

BC Ringette Association
November 24th, 2009
(Teleconference)

1. Call to Order @ 8PM

2. Roll Call

Present:

Glen Ritchie, President
Kim Taschuk, Provincial Programs
Cathy Lipsett, TORL
Laura Tighe, Island
Monika Weatherill, Promotions
Brian Crandell, Athlete Development
Rob Tait, Officiating
Grant Ayers, LMRL
Darrell Desjardin, LMRL
Debbie Coulter, High Performance

Staff:

Wayne Leslie, Executive Director
Laura Watson, Technical Director

Absent:

Bill Woodley, Coaching
Gail Sweet, North
Ken Hawrys, Administration

3. Approval of Agenda

BOD Motion #1: "That the agenda is approved as amended." (Athlete Development/Provincial Programs) (Carried)

4. Approval of minutes from last Board meeting

BOD Motion #2: "That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as presented." (Island/Provincial Programs) (Carried)

5. Business arising from minutes of last meeting

5.1 Provincial A + B/C host budget follow-up

Prince George has prepared the budget for the 2010 event and the team entry fee has been set at \$750.

BOD Motion #3: “That the team entry fee for the 2010 A-Provincial Championships be \$750” (Provincial Programs/TORL) (Carried)

Penticton-Summerland has submitted a proposal to host the B/C provincial Championship. The proposal included the TORL U12 year end event. BCRA will work with the host to finalize the event budget and assist with planning.

BOD Motion #4: “That the Penticton-Summerland’s bid to host the 2010 B/C Championship is approved and the team entry fee is set at \$750” (Provincial Programs/High Performance) (Carried)

5.2 Provincial Championship hosting rotation proposal

Staff continues to develop championship hosting rotation options designed to enhance the sustainability and affordability of all BCRA championships. Leagues have vetted an initial proposal to create a basic rotation structure similar to the one currently in place for the Provincial AA Championship. Some problem areas have been identified, especially in the area of team availability in a given league in a hosting year. Other hosting options being reviewed include an annual, centralized hosting location for championships. Staff will continue to review the various options and develop a final recommendation for the board to consider.

5.3 U12 Year End event proposal – Surrey Ringette

Due to its limited size, BCRA will sanction Surrey’s U12 year end event application as league specific event, rather than a province-wide U12 event. This is consistent with the development of other “league” level events being planned elsewhere in the province. A more localized year end event for this division allows for greater participation with less travel requirements. Travel has been identified as a problem for development of year end events for this younger age group.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Fraser valley Avalanche

A request has been received from the owners of the Fraser Valley Avalanche for BCRA’s assistance in locating additional ice for team practices and activities. BC Ringette will communicate the team’s needs to its local associations and encourage any who may have ice available to contact the team directly. BCRA continues to promote Avalanche and NRL activities by dedicating a section of it’s provincial website to the league and the team.

6.2 Athlete Assistance Program

BC Ringette has received confirmation from the provincial government of its Athlete Assistance program funding for 2009-2010. Our total funding allocation is \$13,513. This financial assistance

program targets high performance athletes and is a joint venture by the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport and the Ministry of Housing and Social Development. BCRA staff and the VP-High Performance are reviewing our athlete identification process to ensure it meets program criteria for individual athlete funding. Funds will be disbursed no later than March 31, 2010.

7. Budget

7.1 Monthly financial update

The organization's financial statements, as at October 31st, 2009, presented.

7.2 2009-2010 Budget (Update)

BCRA's VP-Administration and Executive Director have revised the organization's operating budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The revision is necessary due to dramatic, unforeseen reductions in government funding as well lower interest and registration revenues which have created a deficit. Revenue adjustments, cost cutting and service reductions have been made in all departments to account for the unexpected deficit and balance the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

8. Other Business

None

9. New Business

9.1 Open Division Tiering

Problems have been encountered with tiering in the Open division in the Lower Mainland. The league has not advised BCRA as to the tiering of teams in this division. According to current policy, until such time that a team's tiering has been declared by the league, they are recognized as an "A" level team for any BCRA sanctioned events.

BCRA's tiering committee will consider possible options for improving the ability of teams and leagues to properly and efficiently tier this division and make recommendations.

9.2 Affiliate Players

All players participating at BCRA sanctioned events must be properly registered and assigned with an association team. Players who are not properly assigned to a team in their association are considered ineligible or illegal players.

9.3 Releases

The Release Committee has noted unacceptable delays in the processing of release requests at the league level, holding up BCRA's ability to finalize releases. In some cases, associations are left waiting for release finalization for months after submitting requests to the league which have not been submitted to BCRA. The committee will review the process and make recommendations to reduce the amount of time releases take to move from the association to the league and then finally to BCRA.

9.4 Non-Tiered Lateral Player Pickup policy

Section 3: General Sport Rules, (1.1) Player Pickup

Lateral Pickup Policy

In non-tiered divisions, teams from the same association are permitted pickup players from other equal caliber teams within their own division and association provided the following criteria are met:

- A team may only pick up to their regular roster size, unless the team has less than 11 players on their roster in which case they may pick up to a roster of 11 players.
- The roster of the team picking up players must be 75% original roster players (i.e. no more than 25% pick-ups).
- The “borrowing” team must work through the entire roster of the “supplying” team before being able to pick-up the same player again.
- All players are eligible to be picked-up for a maximum of two league games or one sanctioned tournament in a season.

This policy applies to league and tournament play. All eligible players from the borrowing roster who are not participating must have a documented reason for not attending the tournament.

Note: The intent of this amendment is to allow only for the replacement of players who are unable to attend the event, and to support the formation of smaller roster teams. It is not intended to create combination teams.

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BOD Motion #5: “That the Non-Tiered Lateral Player Pickup policy is approved” (Provincial Programs/High Performance) (Carried)

10. Reports
As submitted.

11. In-Camera

12. Adjournment @ 10PM