



Minutes

Subject: August GVRA Board of Directors Meeting
 Meeting Date: August 29, 2023
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Location: The View

President	Wayne Robert	Y	Ice Ambassador	Dianne Peterson	Y
Vice President	Richelle Kendall	-	Equipment Manager	Jane Sutton	-
Past President	Rosemary Manton	Y	Director of Referees	Derrick Doige	Y
Treasurer	Brad Marta	Y	Director of Coaches	Mati Arsoniadis	
Registrar	Lori Einfeld	Y	Director of Managers	Sherrie Hodkinson	-
Secretary	Carmen Larsen	Y	Director of School Programs	Gerran Thorhaug	Y
Promotions	Courtney King	y	Tournament & Events	Jennifer Fossum	Y

1.0 Approval of agenda. Added topic of extra ice times next week. Moved to approve by Gerran, seconded by Brad, all in favour.

2.0 Approval of minutes from August 8, 2023. Moved to approve by Rosemary, seconded by Jennifer, all in favour.

3.0 Progress Updates – see end of agenda. Addendum of RBC sanctioning of OAB. Motion to accept by Carmen, seconded by Jennifer, all in favour.

4.0 Business from Previous Meetings

1. Questions for Brad:

a. ViaSport Community Sport Development Fund - \$3000 received for Come Try Ringette/Come Try Goalie ice costs, and for a set of goalie gear.

ViaSport Hosting Grant – unsuccessful.

JumpStart Grant - advised by Courtney that the application was unsuccessful.

BC Gaming Grant - pending decision, will know in September.

b. \$500 OAB revenue is the refund of the security deposit from Ringette BC from last year's tournament. We received this in April 2023

c. Budgeted ice cost last year was \$54,923, actual ice cost last year was \$56,476. Projected a 5% increase for this year (\$56,476 + 5% increase = \$59200)

5.0 New Business

1. Registration numbers

	A	B	C	D
1	Count of ID	Column Labels		
2	Row Labels		Zone	Grand Total
3	FUN1		2	2
4	FUN2		6	6
5	FUN3		23	23
6	Open		17	17
7	U12		25	25
8	U14		5	11
9	U16		8	12
10	U19			10
11	Grand Total		86	33
12				119

This chart not exactly correct: U12 has 2 overage players who are actually U14. U14 has 18 registered, U12 has 23.

2. Team formation – No numbers from SRA yet about players wanting to be zone-evaluated.

Discussion of numbers at U14 and U16 about team formation and low numbers affecting association teams and zone teams. No clear direction in policy about whether association team formation or zone formation has priority in team formation.

Motion by Gerran, seconded by Jennifer, all in favour: *to get a better number of zone interest from SRA, meet with Zone 5 coaches individually to address possible smaller team with more affiliates. Then forward to RBC to check on possibilities of team formation and advocate for more opportunities for meaningful games with club teams.*

3. Player movement committee: application required by September 3, then evaluation at both levels, must be in lowest 25% of evaluated to move down. Rosemary will lead the group, Carmen and Dianne to join. Jay Shaw suggested by Dianne, Ian Hawes also suggested. **Rosemary will ask Jay.** Currently only one application for an overage player to play in younger age group.
 - a. Jennifer makes *motion to accept committee as Rosemary, Carmen, Dianne and Jay,* second by Courtney, all in favour.
4. Cohort meetings: Wayne willing to meet with each age group in second week to go over association expectations.
5. Sponsorship/jerseys – Mike at Sun Valley wants to sponsor ringette. Typically, he buys jerseys for a team, Wayne suggested sponsoring Zone jerseys over 3 years to a certain \$ value and then association/players make up the remaining costs.
 - a. Motion by Jennifer *to give Wayne permission to explore the opportunity with Sun Valley Sports to develop a sponsorship agreement for 60 zone jerseys.* Seconded by Dianne, all in favour.
6. BC Winter Games – Zone 2 Representative (Jennifer may be interested) and Head Coach applications (Mati may be interested).
7. Extra ice events – 2 ice times on September 5 at 5 pm, September 6 at 5:15. Consider one as a coaching opportunity. Consider one as a social event.
 - a. Wayne makes a *motion to give Carmen a \$200 budget to do a fun activity Tuesday at 5 pm at KTPS.* Seconded by Derrick. All in favour. Carmen will work with Gerran to put together some kind of food offering.
 - b. Mati to be offered ice on Wednesday at 5:15 pm for coaching clinic. **Wayne will contact Mati.**
8. Need referees: have to be 14 years old to officiate a game. Derrick will send out an email to the association asking.

