



BUFFALO PLAINS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm - November 6, 2023
Ecole White City School Library or MS Teams

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 6:01pm by Amanda O.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** - Motion to adopt the agenda by Janelle/seconded by Melissa W.
3. **Adoption of October Board Minutes** - Motion to accept October minutes as presented made by Crystal/seconded by Melissa M.
4. **Presentation from Saskatchewan Lacrosse - Chris Moen**

Overview: Presentation from Chris Moen on the expansion of lacrosse in the area, and opportunities to cross promote lacrosse and ringette.

Discussion: General support from Board to cross promote, including upcoming trial lacrosse days being planned and option for a lacrosse representative to provide lacrosse theme dryland training to teams.

Action:

 - Amanda O. will draft up a communication to send out to BPRAs coaches to share lacrosse dryland training opportunities.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Evaluation Update

Update: Gift and thank you cards have been purchased for evaluators and will be sent out by the December meeting.
 - b. BPRAs Ringette Bags Update

Update: Ringette bag program is open. Another promotion will be sent out via social media and/or TeamLinkt. The minimum order number has already been achieved.

Action:

 - Francine will submit the order once the program is closed and will work with Angela to provide deposit/payment as requested by the supplier.
 - c. AP Policy

Update: Commissioners have requested AP lists as per the current policy but have received mixed responses from teams. BPRAs developed an AP policy/guide a couple years ago which could be revisited. An AP procedure/guide may be useful in order to outline the process and keep coaches involved.

Action:

 - Jeff/Denise to look into where the previous AP policy/procedure document was placed and if it can be updated.
 - d. Balgonie Recreation Board Volunteer Work

Update: Required dinner theatre calling/contacts is complete.
5. **New Business**
 - a. First Aid policy Update

Update: Amanda O. provided an update on first aid policies and processes discussed at the recent Presidents Meeting. Amendments to the policy will not be considered at this time, however some flexibility will be given to referees in extenuating situations to allow for assistance of trained individuals, if it is to the betterment of an injured player.
 - b. Green Arm Band Initiative

Update: Information provided by Amanda O. on Ringette Saskatchewan's (RAS) green arm band initiative for referees under the age of 18. The arm bands will signal that officials are still learning and act as a deterrent for unproductive comments and behavior. RAS is also working on a zero tolerance policy (from a governing body

perspective). Reminder to BPRAs Board members and coaches that we should all advocate for referees and ensure everyone (spectators, teams, etc.) are respecting the officials. Concerns need to be addressed properly.

c. Provincials

Overview: Reminder about 2023/24 Provincials and upcoming registration deadline. BPRAs teams are encouraged to participate, especially the B Division. Opening ceremonies and skills sessions will return at this year’s Provincials. Saskatoon will be hosting.

Discussion: Timing of Provincials is a challenge as it occurs during Family Day break. Amanda O. will continue to bring up reciprocity with the other Saskatchewan associations (i.e. commitment to attend each other’s events) at upcoming Presidents meetings.

d. 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games

Overview: Ringette will be included in the 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games. More details on the opportunity will follow in the coming months. It is anticipated that 2011 and 2012 aged athletes will be eligible to participate.

e. Logo Use Permission - S&S Custom Designs (Post-Meeting Board Item Conducted Via Chat)

Overview: Following the November Board meeting, a request was received from S&S Custom Designs to use the BPRAs logo on promotional items for sale at the 2023 December Charge Tournament. Discussion, motion and vote occurred via the BPRAs Board Chat between the dates of November 10-13th, 2023.

Motion: Jennifer made a motion to allow S&S Custom Designs to sell BPRAs products at the 2023 December Charge tournament (Pilot Butte location only). In lieu of a percentage of sales being given to the BPRAs, S&S Custom Designs will cover the cost of the Pilot Butte Community Hall rental. Online vote occurred with majority in favor, carried.

Action:

- Jennifer to communicate the approval and conditions to S&S Custom Designs.
- Francine to provide a letter summarizing approval and conditions for records.

6. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising Committee Update

Update: 50/50 tickets are anticipated to go on sale in the lead up to December Charge. Permit application has been submitted.

b. Sponsorship Committee Update

Update: On hold until December Charge is completed.

7. Member Reports

POSITION	NAME	Upcoming Month Actions
President	Amanda O'Donnell	<p>Social media: Commissioners are asked to remind coaches and teams about the Social media policy and the need to be mindful of content (should be respectful and appropriate for all ages). This applies to all social media, including open and restricted team pages.</p> <p>Logo alteration: Board voted on a request to allow an altered logo on printed promotional items. Options were discussed, prior to a majority vote in favor of not allowing the alteration. Amanda O. or Melissa M. will communicate the decision.</p>
Vice-President	Denise Corbin	<p>Vacant Board positions will be promoted to BPRAs members in the coming month. This includes Childrens Ringette commissioner, Equipment Manager, Scheduler..</p> <p>The Halloween free skate event did not have good attendance.</p>

Treasurer	Angela Charlebois	<p>Budget update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Update on outstanding registration fees, collection is in progress.</p> <p>Grants have been received from the towns of Balgonie, White City and Pilot Butte.</p> <p>Payments for Pilot Butte ice are outstanding and pending the invoice being provided.</p> <p>Preseason ice has been invoiced except U14AA Rush.</p>
Coaching Development	Amanda Dauk	<p>Coaching certification/education policy is being amended. More details to come.</p> <p>Upcoming training/certification is being scheduled and dates will be announced in the coming weeks.</p> <p>CRC requirements to be communicated.</p>
Registration	Jamie Mokry	<p>Provincials - In touch with teams to finalize registration in Provincials.</p> <p>Open Team Rosters - Working with teams to finalize registration with RAS.</p>
Sport/Player Development	Janelle Gordon	<p>Spring 3 on 3 - Intends to advertise the Spring 3on3 sessions at the December Charge tournament via posters and advertising direct to teams.</p>
Tournament Coordinator	Melissa Wasilow Crystal Laverdiere	<p>Tournament organization is in progress.</p> <p>U16 and 19 divisions have been cancelled due to insufficient registration.</p> <p>A Children's ringette jamboree has been added using the Pilot Butte ice and hall. To date, 8 teams have registered. U19 teams and Cougars Ringette will be asked to volunteer with the Jamboree.</p> <p>50/50 is pending confirmation of license and then advertising will begin.</p> <p>A letter will go out to all teams reminding them of commitments for volunteers, jars, and raffle baskets.</p> <p>Discussed scheduling of referees.</p> <p>Opening ceremonies will be added to the tournament. Mascots have been requested to participate.</p> <p>Extra ice will be sold to Prairie Storm.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda O. will ask if Old Timers will remove their equipment from their Pilot Butte dressing room so additional room will be available.
Childrens Ringette	Jen Kreklewich	<p>Update on jamboree that will take place during December Charge. More organization will take place in coming weeks.</p>
U12 Commissioner	Tracey Stechyshyn	<p>Update from U12 division - player withdrawal clarification and complaints.</p>
U16 and up Commissioner	Melissa McCullough	<p>Update for U16/19 - includes goalie coverage and complaints.</p>

8. Next Meeting Date - December 4, 2023 - In Person at EWCS / MS Teams

9. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Amando O. at 8:00pm