



Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2009
(Teleconference)

1. Call to Order (@ 8PM)

2. Roll Call

Present:

Glen Ritchie, President
Darrell Desjardin, LMRL
Ken Hawrys, Administration
Bill Woodley, Coaching
Cathy Lipsett, TORL
Laura Tighe, Island
Gail Sweet, NORTH

Staff:

Wayne Leslie, Executive Director

Absent:

Rob Tait, Officiating
Kim Taschuk, Provincial Programs
Debbie Coulter, High Performance
Brian Crandell, Athlete Development
Monika Weatherill, Promotions
Laura Watson, Technical Director

3. Approval of Agenda

BOD Motion #1: "That the agenda is approved as amended." (Island/North) (Carried)

4. Approval of minutes of last meeting

BOD Motion #2: "That the minutes of the last meeting are approved as presented" (TORL/LMRL) (Carried)

5. Business arising from last meeting

The event representation list will be tabled until the September meeting at which time most events and director availability can be finalized. The committee structure list is almost complete for 2009-2010 and requires only the names of the LTAD implementation

committee which is in the final stages of formation. The committee list will also be finalized at the September meeting.

6. Correspondence

6.1 2009-2010 Core Funding letter (Sport BC)

BCRA's Core Funding assessment confirmation letter for 2009-2010 was received and outlines funding levels and installment schedules. All of which is subject to revision pending ongoing government funding revisions.

6.2 LTAD development funding letter (2010 LegaciesNow)

We have received confirmation of our enrolment in the provincial support program for development of BCRA's LTAD implementation program. This program also provides funding, \$3000 to cover costs associated with the project.

7. Financial

7.1 Monthly Financial report

We are entering our leanest period in terms of revenue generation. This is a time when ensuring sufficient operating funds are extremely important in order to cover various monthly expenses until membership registrations are received in October and November. At this time, much if not all revenue is derived from annual government funding which is now questionable due to economic restraints.

8. Other Business

8.1 Tween AA restructuring

The provincial committee has recommended that the program be changed to a zone format. The zones recommended are East/West for LMRL, North/South for TORL and the two BC Games zones for the Northern League. The leagues have been advised that BCRA plans to move ahead with this proposal for 2009-2010 and formation of their Tween AA programs should be made on this basis. BCRA's Board will formally approve the concept prior to the start of the season and BCRA's Technical Director will work with the VP-High Performance to revise BCRA policy in this area accordingly.

8.2 BC REIGN

Day to day organization and operation of the BC REIGN, British Columbia's lone NRL team has been taken over by private individuals. When BCRA began assisting with organization of the team in 2004-2005, private ownership of the team was the ultimate goal and reflects typical team structure through the NRL.

BCRA was the only provincial level organization with direct involvement in an NRL team. While this was critical in preventing the team from folding in its early years, the level of work required to operate a team at this level made it increasingly difficult for BCRA to provide adequate organization without being done at the expense of other provincial programs and private ownership was sought. A partnership involving Chris Wakefield and Bill Bettles approached

BCRA about taking on operation of the team commencing with the 2009-2010 season and BCRA agreed. The team will be operated privately as the Fraser Valley Avalanche.

8.3 Provincial Championship Hosting

BCRA will proactively remind leagues and associations about considering hosting a BCRA provincial Championship for the 2009-2010 season. Rather than waiting to see if any hosts step forward, BCRA will actively canvas its membership to remind them of the need for hosts and the importance of event hosting of BC's provincial championships and year end events.

9. New Business

9.1 Petite (non) tiering

Both the North and TORL would like to proceed with this initiative for the 2009-2010 season. LMRL indicates that they are discussing this possibility and hope to confirm at an upcoming LMRL meeting later in August. It is agreed that in order for this initiative to work, ALL leagues must be committed or implementation will be too problematic. LMRL's rep will be attending the league meeting and will report back to BCRA in time for a decision to be made prior to the start of the season.

9.2 Ringette Canada policy changes

Ringette Canada has proposed new policies for its rule change process and committee structure. BCRA will review the proposed changes and convey any input back to Ringette Canada by the September 1st deadline. The most positive change is in the area of committee structure where a better level of provincial involvement and communication will be implemented.

9.6 Communication

Care will be taken in responding to inquiries that come to BCRA throughout the season. In particular an effort will be made to avoid multiple people responding separately to the same question to avoid confusion. In many instances, questions should be answered through the BCRA office and the office should always be included in communications to ensure information being communicated is kept on file. Questions of a more serious nature should be discussed with staff and directors before responses are sent.

10. Reports

As submitted

11. In-Camera Session

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM