

Presidents Planning Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2015

Present: Kevin Rainey, Jody Trethewey, Simon Lee, Tracey Tulloch, Cathy Hebert, Melissa Connell, Mary Perry, Lainie Wintrup, John Carter, Marlene Connell (BDRA), Kelly McArel (HCLRA), Susan Graham (HCLRA), Liz O'Hanley (HCLRA), Darren Oickle (HHRA), Brian Reid (NCRA)

Absent: Josie Avery, Ernest Dupres, Danielle Cote, Mary Stienberg (ESRA), Rhonda Connell (VLRA)

Item	Discussion	Action	Owner
1.	Call to Order @ 7:26pm		
2.	Confirmation of Quorum Total Board and Association votes: 19 Votes Required for a Simple Majority: 10		
3.	Approval of Agenda Moved: CH Seconded: MC Vote: Unanimous		
4.	Approval of Previous Minutes Moved: JT Seconded: JC Vote: Unanimous		
5.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes None.		
6.	<p>New Business</p> <p><u>6.1) Provincials and Year End Tournaments</u></p> <p>Not all required ice was secured at BMO due to the late submission of the request. Only weekend secured at the BMO is March 19-20 (for use by U14B/C, U16B/C, and U19C).</p> <p>All efforts will be made to keep the tournaments on the previously announced dates. There is a possibility that some events may be held in the Truro/Brookfield area.</p> <p>The Host Application Deadline has been extended to October 13, 2015.</p> <p>HCL has applied for the U10 Year End Tournament; HHRA has expressed interest in the U12 Provincial Tournament.</p> <p>Open Division will be held in Berwick on Feb 27-28.</p> <p>U10/U12 and the U9 Jamboree will be on Mar 5-6.</p>		

U14AA and U16A will be on Mar 12-13. This may be held at HCL if there is no BMO ice.

Important to keep in mind that some divisional groupings (i.e. U14/U16 and U10/U12) need to be held on separate weekends due to the fact that players in the older divisions are often refereeing the younger divisions. Calling up between divisions is another consideration to be taken into account when scheduling divisions on the same weekend.

The plan for the 2016-2017 season is to have the dates of the Provincials and Year End Tournaments set after Christmas 2015 to allow for plenty of time to meet the April ice request deadlines.

Provincial Hosting Guidelines document is pending approval by the BOD but should be released to the Associations around Oct 7th.

6.2) RNS Objectives for 2015-2016

Objective groupings are:

Participation
Coaching
LTAD
Excellence
Values/Ethics/Fair Play
Equality/Inclusion
Female Participants/Female Leaders

Under the Coaching objective, the requirement for a female coach per team at all levels is an ongoing challenge for all Associations. RNS has set up sponsorship programs to help prospective female coaches with the financial burdens of coach training, but the low take rate for these programs seem to indicate that cost is not the main barrier to more female coaches. U16 and U19 players should be encouraged to think about coaching via active mentoring and encouragement by more experienced coaches. It is important to give young coaches a safe environment to learn how to coach, such as ActiveStart and CTR programs.

6.3) Review of RNS website updates, forms, processes

Scholarship, Events Calendar and Online Forms have all been updated.

	<p>There is a special section for Ringette Day events, being held next year on Feb 15. This is the same day as the Provincial holiday in February.</p> <p>A reminder that injury forms involving the child of a parent coach cannot be signed by the player coach, but by another member of the team staff.</p> <p>The goal of all the website and form updates is to use technology to reduce manual forms and processes as much as possible.</p>		
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>To Be Determined</p>		
8.	<p>Adjournment @ 8:51pm</p> <p>Moved: CH</p>		
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