

Zone 5 AA Ringette Club

MEETING MINUTES Executive Meeting

DATE: Sunday, January 10, 2010
7:30 pm

LOCATION: Tri-Leisure Center
Spruce Grove, AB

PRESENT:

- Paul Bechard
- Patti O'Neill
- Mark Gillespie
- Jaime Clark
- Brenda Hillier
- Joanne Morin
- Jen Cameron
- Linda Gillespie
- Greg Kuczkowski
- Josie Cancian
- Kim Perry
- Lucy Ricioppo
- Jim Schwanke
- Erle Deschene

REGRETS: Glenn Stadnyk

ABSENT: Irene Rignanesi

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2009 Executive Meeting moved by Patti O'Neill, seconded by Jim Schwanke. All in favour; motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Registries

- Patti O'Neill has completed and submitted the required "Societies" paperwork, as well as the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club Bylaw changes and additions, as discussed at previous executive meetings. Waiting for confirmation that all submissions were accepted.

b. Fundraising Updates

- Krispy Kreme Donut Sales
 - Have teams/club sent out thank you notes to stores who hosted the teams? Some have; some have not.
 - Erle Deschene has contacted the locations to express the Club's thanks. Only 4 contacts could not be spoken with, so messages were left for these people.
 - Idea proposed to gather the 4 participating teams together for a group photo to be used to send out to organizations that have supported the Club.
 - Positives: relatively large amount of money raised, good team builder.
 - Issues: time consuming for parents and players to give up an entire weekend, not a healthy choice of product to be selling.
- Bottle Drive
 - Total of \$4832 raised on January 9, 2010.
 - Positives: relatively large amount of money raised based on time invested, good team builder if the team sorted together.
 - Issues: time consuming for parents and players to pre-deliver flyers in a town other than where they live. Eg. Driving to Fort Saskatchewan to deliver flyers, then drive back to Fort Saskatchewan to do the actual bottle drive, when the player lives in Beaumont.

c. Tournament Updates

- U12 Mini Tournament
 - Coincided with Wood Tournament
 - Worth doing again as it provided more opportunity for the U12 teams to play.
 - Issues: Black Gold blacked out the U12 league games, but U12 A practices continued to be run. Players had conflicts when playing AA games, but had A practices. Tournament also needs to be organized and communicated to the Home Associations earlier, so that teams don't book into A tournaments instead, and to secure referees.
- Wood Tournament
 - U16 Pace (Bechard) Silver, U19 Swagger (Peters) Gold
- Lacombe Ice Breaker
 - U14 Pulse (Cancian) Gold, U14 Phenom (Ricioppo) Silver, U16 Pace (Bechard) Gold.
- U12 Christmas Classic
 - 1 team dropped out late; Monstars (Peters)
 - 4 teams; 4 games guaranteed
 - Very young referees officiating many games
 - Very positive feedback from hotel used; Lakeview Inn & Suites on Barlow Trail; across from the Country Inn & Suites. Very accommodating to the teams.
 - U12 Chimera (Poseluzny) Silver, U12 Rev(Bailey) Bronze.

d. Provincials

- Club has heard nothing from ERC about requiring additional ice to host.

e. Leduc Shot Clocks

- Seems to be working better if operator sits in the stands rather than in minor officials' area.

f. L & M Charters

- Company is still asking for outstanding balance owing that Club is withholding until issues from Saskatoon trip are resolved.

- Patti O'Neill has sent a letter reviewing the Club's concerns and confirmed that the Club will not accept the \$1200 offer from L & M.
- Patti O'Neill is waiting for their response.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pep Rally – Josie Cancian

- Date set for February 21, 2010
- Northgate Lions Seniors Center
- Rental fee has increased from \$90/hour to \$95/hour
- Plan is for the pep rally to be focused on the players only; parents need not attend.
- Possibilities for entertainment: live band, hypnotist, guest/motivational speakers.
- Negative feedback regarding player-performed skits
- Admission price may need to be raised or Club absorb the cost due to increased hall rental and decreased ticket purchases due to parents not attending.
- Committee required; representative(s) from each team needed.

b. Dryland Conditioning For Next Season

- Discussed at recent coaches' meeting.
- Feedback received from coaches: every 2nd week was not enough, difficult to reschedule when Body By Bennett was missed due to conflict with ice. Especially the case for the U14 teams, as they play in Black Gold Junior A league, so there are often conflicts between BBB and league games.
- Should format of gym and treadmill be revisited, rather than treadmill alone with each team responsible for own gym portion.
- Coaches will continue to discuss and formulate plan for next season.

