



Attendees:

Executive	Present	Directors	Present	Commissioners	Present
President – Jason Hoffart	√	Coaching – Michelle Gray	√	U12 – Emily Chambers	√
Vice President / ROAR – Michelle Burnett	√	Equipment - Neil Stang	√	U14 – Nicole Fisher	√
Secretary - Darla Larson	√	Marketing - Darin Degenstein	√	U16 –	
Treasurer – Dustin Thiel	√	Player Development – Marcel Garnier		U19 – Lesley Jung	
		Registration - Kim Byrns	√	18+ (Open) – Jessica Romanski	√
		Website – Jenn Shupe	√	Others (list, if any):	
		Children’s Ringette – Cindy Pettigrew	√	Jeff Seymour Quinton Stewart Cameron Wright Romona Furkert	

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm
- 2) Additions/changes to the agenda
- 3) Adoption of agenda – **ROMANSKI/STANG 12 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.**
- 4) Adoption of Minutes –

MOTION: BURNETT/THIEL move to adopt the August 15, 2023, minutes as posted on Basecamp. 12 in favour; 0 opposed; CARRIED.
- 5) Treasurer Report (as posted on Basecamp)
 - Tracking on par with last year.
 - Registration line looks behind, but it is the way it is classified.
 - CRC’s will be wrapped very soon and we will benefit \$70K from that.
 - Not a lot of expenses yet at this point in the season.
 - Some members have not paid yet and at this point we have not contacted people as it’s early in the season. Once we are close to the regular start of the season we will contact people reminding them about payment and that they have to be paid before they can participate in any on-ice activities.
 - Will have to get an advance to ROAR.
 - Will reach out to the auditor to get the financials going for the last year.
- 6) Old Business
 - Action Registry –

Owner	Deadline	Description	Status (Open/closed including date)
Michelle	August	Redo discipline policy.	OPEN May 8, 2023



		<p>Aug. 19th - work in progress.</p> <p>Sept. 11th - fine with the game suspension and the policy overall is good and we just have to ensure we enforce it.</p>	<p>CLOSED Sept 11 2023</p>
Jason	August	<p>Come up with some parameters and guidelines for basecamp.</p> <p>Aug. 19th - work in progress.</p> <p>Sept. 11th - will put something together for reference. First and foremost we need to respect one another and keep it friendly. If you think that something is going to lead to a heated discussion it is a good idea to keep the conversation person to person or if you want to respond with a “not so nice” or frank comment, again, take it to person to person.</p>	<p>OPEN June 19, 2023</p> <p>CLOSED Sept 11 2023</p>
Dustin	October	<p>Working on an on-line version for tracking volunteers so we can get away from the paper way of tracking, which is very time consuming.</p> <p>Aug. 19th - work in progress.</p> <p>Sept. 11th - will be very similar to the expense form and it will be a google form and people will be able to attach sheets.</p>	<p>OPEN June 19, 2023</p>
??	January	<p>Develop a sponsorship policy so that RRA has a guideline to follow for future sponsorship requests.</p>	<p>OPEN Sept 11 2023</p>

7) New Business

- 2023/2024 Volunteer Appreciation Night (Darla)
 - Deposit has been made and the 2023/2024 volunteer appreciation night has been scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2024.
 - Jess will add the coach bags to the bag order form for the Coach of the Year gifts.
- Sponsorship of RRA athletes on Team Canada Jr. National Team (U21 - two; U18 - three)
 - We have five RRA athletes selected to participate on the Team Canada Jr. National Team at the World Ringette Championships in Calgary October 29-November 4, 2023, and all have requested sponsorship. RRA will sponsor each athlete \$1K.

MOTION: STANG/GRAY motion to support each RRA athlete at the “Adopt a Maple Leaf” level of sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 per player for a total of \$5,000 from the RRA. Cindy Pettigrew will be the point of contact for the benefits the association receives back from the athletes, in support of the Children’s Ringette program. 11 In favour; 1 opposed; CARRIED.

