



# BUFFALO PLAINS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm - July 4, 2023

Ecole White City School Library or MS Teams

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

2. **University of Regina Ringette - Guest Presentation and Proposal**

*Overview:* Guests presentation by representatives from University of Regina Ringette Organizing Committee. Team is currently being organized with tryouts occurring in late summer and season running to the end of December. Presentation included an overview of eligibility, goals of the team and alignment with RAS and BPRRA. Committee requested up to six ice times to support practices and exhibition games and willingness for BPRRA to help with scheduling and/or booking ice. In return the University Ringette team would promote ringette in the community and provide volunteer assistance to BPRRA (i.e. evaluations, Children's ringette, etc.).

*Discussion:* Overall support by Board members. Volunteer support during the evaluation process would be helpful. Financial implications were discussed. Additional information on ice availability and scheduling is needed.

*Motion:* Motion for BPRRA to support the University of Regina Ringette team with up to 6 ice times in September/October (includes two exhibition games) contingent on ice availability and impact to league needs. If additional ice times are required, BPRRA is open to scheduling ice for the discounted price at the cost to the University of Regina Ringette team. BPRRA will accept their offer to support BPRRA events (i.e. evaluations, Come try Ringette, tournament, etc.) - Motion made by Daegan, seconded by Denise. Carried (with one abstain)

*Action:*

- Colleen will provide feedback on HEAT ice needs (5 ice times from September to March)
- Ice times to be identified (Ken/Amanda O)

3. **Adoption of Agenda** - Motion to adopt agenda made by Amanda D., seconded by Daegan

4. **Adoption of June Board Minutes** - Motion to adopt the June minutes made by Angela, seconded by Tracy

5. **Old Business**

a. Logos for Zambonis

*Status:* Quotes have been obtained from Sharp Signs for 3'x3' decals. Actual decals will be smaller. Estimated costs are \$80 / sign plus set-up/design. An installer has been identified.

*Motion:* Motion to purchase 3 zamboni signs at an approximate cost of up to \$500 (anticipated to be less) made by Denise, seconded by Janelle. Carried.

*Action:*

- Denise will confirm the costs and will make the order.

b. Travelling Team Policy

*Status:* Update on status of Travelling team policy leading to vote.

*Discussion:* Date of July 31 will remain in the policy however flexibility will be given for this year since the short time frame between policy approval and application deadline.

*Motion:* Motion to approve the BPRRA Travelling Team Policy made by Jeff, seconded by Nathan. Carried

*Action:*

- Approved policy will be posted on the BPRRA website (Jeff/Nathan).

- The draft survey will be circulated one last time for review/testing and then sent out via TeamLinkt (Francine/Nathan).

#### c. Strategic Planning Session

*Summary:* Overview of the planning session was provided by Amanda.

*Action:*

- Francine to circulate notes on planning session.

#### d. Jersey Management

*Overview:* Summary of findings and recommendation from working group.

*Discussion:* Information on costs were collected on reversible jersey options for younger age groups. Proceeds of the December Charge tournament were originally earmarked to purchase jerseys. From last year's proceeds, three sets of reversible jerseys could be purchased. Options for funding replacements beyond this purchase needs to be considered further (i.e. fundraising, grants, etc.). When the new logo was developed the replacement of jerseys were planned to occur over a number of years. On the set of new jerseys ordered last year, both designs were used; this approach was recommended for the new jerseys.

*Motion:* Motion to purchase three sets of reversible ringette jerseys using the money from the December Charge tournament made by Colleen, seconded by Cherie. Carried.

*Action:*

- Continue to look into sponsorship opportunities and grants to support jersey replacements.

### 5. New Business

#### a. Team Selection Policy

*Overview:* Review of team selection policy and potential changes around how selections occur.

*Discussion:* Reviewed current policy, and policies of other associations. Discussed evaluation committee role and evaluation/selection process options.

