

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2015

Present: Simon Lee, Ernest Dupres, Danielle Cote, Jody Trethewey, Mary Perry, Lainie Wintrup, John Carter, Cathy Hebert, Josie Avery

Absent: Tracey Tulloch, Kevin Rainey

Item	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.	Call to Order @ 6:36pm		
2.	Confirmation of Quorum		
3.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>MOTION: Amend agenda to defer Pathway Review to next meeting.</p> <p>Moved: MP Seconded: ED Result: Passed</p> <p>MOTION: Approve amended agenda.</p> <p>Moved: ED Seconded: MP Result: Passed</p>		
4.	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved: ED Seconded: MP Result: Passed</p>		
5.	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>5.1.1) None.</p> <p>5.1.2) <i>VP Finance</i> – Actuals for HP team tryouts have been uploaded to Dropbox. U19AA lost money, U19A made money, overall deficit for tryouts of approximately \$200. This was due to a higher than expected number of scrimmages.</p> <p>5.1.3) <i>Central Rep</i> – Decision on the U14/U16 mixed loops to be made at a Central meeting on Dec 2nd. Decision will be passed on to the RNS BOD via email.</p> <p>U12 enrichment program ready to go, is being run by Central on behalf of all associations. Each large association (HHRA, NCRA, HCL) is assigned 20 spots; Berwick will be included in the NCRA quota and Eastern Shore in the HCL quota. 8 week program starting Jan 3rd. All sessions are at the BMO. Program is aimed at athletes who are hoping to play at a competitive level at U14. Athletes will be grouped by skill level. No expected conflicts with association ice times.</p>	<p style="color: red;">Set up Doodle poll to determine acceptable dates for Strategic Planning meetings (LW/SL)</p> <p style="color: red;">Prepare and distribute committee terms of reference for approval (ED)</p>	<p>LW, SL, ED</p>

Program participants may form 1 or 2 teams to participate in a year end tournament (to be determined). Exec Dir cautioned that there is an unsanctioned tournament in Ontario (Selects tournament) that is not covered by insurance (as it is unsanctioned), so the program would have to obtain its own insurance for athletes and the parents/guardians of the athletes would have to acknowledge that they are aware that this was an unsanctioned tournament. There is a tournament in PEI which should be a sanctioned event, so this may be a better choice. Attending these late tournaments will require a change to RNS policy to allow for late submission of travel documents.

MOTION: That the Central U12 Enrichment Program be permitted to submit travel approval documents for attendance at sanctioned games after the normal deadlines during the 2015-2016 season.

Moved: ED Seconded: DC Result: Passed.

Director Coaching – No updates.

Director Officials – Certifications of Level 1 Officials almost complete, certifications of Level 2 and 3 Officials completed. 2 officials are applying to attend Nationals, 1 official has been accepted for Worlds.

Director High Performance – 18+ roster set with 19 players, one player is travelling from Baddeck. U19A team is attending the Mirimichi tournament this weekend. U19A team is still waiting on their ringette pant order so have had to borrow pants for this tournament.

Valley Rep – Fundraising events going well, hosting a Level 1 Officials clinic this weekend, 6 attending. No adults unfortunately.

Director Fundraising – Chairing a committee for Ringette Day in February, planning to start soon.

5.1.4) 21 people registered for Adult Learn to Play, great response and interest to run it again the spring. All adult programs are user pay. Great to see alumni and early skaters participating together. 38 registered for the Adult Come Try Ringette in November. Masters registration opens on Monday (Nov 30th) for players in the 30+ age group. There is a big opportunity in this demographic.

On Dec 1 there is a conference call to update all interested parties on the status of the competition

