

Zone 5 AA Ringette Club

Executive Meeting

November 15, 2009 – 7 PM

Shaw Room – Ken Nichol Recreation Centre (formerly BRAC), Beaumont

Present:

Patti O'Neill

Paul Bechard

Mark Gillespie

Jaime Clark

Kim Perry

Lucy Riccioppo

Greg Kuczkowski

Erle Deschene

Jim Schwanke

Brenda Hillier

Jennifer Cameron

- a. Call to order
 - 7:05 PM
- b. Introductions for new members
 - New members are Jim Schwanke, Lucy Riccioppo, Erle Deschene and Jennifer Cameron
- c. Additions to the agenda
 - None
- d. Motion to approve the minutes from previous executive meeting of September 29, 2009.
 - Moved by Greg Kuczkowski
 - Seconded by Paul Bechard
 - All in favour; none opposed; motion carried.
- e. Old Business
 - Bylaw amendments from AGM must be filed with Alberta Registries
 - Jaime showed the approved amendments to the members, prior to filing
 - Registry form and checklist is on Registries' website
 - Society's Annual Return must be completed and filed. This will be done in conjunction with the filing of the bylaw amendments. Patti to follow up.

- Contact Brian Davies to ask that certain documents and files be password protected on the Club's website. Patti to follow up.
 - Fundraising Update
 - Silent Auction - generated \$26,800 approximately in total revenue. \$6700 in expenses. \$20,100 gross profit. \$4500 distributed to the 4 teams (2 U-14, 1 U-16, 1 U-19) \$2000 kept for Club expenses.
 - Bottle Drive – date set for January 9, 2010. Full club participation required. Players will be assigned to bottle drive by town, to account for some player absences due to conflicting ice times. Team representative for each location should be appointed by the team manager. 4 locations: Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Beaumont/Leduc, Spruce Grove. 10 am to 3 pm. Erle Deschene to follow-up and organize.
 - Krispy Kreme Donuts – 11 confirmed locations. Spruce Grove – Wal-Mart, Superstore, Canadian Tire, IGA (Stony Plain). West end Superstore, St. Albert – Wal-Mart, Superstore. Leduc Superstore, Sherwood Park – Superstore, Wal-Mart (Sunday only), Fort Saskatchewan Wal-Mart, BRAC in Beaumont. \$20,000 cheque written by Mark. Paid \$5 per box; selling for \$10. Total of 4000 boxes ordered. Storage unit is just off Yellowhead Trail.
 - Registration/Annual General Meeting
 - Transfer of Home Association fees to the Club is almost complete.
 - Some communication issues within some the Home Associations due to changes within the Home Associations' executives.
- f. New Business
- U12 Mini Tournament – Calgary cancelled; Petite A's had already committed to Black Diamond tournament. 3 Zone 5 teams, 1 Central Alberta.
 - Paul Bechard requested that letter be sent to Ringette Calgary asking how our Club could ensure that Calgary would attend in the future. Who is following up?
 - Thanks to Scott Petter for ice allocation.
 - Patti to email U12 tournament schedule to the U-14 and U-16 team managers; players could cheer on the U12 players, depending on the older players' Wood Tournament schedule.
 - Confirmation of Club's policy regarding how U12 players manage their obligations between their A and AA teams. Games – do not even ask to miss an A game. If there is a conflict between an A practice and a AA game, the player can ask A coach for permission. "A" coach has first right of refusal as per Ringette Alberta policy.
 - Provincials
 - ERC does not have enough ice allocated to support the number of teams participating.
 - ERC needs to coordinate and staff this event even if they don't have players in all divisions.
 - 6 slots that the Club could sell to ERC.
 - Kim Perry to check with RAB about how much ice ERC had submitted for.
 - Pep Rally
 - Date set for February 21, 2010.
 - Likely at same location – Northgate Lions

- Josie Cancian to look at new formats/ideas
- Bernadette Price Tournament – Saskatoon
 - Congratulations to U16 and U19 teams
 - Letter is being sent to L&M bus company regarding the poor condition of 3 of the 4 buses. \$1200 refund offered by the company, along with tow truck reimbursement. \$3000 stop payment by the U16 team. Patti will try to negotiate a larger refund, than the \$1200 offered, as per recommendations by the present executive members.
- Request for Shot Clocks at River Cree Rinks
 - Problem of teams having to transport and set-up/take down at games
 - Possible issues: shot clock remotes being lost, remotes and clocks broken and requiring maintenance or replacement - who would be responsible for?
 - Decision was made to leave as is.
- Shot Clocks at the new Leduc Recreation Center
 - Shot clocks are resetting to 31 seconds, operators are having difficulty resetting them without pressing the button repeatedly, glass is too high/too thick (?) for clocks to be adequately responsive, and the 2 clocks are often not synchronized. Some mention that these clocks might actually be basketball shot clocks.
 - Leduc Ringette Association has requested that Zone 5 AA Ringette Club write a letter to the Leduc Recreation Center outlining some of the current issues, surrounding the performance of the shot clocks, and requesting that changes be made to better accommodate the game of ringette.
- Possible new twin (?) rink being built by person who used to run a former inline hockey league. Rink is in the design stages at this time. Name to be Capital Rinks. Location at the corner of Yellowhead Trail and Winterburn Road.
- Requests from Belle players for coaching clinics. Greg stated that it is too late in the season to accommodate these requests. Greg suggested that these ladies register in coaching clinics, via Ringette Alberta, and the Club will reimburse their costs.
- Black Gold League repooling meeting, held on November 10, 2009. Review given by Jim Schwanke. Highlights include:
 - Repooling
 - Tween AA to stay in Junior A league for second session
 - Junior A will consist of 1 pool of 12 teams
 - League play will likely finish February 14, 2010
 - Structure for repooling teams will be simplified for this year's BGL AGM
 - H1N1 Issues
 - Any games not played, even in the case of missing players due H1N1, will be subject to the same penalties as laid out in the BGL Operating Procedures.
 - Executive Positions
 - The positions of Playoff Scheduler and Secretary were filled but the Scheduling Coordinator position remains vacant.
 - Round Table
 - RAB is looking for Scholarship / Award Committee volunteers

- Whitecourt Association mentioned that Sangudo has available ice (about 1 to 1 ½ hours from Edmonton)
 - Session 2 schedule will be distributed November 15th
- Gaming – Erle Deschene
 - Casino license to be completed. Can use SARC's (St. Albert Ringette Club's) as a template.
- Ice Status
 - Still the issue of not enough ice time
 - Summer camp ice should start being planned.
 - 12 slots/age group
 - Paul Bechard requested no weekend ice slots; poor attendance and hard to staff coaches to go out on the ice
 - Issue of large number of players on the ice at the spring sessions, before Summer Break starts.
 - Issue of relatively large skill discrepancy between U12 and U14 sharing the same ice slots.
- Next Executive Meeting
 - December 13 at 7 PM. Paul Bechard to book location.
- Motion to adjourn.
 - Moved by Mark Gillespie
 - Seconded by Paul Bechard
 - All in favour; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Clark

Secretary