6.0 Standing Items:

1. Financial update: Financials statements and budget to Google Drive. Estimated registration revenue is short currently. Pre-conditioning camp made some money but not clear yet exact amount, rough profit \$1400.
 - a. Lottery license: need to confirm program for fundraising platform before can apply for lottery license.
 - b. *Motion to accept financials by Derrick, seconded by Rosemary, all in favour.*
2. TORL
 - a. Game distribution 2022-2023 – see below. New TORL ice scheduler aware.
 - b. Zone play – more meaningful games, for example U14Z play U16C? Play up one age group in club association. Rosemary pointed out that this is against RBC rules.

Evaluations: Universal athlete assessments used in Alberta. RBC has not responded to KRAs request to use this assessment model. Normal evaluation process for this year.

Need a zone tryout team in TeamSnap, Rosemary to make teams then Dianne will assign ice schedule.

All players will have their own GVRA jersey or pinny for evaluations. Divide zone groups into equitable teams. Evaluators: Tammy, Sian. Need referees for scrimmage for zone try-outs – Courtney to contact Derrick

Rosemary to identify evaluators for club (U12 and up). Open wants try-outs, will be later in September.

Carmen moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer, all on favour. 20:44

Next Meeting: 7 pm at The View

All reports due by ? to Carmen

Ice Distribution 2022-2023 Season

	Royal Lepage / Jim Lind	Hucul/Shaw	CNC/Rutland	KTP/PV	Enderby
U10	10	12	21	11	
U12	9	14	20	11	
U14 Club	8	9	17	10	
U16/U19	8	13	22	7	1
	35	48	80	39	1

GVRA vs KRA	Kelowna	Vernon
U10	8	1
U12	9	5
U14	4	2
U16/19	6	2

U10: 6 teams (2 KRA, 2 GVRA, 1 SRA, 1 WRA)

U12: 6 teams (2 KRA, 2 GVRA, 1 SRA, 1 WRA)

U14 club: 4 teams (1 from each association)

U16 club: 4 teams (1 KRA, 1 KRA/WRA, 1 GVRA, 1 SRA)

U19 club: 2 teams (1 KRA, 1 WRA)

KRA Ice	142.92
WRA Ice	105.15
Shuswap Ice	132.76
GVRA Ice	151.44

Armstrong
Ice 117.60

Progress Updates

President:

August Camp Update

- Committee suggested to adjust the camp to combine U16 & U19 and spread the extra ice over the cohorts.
- National Ringette School was cancelled which removed the conflict of attending for families.
- Registration:

Age Cohort	Registration
U10 & U12	32
U14	15
U16 & U19	23
Total	70

Note:

- We gave a WRA family the camp for free as they lost their house.
- Danielle Wilson's daughter was registered at the rink.

Zone 5 Progress

- Courtney as Zone Coordinator
 - Organized Zone 5 Coach interviews
 - Working with SRA to determine possible ice times for tryouts and season (4 sessions 2 Vernon and 2 Salmon Arm – with ice cleans)
 - Need evaluators
- Wayne as President
 - Had to follow-up with meeting request with RBC.
 - Met with RBC (Rebecca Tamil-Selven) to discuss:
 - Team formation
 - KRA also talked to RBC regarding the U19 age cohort. I believe they still want to try and create one TORL wide team.
 - Difference in approach is that we spoke of it still being a Zone 5 team (GVRA/SRA) with Zone 6 (KRA/WRA) player being released by their Association to tryout. KRA has been promoting it being a joint governed team.
 - This has significant scheduling (games/practice) implications.
 - Zone 5 Colours
 - Discussed with SRA about getting Zone 5 colour palette and jerseys.
 - Meaningful games and competition
 - Regarding areas like the Interior not having enough games (example U19 Zone last year)
 - Rebecca could not speak to whether it is a topic at RBC. By her answer I would strongly suggest it is not.
 - She suggested Associations need to come up with answers and go back to RBC.

