



BUFFALO PLAINS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Agenda
7:00 pm - September 11, 2023
Ecole White City School Library or MS Teams

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Meeting called to order by Amanda O. at 7:01pm.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Addition of U21 Junior National Team and the HEAT Sponsorship.
Motioned to accept agenda by Crystal, seconded by Melissa M.
3. **Adoption of August Board Minutes**

Motion to accept August minutes by Denise, seconded by Jennifer.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Scheduling Update

Overview: An update was provided on the scheduling of fall 3 on 3, Come Try Ringette and evaluations. Extra ice has been placed on sale.
 - b. Evaluation Update

Overview: Update provided on the status of evaluations. Several working group meetings were held to organize the evaluation process. To date, all off ice evaluator positions have been filled and one is pending for on ice.
Discussion: General discussion to clarify process for evaluators and Commissioners at on ice evaluations.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Registration Update

Overview: Jamie provided an overview of registration for all Divisions. Come Try Ringette (September 10th) had a positive impact on Children's ringette registrations. Regina Ringette has requested all team numbers by Friday, September 15th. Looping was reviewed.

Discussion: The Board discussed options for team numbers and sizes in each Division. Final team information will be updated at the October 2023 Board meeting.

ACTION:

 - Denise will send out a list of equipment required for players.
 - Work will begin on scheduling practice ice (pending RRA setting games).
 - b. Financial Update

Overview: Angela reviewed financial position and budget, which has not changed significantly since the last meeting. More information is required before a recommendation is made further steps needed to avoid being in a loss position this year. This includes, finalization of ice contracts and registrations, options arising from sponsorship and fundraising working groups.

ACTION:

 - Ken will reach out to Pilot Butte for the current ice contract and provide to Angela.
 - c. Policy Updates
 - i. Equipment Policy (tentative)

Overview: An Equipment policy has been drafted and circulated for Board review. The policy will require that all BPRA teams provide a \$50 non-refundable equipment payment by October 31st and for those teams using BPRA equipment and/or jerseys a \$250 refundable deposit be provided.

Discussion: Amendments were made to who the policy applied to and how payments would be accepted.

Motion: Jennifer motioned to adopt the BPRA Equipment Policy as amended. Seconded by Tracy. Carried.

ii. Logo Policy

Overview: Finalization of Logo and Custom Jersey Policy and Guidelines.

Motion: Jeff motioned to adopt the BPRA Logo and Custom Jersey Policy as presented. Seconded by Daegan. Carried.

iii. Volunteer Policy

Overview: Tabled to the next meeting as an incorrect version of the draft was circulated.

d. ROAR Officiating

Overview: Discussion on current status of ROAR contract and actions needed. The ROAR Level 1 Officials Clinic will be held on October 7th, a call out and decision on the number of refs from BPRA is required before that time.

Discussion: Further information is needed from ROAR and RRA such as fees charged to BPRA and/or BPRA referees, clinics timing, referee reimbursement approach, scheduling, mentorship, and ensuring accountability.

Action:

- Amanda O. and Denise will meet with ROAR to gather
- Denise will survey current BPRA officials to find out who will be returning.

e. BPRA Ringette Bags

Overview: Interest has been shown by BPRA members in offering a ringette bag program.

Discussion: Information was provided on the RRA program being offered through Western Cycle. Discussion on other options occurred. Overall support by the Board to offer a ringette bag program.

Action:

- Denise will price out bag options from local suppliers and will propose a program.

f. Fundraising Committee Update

Overview: Committee has not had the opportunity to meet.

Action:

- Jeff will look into getting a progressive 50/50 license.

g. Sponsorship Committee Update

Overview: Update from Angela on draft sponsorship package.

Discussion: Board discussed option for different levels of sponsorship and the opportunity to allow jersey sponsorship.

Action:

- An update will be provided at the next meeting.

h. Sponsorships Requests:

Overview: Requests have been received from the U21 Junior National Team and the HEAT for sponsorships.

Discussion: In the past BPRA has provided sponsorship to requests like this. Previous board approach was to determine budget for sponsorship up front and then respond accordingly until budget was used. With current financial position, additional consideration needs to be given if sponsorships can be supported.

Topic will be carried forward to the next meeting.

6. Member Reports

POSITION	NAME	Update
Vice-President	Denise Corbin	<p>BPRA pant order form is out.</p> <p>Decision was made to keep Come Try Ringette sticks that were donated (will be labelled in storage room).</p> <p>Reminder that new registrants to ringette are to receive a stick at evaluations. Commissioners should remind new registrants of this.</p> <p>Update on condition of smaller nets and possible replacement by Prairie Storm.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The confidentiality of player information on the website will be evaluated. • Entripy code will be shared.
Treasurer	Angela Charlebois	Reminder that a ringette Stick drive will go forward with the Fall 3 on 3 groups (sticks to be used in PVSD schools).
Coaching Development	Amanda Dauk	<p>Update on coaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are sufficient coaches for all levels, some work to be done ensuring sufficient coaching for Children's ringette. Depending on the number of teams, coach selection may be required. • No updates from Ringette Canada and RAS on coaching requirements. • First aid requirement and training decision is pending further discussion.
Scheduling	Ken Nagy	<p>First practice ice is October 1, and is pending game schedule from RRA.</p> <p>12 ice times are available for sale. This will be advertised/posted (Denise) with Ken as contact.</p>
Sport/Player Development	Janelle Gordon	<p>Come Try Ringette Update - Event was hosted on September 10th, 22 registered, 18 attended, it was well received. Thanks to the volunteers and organizers for making it a success.</p> <p>Fall 3 on 3 Update - U16 Division was cancelled. Comments were received that Regina families were not notified of the event. The U10 and U12 sessions were combined. Session runs until the end of September.</p> <p>Goalie coaches update - Janelle has reached out to several goalie coaches and most have responded. A list of available goalie coaches will be compiled and shared.</p>
Tournament Coordinator	Melissa Wasilow Crystal Laverdiere	<p>Hotels have been contacted and blocks of rooms have been booked.</p> <p>Sponsorship work is starting up.</p> <p>Registration is open and fees will be \$900.</p> <p>RAS acceptance is pending.</p> <p>Tournament information has been shared with MB/AB and SK through their associations. Communication included notice that ice scheduling issue has been resolved.</p> <p>Committee is looking into option for beer gardens.</p>

Equipment Coordinator	Colleen Butz-Purdue	Colleen has indicated that this is her last year as equipment manager.
Childrens Ringette	Jen Kreklewich	Looking into ice availability for the year-end jamboree.
U12 Commissioner	Tracey Stechyshyn	U12A - evaluations are done, with selections occurring on September 14th. Jersey layouts have been provided and are the same as previous years. <u>Action:</u> Need to work for guidelines for new coaches including high performance (i.e. develop expectations for B/A/AA, general rules of thumb)

7. Next Meeting Date - October 2, 2023 - In Person at EWCS / MS Teams

8. Adjourn - 9:38pm