only one overage player in Red Deer.

Team Selection Coordinator – Clayton Cassidy initiated discussion regarding the possibility of having a calendar(s) posted on our website (similar to Lacombe Ringette), that shows the game times for all the teams.

Player Development – Chris Kelly has scheduled a CSI Clinic for December 7 and 8, 2007, at the Kin Arena. A message has been forwarded to all coaches advising them of the coaching requirements for all levels. These requirements have to be met by December 15. One more e-mail advising of the clinic and requirements will be forwarded to coaches.

Equipment Coordinator – Dave Millar stated that the Letter of Understanding with the City in regard to the shot clocks is still ongoing. At this time, City representatives have provided verbal confirmation that the City will take over responsibility for the clocks. Dave reported that all jerseys have been purchased for this year, and each team has home and away jerseys. Discussion ensued regarding the possible pursuit of a new jersey style for Red Deer Ringette. Dave will speak with suppliers (TBS, Canyon, North Star, Persimmon Patch) to review what options may be available.

Dave reported that the Elks Club may be willing to donate \$1,000 to Red Deer Ringette if we have a use for it. Rene agreed to draft a letter to the Elks on behalf of the association.

Dave reported that the sponsorship bars have been ordered and will be delivered to the teams within a week.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Arena. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.