

# Minutes



Subject: November GVRA Board of Directors Meeting  
 Meeting Date: December 12, 2023  
 Time: 8:00 pm  
 Location: Via Zoom

<b>President</b>	Wayne Robert	<b>x</b>	<b>Ice Ambassador</b>	Dianne Peterson	<b>X</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	Richelle Kendall	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Jane Sutton	<b>x</b>
<b>Past President</b>	Rosemary Manton	<b>X</b>	<b>Director of Referees</b>	Derrick Doige	<b>x</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Brad Marta	<b>X</b>	<b>Director of Coaches</b>	Mati Glover	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	Lori Einfeld	<b>x</b>	<b>Director of Managers</b>	Sherrie Hodkinson	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	Carmen Larsen	<b>n/a</b>	<b>Director of School Programs</b>	Gerran Thorhaug	<b>X</b>
<b>Promotions</b>	Courtney King	<b>x</b>	<b>Tournament &amp; Events</b>	Jennifer Fossum	<b>X</b>

## Called to order at 8:00pm

- 1.0 Approval of agenda. Motioned by Jenn, seconded by Rosemary. All in favour.
- 2.0 Approval of minutes from November 14<sup>th</sup>. *Motion to approve by Jenn seconded by Jane , all in favour.*
- 3.0 Business from Previous Meetings
  - 3.1 Club/Zone Relationship/Synergies – Policy and guidelines not aligned at Ringette BC. MOU between Zone and Association is incomplete, should be done prior to season starts. Brad states there is supposed to be a MOU between Zone and Association. Uncertainty re MOU, its current status and the agreements in place. What is RBC’s governance responsibility and role? **Moved to January.**
  - 3.2 Zone 5 MOU – basic document was shared by Wayne and highlighted the ice allocation between the 2 associations. **Everyone** to please review and provide feedback for a vote before the end of the week to Wayne. Motion made by Brad, seconded by Courtney. All in favour.
  - 3.3 Westsyde Days: number of games, timing during OAB for Vernon families. **Carmen will find out more information and report back (again).**
  - 3.4 Autumn Blast Update – Wayne and Dianne will be meeting with the city around our struggles with OAB. Meeting to be scheduled before the end of the year.
  - 3.5 Winter Carnival Event – Gerran was approached about doing a ringette event for Winter Carnival. It’s too late for this year, but something for him to look into for next year.
  - 3.6 Coaches Meeting – Mati was not in attendance at this meeting, but Rosemary and Jenn reported that the coaches meetings were small, but covered some excellent topics such as qualifications and team bonding along with Safe Sport training. Rosemary mentioned that everyone interacting with the players should be taking the Safe Sport Training, including team managers. A motion was made to catalogue what training is required for each age group or position, and who has the required training, and when their training expires. Mati to develop a list of coaches and responsibilities for coaches, Sherrie to make the list for managers, and Derrick to make the list of officials. A letter will go from Derrick & Wayne to Ringette BC needs to go indicating the challenges in updating their system in a timely manner. Motion made by Jenn, seconded by Rosemary. All in favour.
  - 3.7 Sustainability of Age Cohorts – ongoing conversations about loss of players around the age 14. Suggestions to send a member survey, and talking to the U12 kids prior to the end of the season about their options moving into U14 Club/Zone. A sub-committee of Jane, Jenn, Gerran, Rosemary, and Wayne to look at our numbers, age cohorts, and

- critical issues for the years ahead and planning for succession. Motion made by Rosemary, seconded by Gerran. All in favour.
- 3.8 U12 CI Update – Jane reported that Michelle Wicklund is assistant coaching the CI team run by TORL. South (KRA/WRA) has very low registrations and no coach, so North (GVRA/SRA) may allow south players to join our group.
- 3.9 Greater Vernon Arena Updates – Dianne reported that the city has not yet indicated if a higher fee will be taxed on players who live outside of Vernon, Coldstream, Area B & C. We will monitor this.
- 3.10 BCWG Update – Jenn reported that the team has been selected, including 5 GVRA players of 26. GVRA provided one evaluation time. The team will now meet in Vernon on 2 dates, of 4 ice times (2/day) since the team is allowed to have a maximum 4 hour practice time. Jenn has requested for an additional 2 ice times to be donated to the BCWG team. Motion made by Dianne, seconded by Derrick to support the ice request for BCWG athletes this year for the one evaluations that already took place, plus an additional 4 ice blocks over 2 dates with the understanding that we need to predict and budget the needs for additional costs for specialized teams such as U12 CI, BCWG, Westerns etc. Jenn to confirm that this will lower the cost for our Zone 2 players.
- 3.11 Governance education for board members – Courtney found a few reasonably priced options online. Derrick pointed out that we may not require generic training, but setting up some policies and guidelines for dealing with complaints may be better suited and more helpful. We will move to the January agenda when we have full engagement from the board. Wayne to approach Ringette BC to see what they have to offer.
- 4.0 Financials – presented by Brad. Motion to accept made by Jenn, seconded by Derrick. All in favour.
- 4.1 Department updates:  
Jenn reported that we have a January 13<sup>th</sup> Vipers game 50-50 that we will need to staff. This is also the same weekend as the West Coast Classic so some teams may not be available.  
No other updates, but Gerran has been going to schools for Gym Ringette. Zone jerseys have arrived and they look great. Athletes are very happy.  
Derrick and Dianne are working to develop our referees with training and scheduling. We may see more home games in the new year to accommodate this.

#### 5.0 TORL Items

Wayne reported that they are going to be doing an ice cancellation policy. Dianne is going to help provide feedback to Wayne for that meeting.

Derrick motioned to end the meeting at 9:47. Seconded by Rosemary. All in favour.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024 at KalTirePlace