c. Fundraising For Next Season

- Suggestions for next season:
 - Prebook bottle depots ahead of time, Club will assign the bottle drive date and locations as soon as the teams are formed in September. This will allow the players to do this fundraiser before other teams or groups are formed and organized. Eg. Hockey teams, Scouts.
 - There is ample ice in September, so teams could fundraise on a day without a scheduled ice time.
 - Flyers could be delivered in the town that the players' live in. Players could then bottle drive with their team in a chosen town. This allows for less driving for flyer delivery, but keeps the team together for the actual bottle drive, for team building.
 - Canada Post could deliver the flyers for the Club, depending on cost.
 - Some parents questioned the 10% profit holdback by the Club for Krispy Kreme sales. Club needs to do a better job at educating members as to the expenses of the Club: goaltender clinics, ice costs, equipment replacement, etc.
 - Decrease the amount of donuts sold, so players and parents don't have to devote so much time to sell.

d. Community Spirit Grant

- Patti O'Neill has submitted the application for the grant for the maximum of \$10,000.
 - Money would be used for team expenses to British Columbia and Ontario.
 - Deadline was December 31, 2009.

e. Provincials

- Intents must be filed; deadline is January 31, 2010.
- Only team that has not submitted in U12 Monstars (Peters)
- Paul Bechard to follow up with Jill/Paul Peter.

f. Code of Conduct

- Discussed at recent coaches' meeting.
- There will be no alcohol consumed at team functions.

- Zero tolerance for coach abuse of referees.
 - Suspension of a U12 head coach at the Christmas Classic resulted in 1 game suspension that must be served at the next AA sanctioned game, which will be the 1st game of Provincials.
 - Paul Bechard to send letter of recognition/apology to Calgary Ringette Association.
 - Any other issues involving coaches cannot be discussed at an Executive Meeting without the existence of a formal complaint.
- g. Ringette Alberta/Ringette Canada Updates**
- The Club has received an invitation from RAB to meet between January and March of 2010.
 - Patti O'Neill will set up a date for March, once the season has concluded.
 - The Club plans to nominate a member to the Ringette Canada Hall of Fame. Patti O'Neill will follow up.
 - Terry Schade from Black Gold has asked the Club for an advanced payment of \$500 in order to cover the cost of referees at the start of the season.
 - Paul Bechard moved: The Zone 5 AA Ringette Club will pay an advanced fee of \$500 to NARRA for the purpose of covering early referee costs, as per Terry Schade's request. This amount is to be paid by September of 2010 for the 2010/2011 ringette season.
 - Motion seconded by Jim Schwanke
 - All in favour; none opposed. Motion carried.
- h. Summer Camps**
- Discussed at recent coaches' meeting.
 - No July dates due to player/coach vacations.
 - Coaches are signing up to show up and run the camps.
 - If number of participants warrant, the plan will be to split up age groups, so that 1st year U12 players aren't in the same camp as a 2nd year U14, for example.
 - Issue of ice availability.
 - Goalie clinic will be part of summer camp, as done in the past.
 - Plan is to have online registration or online access to registration form to print off and mail in.
 - Perhaps include the summer camp registration form in with survey form at the end of the season? Kim Perry to follow up with form creation.
 - Decision was made to not collect pre-registration fee; fee should just cover camp only.
- i. AA – Selling the Program**
- Discussion:
 - Giving positive information back to the Home Associations regarding how the AA players from their associations are doing in AA. Feedback from some of the executive that some of the Home Associations may not react positively to this.
 - Possibility of camps being run by U19s for younger players; giving back to Home Association players to expose them to the AA program.
 - Home Association Representatives could email coaches directly to inform them of Home Association players playing AA who would be willing to come out to practices.
 - Ask Home Association webmasters to post names of AA players on website and do updates throughout the season.
- j. Reports – Treasurer**
- Ice costs
 - Rate of \$185/hour charged to teams, allowing for a surplus of \$6000.
 - Fundraising revenue may allow the Club to lower the rate to \$165/hour, allowing for a surplus of \$2000.
 - Discussion

- Decision: Keep the budget the same as it was originally and refund any surplus back to the teams once all expenses are paid (referees, pep rally, late ice costs, etc.). Families will SEE the savings created by the Club's fundraising, as they won't notice a decrease in ice costs, as this is factored into their team fees.
- Tabled for later discussion.

k. Other

- Tryout Fees
 - Question asked as to whether the Club should raise the tryout fee to deter those players who use the Zone 5 AA tryouts as an inexpensive skating camp, and have no true intention of trying out.
 - Issue of attracting quality players.
 - Perhaps a form should be handed out to each player/parent asking if they fully intend play if selected.
 - Tabled for a later meeting.
- Club Surveys
 - Survey to be sent out to all parents electronically, so that they can type in their responses, print off and hand in to their team managers, to ensure anonymity.
 - Kim Perry to develop survey form.

6. NEXT MEETING

- Monday, February 15, 2010
- 7:00 pm
- Fort Saskatchewan; exact location to be determined

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Jaime Clark. Seconded by Patti O'Neill.
 - All in favor; none opposed
 - Motion carried
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Clark
Secretary