*Motion:* Motion to amend the BPRM Team Selection policy under the A/AA Evaluation section to state "At the completion of evaluation, the Committee will return a list not exceeding 50% of the team size of the top ranked players that must be selected for the team and a list of players that may not be selected for the team (if warranted). The Coach can complete the selections for the team from the remaining players." made by Amanda D, seconded by Melissa W. Carried

*Action:*

- Policy will be updated/loaded on the website and implemented for the 2023-24 season.

#### b. B Player Evaluations

*Overview:* Summary of B evaluation (excluding Childrens Ringette) recommendations for the upcoming season. This includes a lower number of players being evaluated at the same time and additional ice time to account for skills and scrimmage.

*Discussion:* General discussion on ice availability options. Actions:

- Jen to brainstorm with what the Children's ringette should look for.
- Jamie/Ken/Amanda to work to come up with projections/options to accommodate fall ice needs (evaluations, 3 on 3, and University of Regina request).

#### c. Communications Director

*Summary:* Communications Director was recommended as a new position/role to support enhanced social media and advertising. Meliss M. has indicated that she would be interested in taking on this role in addition to her current U16 Commissioner role.

*Discussion:* Board is supportive of this role and Melissa M. taking it on. Amanda D. has a social media template that could assist with planning.

*Action:*

- Most recent BPRA Action roster will be sent out for review/additions, with thought to be given on what media/advertising could be done throughout the year.

## 6. Member Reports

POSITION	NAME	Upcoming Month Actions
Treasurer	Angela Charlebois	<p>Update on financial position. All outstanding items have been paid and the tournament committee accounts have been shifted to the BPRA accounts and incorporated into the budget. Bank signing authority changeover is still in progress.</p> <p>Recognition for SaskLotteries funding will be posted on website and social media (Action: Denise/Melissa to post on social media)</p> <p>2023-24 budget will require updating based on increased ice costs. Ken will send new ice contracts and Angela will bring the budget back to the board for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
Coaching Development	Amanda Dauk	<p>Coach selection for U12A and U14AA are complete and announcements have been made.</p> <p>Coaching is open for B and promotions will occur over summer. Amanda will work with Jamie to identify Divisions that may not have enough coaches so a proactive strategy can be developed.</p>
Scheduling	Ken Nagy	<p>Additional discussion on ice scheduling and information needed to proceed with scheduling evaluations, 3 on 3, etc.</p>
Sport/Player Development	Janelle Gordon	<p>3 on 3 organization is underway, discussion on costs with recommendation that for 6 ice times the cost be \$150.</p> <p>Support for offering a Children's Ringette Skills Camp in September. Jen and Janelle will work out the details including how to describe the camp and skill level required. Pricing was recommended to be the same as 3 on 3.</p> <p>Jerseys will be sold for fundraising at the 3 on 3 and skills camp. Janelle and Colleen will coordinate.</p> <p>Come Try Ringette - Intention is to host an event in early September and waive the late fees for any new registrants. Target date is Sunday, September 10th with promotions to occur as soon as possible and via school contacts (Melissa W. can help with this).</p>
Tournament Coordinator	Melissa Wasilow Crystal Laverdiere	<p>Meeting with our past Tournament coordinator has occurred. Application for RAS sanctioning is ready to be submitted.</p> <p>Advertising options are being considered as well as the option to use TeamLinkt's tournament app. Feedback has been requested from Saskatoon's City of Bridges Tournament Coordinator.</p> <p>Contact with people who have helped in the past will happen over the coming months or two to see if they are willing to help again.</p>
Equipment Coordinator	Colleen Butz-Purdue	<p>Planning to finish going through equipment storage in August.</p>

Website Coordinator	Nathan Kirkham	Update on changes to registration (Open team registration is live, Childrens Ringette Skills Camp and 3 on 3 are drafted so ready to be posted). SaskLottery info has also been posted.
Childrens Ringette	Jen Kreklewich	Provided summary of Children's Ringette meeting with RAS, RRA and SRA. Discussed full payments made by registrants (only required for Fun3 players). Option will be given for a refund now or to hold funds until evaluations are complete. Jennifer and Angela will work together to communicate this.

**7. Next Meeting Date** - August 8, 2023 - Teams and ECWS Library

**8. Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn made by Amanda O. at 9:14pm