Attendees:

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| **Position/Name** | **Present** | **Position/Name** | **Present** |
| **President -** Mike Wiens | **√** | **Children’s Ringette –** vacant |  |
| **Vice President / ROAR** – Paul Kozan | **√** | **U10 –** vacant (Nicole Fisher interim) |  |
| **Secretary -** Darla Larson | **√** | **U12 -** Nicole Fisher | **√** |
| **Treasurer -** Alison Truelove | **√** | **U14 -** Trish McBeth | **√** |
| **Coaching –** Melanie Muckelt | **√** | **U16 -** Jason Hoffart | **√** |
| **Equipment -** Neil Stang | **√** | **U19 –** vacant (Trish McBeth interim) |  |
| **Marketing -** Darin Degenstein | **√** | **18+ (Open) -** Chelsie Coxford |  |
| **Player Development -** Brad Wenger |  | **Others:**  Jayda McMillan | **√** |
| **Scheduling** – vacant |  |
| **Website** – Keely Butz | **√** |

1. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Wiens at 7:36pm.
2. Additions/changes to the Agenda –
3. Skills Competition (Darin)
4. Discussion on mask exemption status (Mike)
5. Adoption of agenda – **STANG/KOZAN - CARRIED**
6. Adoption of Minutes – December 7, 2020

**MUCKELT/HOFFART move to adopt the December 7, 2020 minutes as posted/circulated. CARRIED**

1. New Business
   1. Update on 8-man return to play (Paul) –

* Things are going smoothly with getting people back on the ice. There are a couple teams that are not rejoining. A good take away is that the way RRA has set it up, combined with the flexibility of the City of Regina, it has allowed us to be flexible with teams. Teams can get one ice time a week and if they want more that is an option too. There was a question as to how we handle it if we have a player that wants to come back, but their team doesn’t? So far this hasn’t cropped up and if it does we will just deal with it then. Overall, it has been a really successful restart.
* Nicole asked about the possibility of a U10 team that only has 6 players coming back having 2 players from another team join them to make for 8 players on the ice. This would help the larger team out as well as the smaller team with cost. The thought was that it shouldn’t be an issue because with the mandatory masks in place and reduced numbers, among other restrictions, the bubbles really don’t exist anymore. Most importantly, it’s about getting kids on the ice. When we resume play we may have to resume bubbles, but the thought is that we aren’t in a bubble situation right now. The teams would have to sort out things financially, but Ali can answer questions and help if people needed assistance. Nicole will communicate with the team(s) that this is permissible.
  1. Final Loopings discussion (Brad) – tabled to a future meeting as Brad got delayed and could not attend the meeting. The thought was that it may be better to wait and see what the next announcement is from the SHA on restrictions and such.
  2. Skills Competitions – if with the next announcement we can resume some type of play we should consider doing this on a Saturday or Sunday for a 4-hour time slot for a few weeks. It should be a team-based thing and we could charge an entry fee to recoup costs. Perhaps the tournament committee could work on putting something together. Darin would suggest to start with younger divisions and work our way up. We could open it up to BPRA as well, and there could possibly be medals awarded. Paul noted that there is likely lots of opportunities to make it more cost efficient as we can likely put four teams through in an hour. Ali noted that we need to keep award costs in mind if in the event we are going to get awards for the bubbles at the end of the season. Mike asked if Darin could come back in a week with more details and see what we can do. More to come.
  3. Mask exemption status – the family that indicates they have an exemption has produced notes from someone who isn’t a health professional. Mike did have a discussion with the SHA and they feel that it is highly unlikely that a medical official will give a note that indicates they cannot wear a mask. This said, if notes are in fact produced and are signed by a health professional, will we let them play? The board will need to make the final decision should we get to this point. It was noted that we also need to consider our overall membership and how members would feel about it. We also have to be prepared that it could come into the public eye and we would have to respond. For now, they have been asked to provide a note signed by a legitimate medical professional. Mike will update any further developments.

1. Reports

* U10 and U12 (Nicole) – She is back to the U10 player that has not paid fees. She thought fees were paid up, but they were only paid until the end of November. She has emailed and phoned but does not get a response. It is felt that we need to take a harder stance on this and that the player should be sitting out until their fees are paid in full. It isn’t fair to the rest of the team that has paid their fees and are paying the price for someone that hasn’t. With all the restrictions in place this year why should someone who has paid their fees have to sit out and someone who hasn’t paid get to play – it doesn’t seem fair. Nicole will advise the family and the coach that until the fees are paid the player is not allowed to participate in any further practices or events.
* Marketing – we have had a number of contests and we are picking up participation and follow through with awards. Chelsie has opened up our social media so visitors can post to our page, not just followers. Our number of followers is increasing. CTV reached out to us and has invited us for interviews for the upcoming come try ringette sessions and as such Michelle and Darin will be going on CTV morning live this week. The come try session yesterday (Sunday) was expanded to two sessions and the next one this Thursday evening also has a waitlist. Mel is doing a fantastic job on the articles that are going out once a month. As well, kudos to Mel for organizing the Girls in the game session. This was put on hold as they took a pause when all the latest restrictions came out, but they are looking to get things moving again.
* Coaching Report (Mel) – the mid-season survey will be going out tonight and the deadline is a week (January 10th) for completion.
* Children’s Ringette (Mike) – Mike noted that he jotted a few things down with regards to attributes for a new Children’s Ringette Commissioner. They need to be great at recruiting parents as these parents will be future coaches and board members. They need to be willing to adhere to the rules/guidelines and be a good promoter. They need to be willing to teach and be comfortable with delegating duties to other volunteers. It is a very large division, and the individual is going to need a lot of help. As far as structure, maybe there is one overall commissioner and then a committee to assist with running the division, similar to the tournament committee. Anyway, food for thought and people need to keep their eyes and ears open for anyone that may be interested.

1. Next Meeting – The next board meeting will be February 1, 2021 6:30pm. However, there may be a need for a meeting next week sometime if an announcement is made by SHA that changes the restrictions.
2. Motion to adjourn – **KOZAN**