Vice President – no update

Past President – no update

Treasurer – Financial documents uploaded to Google Drive and attached to email.

Registrar – no update. Will give registration numbers at the meeting.

Secretary –

Code of Conduct, 2 remaining.

Criminal Record Checks contact - Lisa Quiring has made request to transfer communications to me at secretary@vernonringette.com

Credentialing committee: checklists for volunteer requirements. New committee of secretary, director of coaches, director of managers, director of officials to ensure all proper documents are collected. I will communicate with each of the directors (coaches/managers/officials) to work on how to ensure everyone has done proper courses and documentation is collected.

Promotions – The team store has been delayed due to our sales rep being evacuated, but it will be up and running before the start of the season for families to order GVRA swag.

Ongoing promotion of registration, Come Try Ringette events, and starting to promote Okanagan Autumn Blast.

Ice Ambassador - Just waiting for the following:

1) to have evaluation ice returned by Courtney so I can schedule club, U10, U12, OPEN evaluations.

2) for practice plan for Open, U19 from Wayne. Impacts schedule for U14, U16

3) for Zone ice day/time from Salmon Arm

Then I can enter September schedule in Team Snap.

Equipment –

Progress:

- Purchased equipment for coach's bags (e.g. tape, locks, bungees, helmet repair kits, white board markers).
- Set up all coach's bags for those ages that didn't keep theirs from last year (Kim Bailey, David Penner, Nico Siedmann, Darcy Quiring have kept them).
- Connected with Open contact (Amy) and got jerseys back from last year.
- Purchased 44 rings that Sun Valley had in stock.
- Ordered 2 more cases of rings (back ordered and sitting in Vancouver port - expecting to be 6 weeks before delivery), 3 more coach's bags, and 2 large ringette white boards.
- Connected with Tim Webster (Kelowna Rockets Equipment Manager) to repair 3 sets of goalie pads - they have been repaired however he is located in Lake Country and currently on evacuation, so I have not been able to pick them up.

Working On:

- Ordering Medals for our FUN group - connecting with Medal Supplier to make sure they say *Ringette* not Hockey.
- Purchasing:
 - 2/3 sets of goalie pads (U10 & U12 sizes) depending on teams and formation. Would like to connect with coaches at the beginning of the season to see if something else is needed (e.g. Nami gloves).

Director of Referees – Last week I sent out an email to our Vernon Officials with a link to the course offerings in BC this fall. There are multiple offerings of a 3-hour online refresher course happening in September. I will send out another reminder next week. In the next couple of weeks, I would like to send out an email to all of GVRA trying to recruit new officials. We have at least a few officials from last year who will not be returning, and we will need to get some new people trained and on the ice. The power skating for officials that was being offered in Kelowna on Saturday morning has been cancelled due to the fires.

Director of Coaching – no update

Director of Managers – no update

Director of School Programs – no update

Tournaments and Events. - OAB:

Secured Hotel Partnership with the Prestige Hotel group. We will need to update the website information to reflect this sponsorship.

Sanctioning Application has been re-sent (3rd time). Working with the new Executive Director, Matt.

***Addendum: approval for sanctioning received this afternoon from Ringette BC to J. Fossum*

Team Snap Tournament has been set up, minus payment by credit card (in progress).

A lot of interest out of Zone 2 and Kelowna teams.

Looking to secure an online hosting platform for 50/50 & Silent Auction for OAB Tournament.

Other:

Vernon Vipers are offering to GVRA players a Vernon Vipers Pass for \$75/child for the season. This is for 26 games and works out to \$2.88 per game/student. The punch pass can be bought at the box office on game day or the Vipers Office and in return will be given a ticket to the next game. (Cannot be a dedicated ticket for a "season's pass" seat. I.e, you cannot reserve the same seat for the whole season).

We have been offered, and I have accepted an opportunity, to be the 50/50 group at the January 13th Vernon Vipers Game. We will need to seek volunteers to "work" the game. Gaming grant application for up to \$5k to allow for this and for overall GVRA fundraising use is in progress.

Come Try Ringette:

Switched to a "Free Skate" and CTR on Thursday, Aug. 24th. Great result in the end. 19 skaters attended and 6 new to ringette players came. We only received enough swag for 10 player bags. This leaves 4 bags for the next two CTR events. Look to seek more from RBC.