

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2015

Present: Simon Lee, Ernest Dupres, Tracey Tulloch, Danielle Cote, Jody Trethewey, Mary Perry, Kevin Rainey, Lainie Winthrop

Absent: Melissa Connell, Cathy Hebert, Josie Avery, John Carter, Rebecca Kerr

Item	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.	Call to Order @ 7:21pm		
2.	Confirmation of Quorum		
3.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Moved: MP Seconded: ED Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>MOTION: To conclude the meeting by 9:30 PM</p> <p>Moved: TT Seconded: ED Vote: Unanimous</p>		
4.	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved: MP Seconded: DC Vote: Unanimous</p>		
5.	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>5.1.1) Great promotion work for CTR, especially the CTV Live segment. Good to do more of this, keeping in mind that there may be budget implications.</p> <p>5.1.2) Some problems viewing the VP Finance report due to format, but this was resolved.</p> <p>5.1.3) First Central meeting is August 10th. A suggestion was made to have the Central meeting minutes posted to the Central website, but there are currently no plans to do so.</p> <p>5.1.4) Student started full time 10 days ago, prime task is to update the website. Coaching page is done, other pages to be updated in turn. Student will be working until the end of August (6 weeks total). Tryout information has been posted, HP ice times will be posted soon. Recent CTV news item was also posted online and publicized. Would like to explore the possibility as keeping the student on as a part-time webmaster, need to define the number of hours a week. Using Goalline as a site with much simpler administration requirements was discussed, but it would entail a much higher cost and the acceptance of advertising (which RNS would have no control over).</p>		

6.	<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>Need to present the updated BOD Orientation document to the full BOD. Deferred until the next BOD meeting.</p> <p>It was reported that for 18+ teams the preference for interprovincial and remote teams (i.e. STFX) is to have a series of mini-tournament at central locations rather than a game loop. Waiting on ice times for a Metro Halifax loop and for exhibition games.</p>	Review BOD Orientation document (LW)	LW
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p><u>7.1 – RNS Website as a communication tool</u></p> <p>Discussed in the Executive Director report.</p> <p><u>7.2 – U16 High Performance</u></p> <p>Associations are looking for guidance from RNS on U16AA teams. Some members want a provincial team. Nothing to stop an Association declaring a team at U16AA. A provincial or “all-star” team can participate in Nationals if they participate in a league as a team during the ringette season. Eligibility for Nationals is one of the major concerns concerning plans for U16AA. Declaring intent to go to Nationals has the effect of declaring the team as AA. A level teams are restricted to attending Easterns. The RNS deadline for this declaration is December 15th.</p> <p>Communication to the Associations on this topic need to remind them that creating U16AA teams can have a significant effect on all their players at U16, from A through to House. It should also state that RNS is not planning to host a U16AA team, that the top U16AA team will wear the Provincial colours at Nationals, and that inter-Association player movement will continue to be according to Central guidelines.</p> <p><u>7.3) – U19 Single/Double Carding</u></p> <p>Past issues have been house league team commitments taking away from Provincial team activities and conflicts with ice times (especially league make-up games). Need expressed for better communication between RNS and the Association/League ice schedulers to avoid this.</p> <p>A proposal was made to make U19AA teams single carded and keeping U19A double carded. However, policy 5.10.9 b) requires double carding for players on Provincial teams.</p>	<p>7.2) Communicate U16 High Performance discussion to Associations/interested parties (KR)</p> <p>7.5) Direct student resource to investigate adding an email subscribe option to the RNS website (LW)</p>	KR, LW

MOTION: Amend 5.10.9 b) to read “All players must be in good standing with their home association.”

Moved: ED Seconded: TT Vote: Unanimous

MOTION: Amend 5.10.7 g) to read “Double carded players on a Provincial team must play at least 50% of their house league team games to maintain their eligibility to participate on a provincial team.”

Moved: DC Seconded: ED Vote: Unanimous

MOTION: Add item 5.10.7 s) which will read “Players selected to the U19AA Provincial team(s) shall be single carded. Goalies may be exempted from this policy.”

Moved: DC Seconded: JT Vote: Unanimous

7.4 – Motion to allow Jacqueline Cote to assist with U19 coaching interviews

Motion withdrawn.

MOTION: Accept Tracey Tulloch as U19AA coach, Chris Clarke as U19A coach, Nancy Barrett as U19AA assistant coach.

Moved: DC Seconded: ED Vote: Y-5, N-0, A-1

Requested that it be recorded that Tracey Tulloch abstained from voting on this motion.

7.5 – Distribution List for communication with members

Individuals who are not registered in an Association, on a TRF or employed as an official do not have an easy way to subscribe to RNS emails. The RNS newsletter does have a subscribe button, but in this situation these individuals would not be getting the newsletter. Adding a subscription function to the RNS website will be investigated. Distribution lists by team, age division, etc. cannot be created until all the team TRF’s are received. Care must be taken to ensure that direct communication to participants does not violate any agreed communication pathways with each Association.

7.6 – Policy on Managers for RNS High Performance teams

It was agreed that HP team managers be

	<p>approved by the RNS BOD, similar to coaching staff.</p> <p>MOTION: Amend 5.10.2 l) to read “A Provincial Team Coach may only coach one Provincial Team in a given season.”</p> <p>Moved: MP Seconded: DC Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>MOTION: Add 5.10.2 m) which will read “Provincial team staff recommendations must be approved by the Board of Directors.”</p> <p>Moved: MP Seconded: JT Vote: Unanimous</p> <p><u>7.7 – Funding for coach development/certification for RNS HP teams</u></p> <p>Deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><u>7.8 – Motion to establish a payment policy for HP teams</u></p> <p>Teams need to be in good standing to participate in Provincial team activities. RNS needs to receive funds earlier in the season to cover immediate costs such as ice rentals and clothing orders.</p> <p>MOTION: To allow the VP Finance to establish a payment policy for each Provincial team for each season.</p> <p>Moved: MP Seconded: TT Vote: Unanimous</p> <p><u>7.9 – Motion to require mandatory participation in SNS fundraising initiatives by RNS teams</u></p> <p>Deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><u>7.10 – Motion to modify RNS expense form to align with RC and include a per diem</u></p> <p>Deferred until next meeting.</p> <p><u>7.11- Discuss timing of budget distribution to members in advance of the Special General Meeting</u></p> <p>Plans made to have a conference call on Wed Sept 19 at 9pm to review the budget in advance of the Special General Meeting.</p>		
8.	<p>Roundtable</p> <p>None.</p>		
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p>		

	Next meeting will be September 24 th at 7PM at SNS.		
10.	Adjournment @ 9:58pm Moved: MP Seconded: ED		
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Next Meeting

September 24th at 7PM – Sport Nova Scotia – Ricoh Room.