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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF THE ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION INC. HELD AT THE
Westin Bristol Place, Toronto, Ontario
October 3rd, 2014 Commencing at 9:00 am
HEREINAFTER CITED AS D2-14**

1. Roll Call

Keith Kaiser	-	President
Nick Sirenko	-	Vice President Finance
Byron Johnson	-	Vice President Communications
Janet Logan	-	Vice President Administration
Kim Noxon	-	Vice President Technical
Kathy Noxon	-	Eastern Region Director
Susan Weiskopf	-	Northeast Region Director
Rob Crandall	-	Southern Region Director
Peter Westelaken	-	Western Region Director
Megan MacDonald	-	Athlete Director
Jamie Showers	-	Central Region Director (Present by conference call 9:10 am – 10:20 am)

Absent

Vacant	-	Northwest Region Director
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Invited Guests

Daniel Wood-Saloman		Sport Development Chair
Kelly Sitland		Membership Services Chair

Staff in attendance

Mike Beaton	-	Executive Director
Rose Snagg	-	Administrative Coordinator

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion D2-14-01 THAT: "The Board of Directors approve the Agenda with additions".

Moved: Western

Seconded: Northeastern

Carried

3. Adoption of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Motion D2-14-02 THAT: “The Minutes of June 1st, 2014 Meeting of the ORA Board of Directors be accepted”.

Moved: Athlete Director

Seconded: VP Administration

Carried

4. Correspondence

- Received a nice thank you letter from Laurie Beaton for her award

5. In Camera Session

Motion D2-14-03 THAT: “The Board move into an In Camera session to receive confidential reports.”

Moved: VP Communications

Seconded: Southern

Carried

The Board of Directors considered 4 items of a confidential nature.

- A complaint, an appeal, staff issue, legal issue.

MOTION D2-14-04 THAT: “The Report on the “In Camera Session” is accepted”.

Moved: Northeastern

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

6. Athlete and Regional Directors Reports

Motion D2-14-06 THAT: “The Athlete Director and Regional Directors’ Reports are accepted.”

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: VP Communications

Carried

6.1 Regions

- Concern expressed that the associations granted hosting for provincial level tournaments is imbalanced with the number of teams within these associations and regions.
- Region promotes teams and the tournament allocation should match it.
- Limit the number of teams in each the division in the tournament to ensure even distribution.
- Teams more likely to pick certain regions due to proximity.
 - Regional Directors encouraged to bring possible solutions to this issue at the November board meeting

6.2 Western

- Growth of the sport.
- Western Region is applying for Trillium grant to add board member to take on the workload of the Coordinator's administrative tasks.
- Challenge all the Coordinator's to be part of a sport growth initiative.

6.3 Northeastern

- A and AA players playing at both levels: have a working group monitoring how it works this season
- U14: organize it earlier so players aren't going to back to back tournaments.
- Need better planning and lead time into the season to have a smooth implementation.
 - Bring suggestions to the November board meeting.

6.4 Athlete Director

Challenges to have and keep the job in each region to have continuous reports and communication.

- Social Media and surveys to encourage communication and timely feedback from athletes to understand the issues and how to fix it.
 - Add incentive to do the surveys to ensure completion.
 - Barter with local sporting stores to supply prizes for free advertising.

6.5 Jamie Showers has left the meeting at 10:30am.

7. Vice President of Communications – Byron Johnson

- Nothing to communicate

8. Finance Committee – Nick Sirenko:

Motion D2-14-07 THAT: "Score2Stats be accepted as the vendor of choice for providing statistics and game sheets at provincial championships/events in 2015.

Moved: VP Finance

Seconded: Western

Carried

Games and Tournaments – MOTION D2-14-08 THAT: The team registration fees for the 2015 Provincial Events be set as follows:

AA: 20 minute periods - \$1700 per team

AA: 15 minute periods - \$1575 per team

A: \$1460

U12: \$1325

Motion was approved via conference call on Oct 6, 2014 as special meeting D3-14-01

Games and Tournaments – MOTION D2-14-09 THAT: Allows The Newmarket and District Ringette Association (NDRA) to amend the "Ontario Ringette Association Provincial Championships Hosting and Sanction Agreement" that was signed and dated 2014.07.27, to reflect that NDRA would like to pay the \$3,000 sanction fee to The Ontario Ringette Association (ORA) and retain 100% of the profit/losses resulting from hosting the 2015 Provincial A Championships. (Option 1). Making this motion is contingent on ORA agreeing to increase the team fees for the 2015 Provincial A Championships to at least \$1,525/team.

Motion determined as a contract matter. NDRA to request formally, through the ORA office, for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Coaching Development – MOTION D2-14-10 THAT: The provincial LF training session that is required by Ringette Canada to take place as soon as possible be planned for the weekend of May 29-31, 2015. The budget for this session is estimated to be \$9,000 as per attached 'Draft Budget for Spring 2015 LF Training Session.

Motion withdrawn as is a budget item in next fiscal operating budget. Intent to proceed was confirmed to allow planning to commence.

Sport Development – MOTION D2-14-11 THAT: Effective immediately, the Come Try Ringette trainers receive a \$100 honorarium for each Come Try Ringette training session they hold.”

Moved: VP Finance

Seconded: VP Technical

Carried

Sport Development – MOTION D2-14-12 THAT: “If a team or an association is found to be non-compliant for any of the Sport Development compliancy rules, they will be subject to a sanction. The sanction will be a fine of \$500 and/or the team can be deemed ineligible to participate in sanctioned play. This rule is in effect for the 2014/15 season.”

Moved: VP Finance

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

9. Vice President Administration – Janet Logan

9.1 Adult Development

MOTION D2-14-13 THAT: Niagara Falls Ringette Association Hosts the 2015 OAIC March 27 – 30.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: Western

Carried

9.2 Elite Development

MOTION D2-14-14 THAT: The Elite Portion of the ORA Operations Manual be revised with the additions to the OWG section 1.2 and 1.3 as attached.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: Northeastern

Carried

MOTION D2-14-15 THAT: Evaluators used in Team Ontario player selection during Challenge Cups and training camps must represent at least three different regions and be independent of players involved. Regions to provide a list of available evaluators to the Team Ontario Staff.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: VP Technical

Carried

MOTION D2-14-16 THAT: All intent to proceed forms for Ontario Ringette teams to the Canadian Ringette Championships and the Easterns shall include documentation detailing all possible discipline and fines for failure to comply.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: Northeastern

Carried

9.3 Games and Tournaments

MOTION D2-14-17 THAT: Any discipline received in a non-sanctioned ringette event by an ORA registered player or bench staff member must be fully served. If not completely served during the event, the discipline carries over into regular play.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: Western

Defeated

MOTION D2-14-18 THAT: That beginning with the 2015/16 season, there will be three (3) tournaments per region given the opportunity to host AA divisions and four (4) tournaments per region given the opportunity to host A divisions. Each region will can set their own criteria for selecting the tournaments to host. If the regions are selecting the hosts, then the names of the associations hosting are to be submitted to the ORA office by June 30th. Should a region not wish to exercise the opportunity to select the hosts within their region, the hosts for that region will be determined by the Provincial G&T Committee during the sanctioning conference call held in early July.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: VP Finance

Defeated

MOTION D2-14-19 THAT: The beginning with the 2015 AA if there are 12 teams or fewer in a division, they will play together in an unbalanced format. If there are 13 teams the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on rankings with seven (7) teams in the top tier and six (6) teams in the lower tier. The two tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover between tiers. If there are 14 teams the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on rankings with seven (7) teams in each tier. The two tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover between tiers. If there are fifteen teams or more, the division will be split into two (2) tiers based on ranking. Both tiers will have a minimum of seven (7) teams. The two tiers will be independent of each other and there will be no crossover between tiers.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: Western

Carried

MOTION D2-14-20 THAT: The maximum average number of games per day over the duration of a tournament is two. One day tournaments are exempt from this rule.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: VP Finance

Carried

9.4 Officiating Development

MOTION D2-14-21 THAT: Officiating move to an online registration system.

