

Zone 5 AA Ringette Club

***MEETING MINUTES
Annual General Meeting***

DATE: Sunday, October 18, 2009
7 PM

LOCATION: Mini Gym
Sherwood Park Arena
2015 Oak Street
Sherwood Park, AB

PRESENT: Mandatory attendance for Zone 5 AA families
See sign-in sheet for attendance confirmation

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Paul Bechard welcomed everyone and introduced the executive.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Motion to accept any additions to the agenda was moved by Jaime Clark. Seconded by Patti O'Neill. Motion carried.
- Changes to the wording of the Club's bylaws must be addressed in order to obtain a casino license and to accurately reflect the Home Associations included in Zone 5.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2008 AGM

- Motion to accept the meeting minutes for the September 21, 2008 Annual General Meeting was moved by Brian Davies. Seconded by Bruce Samuelson. Motion carried.

5. REPORTS

- Vice President – Paul Bechard
 - Junior AA Snipe – Gold medalists at Provincials in Calgary
 - Team Alberta – Silver medalists at Nationals in PEI
 - Belle AA – Silver medalists at Provincial in Calgary
 - New ice facility in Leduc

- Introduction of a 3rd U12 team
- Additional fundraising initiatives
- New club website
- New club jackets
- Change of divisions (Petite to U12, Tween to U14, Junior to U16, Belle to U19) nomenclature
- Treasurer – Mark Gillespie
 - Reviewed Financial Statement – year ended June 30, 2009
 - Reviewed Operating Budget - July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
 - Brian Davies brought up that the U12 players do not require Ringette Alberta registration, and therefore need not be included in the player count of 109.
 - Brian Davies felt that revenue listed as “Ice charged to Black Gold League” for \$3000.00 is likely too high.
 - Motion to accept the Operating Budget was moved by Brian Davies. Seconded by Dianna Wilk. Motion carried.
- Acting Registrar – Kim Perry
 - Over 170 players attended tryouts
 - Currently have 109 players registered on 7 teams; the Club’s biggest year yet.
 - 3 teams U12 – 15 players per team
 - 2 teams U14 – 15 players per team
 - 1 team U16 – 17 players
 - 1 team U19 – 17 players
 - Deadline for Ringette Alberta registration is November 15, 2009. Kim is still waiting for 2 of the U12 teams’ registration forms, so that she can complete the Ringette Alberta registration process.
 - Coaches must have completed their required clinics by December 15, 2009 in order to be on the team hard card. Zone 5 AA Ringette Club will cover 5 team staff registration fees; any more than that, the team will have to cover.
 - Registration forms and club fees will be collected at the end of the meeting.
- Technical Director – Greg Kuczkowski
 - Rob Cranston raised the issue of too many players on the ice at a time during the Summer Camp and the possibility of more ice being allocated for this camp. Greg made the point that the camps usually start out very full, but attendance decreases as summer vacation starts. Greg will look into the ice allocation.
- Acting Ice Scheduler – Patti O’Neill

- Explained how “average” ice cost is calculated for the teams. All ice used is added up and divided by the number of teams/players. This allows teams to not be “penalized” if some of their practice ice is at a relatively expensive venue (eg. River Cree versus Home Association ice), as the costs are averaged out amongst all of the players.
- U19s get later slots, due to their age.
- More ice needed from Home Associations in order for ice costs to decrease.
- Ice contracts at Leduc and River Cree. Ice costs are River Cree are very high, relative to Association ice.
- Mark Gillespie reminded members to ensure that they register their players initially at the player’s Home Association, so these registrations can command more ice allocation as the players move into the AA program.

6. FIRST AND SECOND CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

- All positions are one year terms
- Voting positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors At Large.
- Non-voting positions: Equipment Director, Ice Scheduler, Registrar, Gaming Director, Travel Coordinator, Club Spirit Coordinator, Technical Director, Webmaster.
- Current Executive’s plans for the upcoming year:
 - President – position currently empty
 - Vice President – will let name stand
 - Secretary – will let name stand
 - Treasurer – will let name stand
 - Directory At Large #1 – Brian Davies is stepping down
 - Director At Large #2 – Greg Kuczkowski will let his name stand
 - Equipment Director – Rory Mackenzie is stepping down
 - Ice Scheduler – will let name stand
 - Registrar – will let name stand
 - Gaming Director – Warren Stevenson is stepping down
 - Travel Coordinator – Nancy Bechard has been acting in this position; will let name stand.
 - Club Spirit Coordinator – Josie Cancian has been acting in this position; will let name stand.
 - Technical Director – will let name stand
 - Webmaster – position currently empty