	<p>review committee. RC have asked for game play data from the PSOs to support this committee, this was passed on to the associations.</p> <p>5.1.5) Future dates are needed to work on the strategic plan, need a kickoff meeting toward the end of January followed by a second meeting in February. Simon will set up a Doodle poll with a number of available dates to allow the BOD to indicate which dates work best for everyone. Lainie will provide a list of dates to Simon. January will be a difficult month schedule-wise for many BOD members.</p> <p>5.1.6) One committee has been formed, Membership Challenges and Resolving Issues. Chair is Ernest. Plan is to have an initial meeting in the second week of December. The terms of reference for the committee will be submitted by Ernest to the BOD for approval.</p>		
6.	<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>U16AA Discussion – During the summer, the Central League and several associations were looking for direction from RNS on the right way to proceed with a U16AA team for this season. Some BOD members felt that the guidance that was given to Central and the associations gave the appearance of coming from the BOD, when the BOD never had a discussion about the topic. It was also noted that there is a possibility that the rollout plan for the competitive model needs to be reviewed based on the feedback and experience gained by the U16AA situation this season. In addition, more communication is needed to address the confusion around the letter designations of competitive levels both within the province and within the Atlantic provinces. Nothing can be done about the status quo at the moment.</p> <p>In terms of the upcoming Nationals event, no team applications have yet been received by the RNS office. The deadline is December 7th. Some board members felt that the U16A teams in associations other than HHRA are at a disadvantage in a possible competition for the Provincial colours and the Provincial entry into Nationals, as they were balanced within their association (as compared to HHRA).</p>		
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p><u>7.1</u> – Deferred.</p> <p><u>7.2</u> – Ringette Canada will fine any team who</p>		

declares their intent to go to Nationals but does not fully attend Nationals the full entrance fee of \$2100 and has the additional option of levying an additional fine of 3 times the entrance fee and ban the team from participating in Nationals for up to 3 years. Full details can be found in the Technical Package for Nationals.

MOTION: To require Association teams applying to go to Nationals to submit a payment of \$5000 in addition to the entrance fee amount to RNS, to be returned upon successful completion of the tournament.

Moved: DC Seconded: ED Result: Passed.

7.3) – Simon informed the BOD that he does not have access to Dropbox at work, so BOD members should feel free to place their reports directly in Dropbox if they wish. Those having trouble with Dropbox can still send their reports to him via email. BOD members are reminded that if they have agenda items or motions in their reports they should pass those along to the Secretary via a separate email if possible.

All BOD members are strongly encouraged to respond to the meeting invitations being sent via email or to send a direct email to the Secretary so that the expected number of attendees can be known in advance of the BOD meetings. This will help warn the Executive that we may not have quorum at the meeting.

7.4 – Provincial Tournament fee options were presented for each division, lot of work gone into ensuring that the fee was in line with the expected number of teams and expenses. U12-U19C tournaments will be at BMO, U10 in Colchester and Open in Berwick. Only 1 U16B team is expected to participate in Provincials due to their unwillingness to play in a two team division. Organizing committee is looking at the option of having the remaining U16B team possibly play in the U19C division.

For the Open division, a survey was sent out to all athletes with regard to options for tournament format. Over 90 responses were received, indicating that this group have not felt that they had an opportunity to give feedback on a variety of topics before. Based on the survey responses, the majority want to use the old format with no crossovers and pools based regular season standings. They would like A, B and C awards with games for gold and silver. To support the

pools based on standings, Open division teams will start providing their game results to Central for recording on their website. This has not been done in the past, but must begin as soon as possible to allow for enough results to determine the pools. In place of a banner, the winners of each A, B and C level will receive a cash prize.

For the U14AA and U16A divisions, the Organizing committee may look to associations to provide one of two hours of ice to be used as part of Provincial playdowns to help lower the costs for the teams. There may also be opportunities to lower the ice costs by playing some games in Colchester.

7.5 -

MOTION: Provincial Tournament fees to be set by the organizing committee.

Moved: JC Seconded: CH Result: Passed.

7.6 -

Deferred until next meeting.

7.7 -

Motion amended to read:

MOTION: To allow the HHRA U16C team to call a goalie from another team within the U16B, U16C and U14B divisions for the 2015-2016 Provincial Tournament.

Moved: SL Seconded: DC Result: Passed.

7.8 -

Motion withdrawn.

New motion submitted.

MOTION: RNS will provide Chris Clark a one-time stipend of \$125 for professional development during the 2015-2016 season.

Moved: DC Seconded: JC Result: Passed.

7.9 -

MOTION: Amend the Operating Manual to add 5.8.2 c) - "Coaching clinic and referee clinic date requests must be made a minimum of 30 days prior to the requested date of the clinic."

	Moved: JC Seconded: DC Result: Passed. Director Officials abstained from the vote.		
8.	Roundtable None		
9.	Next Meeting Next meeting will be January 7 th at 6:30PM at SNS.		
10.	Adjournment @ 9:50pm		

Next Meeting

January 7th at 6:30PM – Sport Nova Scotia – Classroom.