 - We should have a look at developing a sponsorship policy so that there are some guidelines in place for future sponsorship requests.
- Travel Teams (Nicole)
 - A question was raised from a travel team wondering if they were to provide the volunteers to run the 50/50 tap machine at tournaments and then get the profits. It was determined that all profits from the 50/50’s will remain going directly to the RRA. Not to mention that it’s an administrative nightmare to redirect profits.



- Europe team wants to put "captain" on their jerseys. That's fine.
- Will travel teams have Team Linkt? There should be a way to do it, yes.
- The Europe team is having a tryout Friday night and the Montreal team will be watching the B evals this weekend.
- Team Staff Meeting
 - The Cathedral Neighbourhood Centre has been booked for Thursday, October 12th at 8pm.
 - Commissioners should have score sheets there to hand out.
- Things that qualify for Volunteer hours
 - It has been determined that we are going to keep the volunteer hours for teams at 30 hours and we will open up a lot more duties that are eligible for hours.
 - Board members will automatically be given 2 hours towards their teams.
 - Travel teams don't have to worry about hours as they are double carded.
 - Evaluators and members of coach selection committees are eligible.
- U16 Goalies (Nicole)
 - 5 goalies are all drafted now and we have 1 goalie practicing with higher groups, which concerns one coach. Who will take precedence? The goalie should never be missing any of the home team activities and the U16B team is a priority. We have to follow the policy which states that before she goes to anything else, the home team coach needs to be notified and give approval.
- Exit Survey Results (Kim)
 - We had 86 players who played last year and had not registered at the deadline. Kim put together a one question survey to get a response from these people. We had 33 responses, which is a very good response rate, and the reasons provided were all over the place. We did get 20 registrations as well. This is good information to have.
- Tryout Committee Suggestion (Kim)
 - Tabled to the next meeting.
- RRA Clothing (Cindy)
 - Cindy is wanting to order a piece of clothing that has the RRA logo on it. It was determined that each board member could get one piece of clothing and expense it. Cindy will put a message on basecamp and coordinate the order.

8) Reports:

- Registrar (Kim):
 - Kim's report is as posted on basecamp. This is always a busy time of year for the registrar.
 - Of note, an exit survey was sent to the 86 unregistered players and we got 20 registrations out of it. An email was sent to the U14 registrants about anyone wanting to switch to goalie.



- Continue to monitor unpaid accounts and send reminders out requesting payment.
- Overhauled the Team Staff document for the October 12th meeting.
- 18+ (Jess)
 - A C team has folded - the Shooters - so that solves a previous problem that has existed with where they should be placed.
 - Currently sitting at 10 RRA bags ordered. Commissioners should remind coaches once the teams are all formed.
- Player development (Marcel)
 - 3 on 3 went well.
 - Finding Evaluators has been difficult this year.
- Equipment (Neil)
 - Neil needs the bags back after evaluations are done as he needs the rings out of them.
 - More score sheets are on order.
 - We should likely consider getting out of the pants business as they have increased to \$100/pair.
- U12 (Emily)
 - Fusion team was finalized last night.
- U14 (Nicole)
 - The U14A team was announced today.
- U16 (Nicole)
 - Draft is done and they are ready to go.
- Vice-President (Michelle)
 - Would like to get a google form set up for complaints rather than just having people send an email.
- Coaching (Michelle)
 - We have no coaches for U12 and are short 1, maybe 2 coaches in U14.
 - The junior coach list will be done soon.
- Bingo
 - Need to figure something out for vouchers in the event that a player has valid vouchers but ends up playing for the U14AA team in BPRA and then when the season is over the vouchers will have expired. There are some people that work a lot of bingos that are currently in this situation and if they can't use the vouchers somehow they may choose not to work bingos. Dustin didn't see a problem with extending the deadline for families in this situation.



- Marketing (Darin)
 - Want to host an optional “team experience” meeting that is open to the membership but the target is team managers.
 - Scholarships - need to figure out a way to get the B players to apply.
- 9) Next Meeting – Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:30pm
- 10) Motion to adjourn – THIEL