- Call for nominations:
 - President
2nd call
Paul Bechard nominated by Brian Davies; declined.
None
 - Secretary
2nd call
None
None
 - Treasurer
2nd call
None
None
 - Director At Large #1
2nd call
Jim Schwanke nominated by Dawn Weisner. Seconded by Brian Davies. Nomination accepted.
None
 - Director At Large #2
2nd call
None
None
 - Equipment Director
2nd call
Lucy Ricioppo nominated by Orrin Perry. Seconded by Rory Mackenzie. Nomination accepted.
None
 - Ice Scheduler
2nd call
None
None
 - Registrar
2nd call
None
None
 - Gaming Director
2nd call
None
None
 - Travel Coordinator
Nancy Bechard nominated by Paul Bechard. Seconded by Jaime Clark. Nomination accepted
 - Club Spirit Coordinator
2nd call
None
none
 - Technical Director
None

8. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Motion to accept all non-contested executive positions was moved by Brenda Hillier. Seconded by Tina Kuczkowski. Motion carried. All nominees elected by acclamation.
- President – Patti O’Neill
- Vice President – Paul Bechard
- Secretary – Jaime Clark
- Treasurer – Mark Gillespie
- Director At Large #1 – Jim Schwanke
- Director At Large #2 – Greg Kuczkowski
- Equipment Director – Lucy Ricioppo
- Ice Scheduler – Linda Gillespie
- Registrar – Kim Perry
- Gaming Director – Erle Deschene
- Travel Coordinator – Nancy Bechard
- Club Spirit Coordinator – Josie Cancian
- Technical Director – Greg Kuczkowski
- Webmaster – Brian Davies

9. MOTIONS REQUIRING ATTENTION

- a) Determination of signing authorities for Club, based on new executive members.
- Motion that Patti O’Neill, Mark Gillespie and Paul Bechard have signing authority on the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club’s bank account was moved by Brian Davies. Seconded by Kim Perry. Motion carried.
- b) Amend current Bylaw 29 to include the Home Associations of Beaumont and Leduc in the list of Directors.
- Original Bylaw 29 reads as follows:
Officers – The Executive of the Club shall consist of the following persons:
Past President – automatic ascension from the Presidency
President – one year term
Vice President – one year term
Secretary – one year term
Treasurer – one year term
Four Directors – one year term, one from each of Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association, St. Albert Ringette Association, Sherwood Park Ringette Association, and Spruce Grove Ringette Association. Each of the said

directors shall be appointed or elected by his Association or Club, as determined by that Association or Club.

Two Directors-at-Large – one year term, to be elected by the membership of the Club.

To be eligible for election to the Executive, the nominee must have demonstrated a continuing interest in the sport of ringette.

- Proposed amendment to Bylaw 29 is in **red** font:

Officers – The Executive of the Club shall consist of the following persons:

Past President – automatic ascension from the Presidency

President – one year term

Vice President – one year term

Secretary – one year term

Treasurer – one year term

Six Directors – one year term, one from each of Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association, St. Albert Ringette Association, Sherwood Park Ringette Association, Spruce Grove Ringette Association, **Beaumont Ringette Association and Leduc Ringette Association**. Each of the said directors shall be appointed or elected by his Association or Club, as determined by that Association or Club.

Two Directors-at-Large – one year term, to be elected by the membership of the Club.

The aforementioned positions will have voting rights that directly affect the direction of the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club.

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- Motion to amend Bylaw 29 moved by Paul Bechard. Seconded by Rob Cranston. Motion carried.
- c) Amend current Bylaw 56 to include the Home Associations of Beaumont and Leduc in the list of Home Associations and to clear up how non-gaming funds will be distributed, if dissolution should occur.
- Original Bylaw 56 reads as follows:
Upon dissolution of the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club and after paying all liabilities, the remaining funds, if any, will be distributed equally among the following four Ringette associations in existence at that time:
The four ringette associations are;
Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association
St. Albert Ringette Association
Spruce Grove Ringette Association
Sherwood Park Ringette Association

- Proposed amendment to Bylaw 56 is in **red** font:
Upon dissolution of the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club and after paying all liabilities, **all remaining funds not accumulated through gaming activities**, if any, be distributed **proportionately based on the number of registrants from each of the following six Ringette Associations in existence at that time: The six ringette associations are: Fort Saskatchewan Ringette Association , St. Albert Ringette Association , Spruce Grove Ringette Association , Sherwood Park Ringette Association, Beaumont Ringette Association and Leduc Ringette Association.**
 - Motion to amend Bylaw 56 moved by Paul Bechard. Seconded by Kelvin Hussey. Motion carried.
- d) Create Bylaw 57 to specify how gaming funds will be distributed, if dissolution should occur.
- Motion put forward by Paul Bechard. Seconded by Kelvin Hussey as follows:
 - **Upon dissolution of the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club and after paying all liabilities, all remaining funds accumulated through gaming activities, if any, will be distributed to a registered charitable organization, determined by the Zone 5 AA Ringette Club's Executive at time of dissolution, within the Province of Alberta.**
 - Motion carried.

10. QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

- None

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Motion to adjourn moved by Kim Perry. Seconded by Rob Cranston.
- Members to submit player registration form and Club fee on their way out of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Clark
Secretary

