

Fort McMurray Ringette Association
Annual General Meeting
June 16, 2008

Attendees: Sara Wearing, Colleen MacDougall, Nicole Deitz, Jenn MacDougall, Alana Mullhall, Paulette Williams, Jim Cullihall, Rick Theil, Brenda Jones, Suzanne Pinkoski, Mark Lozynsky, Jenn Lacey, Debbie Solecki, Terry Dirk, Jodi Higdon

Meeting called to order at 7:14pm by Terry Dirk (President)

Motion to approve previous minutes by Debbie Solecki. Second by Brenda Jones all in favor. Minutes approved.

Review of Ringette Alberta AGM:

- sport Canada has hockey, ringette, lacrosse, soccer and baseball mandated to have no tiering until U12. Athletic Development - No tiering in younger groups. Stats and numbers – province or association with biggest number of players (strength of group depends on population not on skill level) Finland – no tiering but focus more on development which means no Provincials until Petite
- 60-70% of a rep team is made up of kids born in the first 4 months of the year
- kids will love practices as much as a game if you have a good practice
- push to become more gender neutral

Review of Mac Island:

- next municipal council meeting is June 24, 2008. Need to make an impact about this NOW because next council meeting after that won't be until September 2008.

League Structure:

- Bunnies – take strong 3rd year players and move them up – nobody was moved up
 - Recommendation made to talk to bunny coaches to give them some input into choosing teams to help keep them more even
 - Power Skating – recommendation to separate based on skill level not alphabetically
 - Spruce Grove – New Bunnies are not included in the Bunny Program
 - How do we feel about it? Recommended separating power skating for the new kids but play as part of the regular team for practices and games

- Novice – Novice Developmental team
 - moved up and were challenged but lacked competition throughout the year
 - some inexperienced players in house league did not get over whelmed, had some time with the ring
 - traveling for house league teams was frustrating due to decrease in number of skilled players
 - players at the top end of house league were not challenged and may lose interest
 - did support the Petite House League
 - coaches were coaching one team and that team played together all year
- Petites – double carding from the year before – not allowed
 - age at which tiering starts
 - need to get more teams into petites to help build the house league
 - communication earlier about t Provincials re: who was going
 - plan ahead and book the rooms and whoever gets to go uses them
 - define expectations early in the year regarding who gets to go based on participation in Black/Gold
 - also recommended scheduling play downs earlier and coaches meeting re: what is going on
 - “Petweets” was a big hit throughout the year
- Tweens – juniors playing the tweens was not accepted well
- Juniors – black/gold was difficult

Retaining players at the older age groups. Sheldon Germain has asked if Ringette Association if they want to become involved in the Hockey Academy at Fr Mercredi High School.

Recommendations for League Structure:

Bunnies

- allow and encourage strong players to move up into Novice
- have coaches select players
- split power skating by skill level
- have coaches have an evaluation process for first couple weeks

Novice

- evenly split novice developmental team within Novice house league
- novice developmental can move up and play in petite house league when not as busy
- Petite C Black/Gold
- When players from novice developmental team are away, play a pond hockey format where teams are mixed

Petite

- tiered this year

- Fort Mac given special considerations each year
- One and three is the vote (i.e. A, CCC)
- Black/Gold will rotate again (sharing) all in favour.
- Send a note to Brian regarding scheduling doubled-up games. This also helps even out the play

Tween

- A, B
- Need commitment for Black/Gold
- Can get into second session once you have commitment
- Do A black/gold and see if you have commitment from B players for second session. All in Favor.

Juniors and Belles:

- no changes
- monitor ice time and sharing

Aurora Ring Tournament: Need to discuss dates

Camp: Requesting August 11-15

NRL Weekend

Vote in New Executive:

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| President: | Terry Dirk |
| Vice President: | Suzanne Pinkoski |
| Treasurer: | Jennifer MacDougall |
| Secretary: | Jodi Higdon |
| Registrar: | Aaron/Debbie Solecki |
| PR Rep: | Mark Lozynsky |
| Referee in Chief: | Vacant |
| Camp Coordinator: | Kym Gullevich |
| Zone 7 rep: | Colleen MacDougall |
| Black Gold/Zone 5: | Suzanne Pinkoski |

Technical Director: Doug Lacey
Ice Allocator: Sara Wearing
**Casino Coordinator/
Volunteer coordinator:** Nicole Deitz
Bingo Coordinator: Heather Dicks
Equipment Manager: Jim Cullihall/Paulette Williams
Tournament Coordinator: Brenda Jones

Meeting adjourned 9:35pm

Next Meeting August 25th 7:00pm at YMCA