Motion withdrawn but the request was acknowledged and will become a part of the ongoing IT plan.

MOTION D2-14-22 THAT: There must be a mandatory Coaches Meeting prior to the beginning of all Regional Championships.

Moved: VP Administration

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

MOTION D2-14-23 THAT: Change official's registration form to read, "In order to register as an official, you must have this form into the ORA or your association registrar by September 15th or before you step on the ice."

Housekeeping

MOTION D2-14-24 THAT: Chris Faulds continues in the position as the NW Regional Coordinator.

Housekeeping

10. VP Technical – Kim Noxon

10.1 Coaching Development

MOTION D2-14-25 THAT: The ORA adopt the revised process for requesting and submitting CI Evaluations as required by Ringette Canada and the Coaching Association of Canada.

Moved: VP Technical

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

This process, effective as of March 1, 2014 now requires a coach to request a CI Evaluation directly in the Ringette Canada coaching database. This in turn automatically triggers an e-mail to the ORA Technical Director, who will, as is currently the case, contact the respective Regional Coaching Coordinator to ask that an Evaluator be assigned to the Coach. Once the Evaluation has been performed, the Evaluator must record the result (pass or fail) directly in the Ringette Canada database and this result will then automatically be transferred to the Coach's transcript on the Coaching Association of Canada's website.

In conjunction with this change in process, coaches are no longer required to submit the \$75 Evaluation fee to the ORA office; instead coaches will pay their Evaluator directly at the time of the Evaluation. Membership Services

10.2 Membership Services

MOTION D2-14-26 THAT: With the approval of the current insurance provider, the injury report (M-S Form 13) deadline for filing be increased from two days to seven days.

Housekeeping

MOTION D2-14-27 THAT: When an association folds, the closest association will become the home association of the remaining players.

Moved: VP Technical

Seconded: VP Communications

Carried

10.3 Sport Development

MOTION D2-14-28 THAT: The Leadership Camp should continue to be run annually

Moved: VP Technical

Seconded: Southern

Tabled until November Board of Directors meeting.

MOTION D2-14-29 THAT: If a team is found to be formed in contravention of the compliance rules, the committee will reform the team.

Moved: VP Technical

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

MOTION D2-14-30 THAT: Beginning with the 2014/15 playing season that U8 goalies be dressed in full gear. All players must rotate through the position at least once during the playing season. Teams are encouraged to dress two goalies per game.

Moved: VP Technical

Seconded: Northeastern

Carried

11. New Business

MOTION D2-14-31 THAT: London Open Ringette Association be accepted as a member of the Ontario Ringette Association

Moved: Western

Seconded: Northeastern

Carried

MOTION D2-14-32 THAT: Brooklin Ringette Association be accepted as a member of the Ontario Ringette Association

Moved: Western

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

MOTION D2-14-33 THAT: Queens Ringette Association be accepted as a member of the Ontario Ringette Association

Moved: VP Communications

Seconded: Eastern

Carried

MOTION D2-14-34 THAT: St. Thomas Adult Ringette Association be accepted as a member of the Ontario Ringette Association

Moved: Western

Seconded: Northeastern

Carried

MOTION D2-14-35 THAT: The ORA Board of Directors approve the Quest 4 Gold Athlete Assistance selection criteria for 2014-2015

Moved: VP Finance

Seconded: VP Administration

Carried

MOTION D2-14-36 THAT: Western Region Ringette Association apply for the Ontario Trillium Fund grant to finance a three year term paid administrative position.

Moved: Western

Seconded: VP Technical

Carried

12. Next Meeting

- Will be held on November 21-23 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre

13. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Moved: VP Communications