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MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, May 2nd, 2015
Westin Bristol Place, Toronto, ON

1. Roll Call

Present

Keith Kaiser – President
Kim Noxon – Vice President Technical
Janet Logan – Vice President Administration
Kelly Sitland – Membership Services Coordinator
Lori Pasanen – Adult Development Coordinator
Kathy Noxon – Eastern Region Director
Susan Weiskopf – Northeastern Region Director
Megan MacDonald – Athlete Director
Nick Sirenko – Vice President Finance
Rob Crandall – Southern Region Director

Attendance via Skype

Jamie Showers – Central Region Director

Staff in Attendance

Mike Beaton – Executive Director
Rose Snagg – Administrative Coordinator

Absent

Peter Westelaken – Western Region Director

Vacant

Northwestern Region

2. Additions and adoption of the Agenda

2.1. **MOTION D5-14-01 THAT:** The Board of Directors approve the Agenda (With changes and additions)

- Added Elite Development motion and Challenge Cup host.

Moved: Athlete Director

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes from the January 24th, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

3.1. **MOTION D5-14-02 THAT:** The Minutes of January 24th, 2015 Meeting of the ORA Board of Directors be accepted (as amended)

9.2 Change will not take effect after the season begins

9.3.1 Discussion: "shortage"

9.3.3 Medals – U12 changes to G&T not host

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

3.2. Business arising from the minutes

4. Correspondence

5. In Camera Session

5.1. **MOTION D5-14-03 THAT:** The Board move into an In Camera session to receive confidential reports.

Moved: Athlete Director

Seconded: Vice President Administration

Carried

6. Report on the In Camera Session

- Board discussed a legal matter and general board procedures

6.1. **MOTION D5-14-04 THAT:** The Report on the "In Camera Session" is accepted.

Moved: Northeast Region Director

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

7. Athletic Director and Regional Directors

7.1. Reports from the Athletic Director and Regional Directors

7.1.1. Athlete Director as published

7.1.2. Western as published

7.1.3. Northeastern as published

7.1.3.1. **MOTION D5-14-05 THAT:** The Northeast A/AA two team agreement exception is extended to the 2015/16 season.

Moved: Northeast Region Director

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

- 7.1.4.Southern as published
- 7.1.5.Central as published
- 7.1.6.Eastern as published
- 7.1.7.Northwestern vacant no report

7.2. **MOTION D5-14-06 THAT:** The Athletic Director and Regional Directors' Reports are accepted.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Vice President Finance

Carried

8. Vice President of Communications – Vacant no report

9. Vice President of Finance

- Projected a \$20,000 deficit
 - o Allowed \$10,000 buffer for increased expense claim amounts
- Meeting costs were estimated at \$100,000 but came in at \$73,000
 - o Meetings were shorter, utilized conference calls more often
- No coaching clinic, efforts to reduce costs.
- 2015/2016 budget all requests included as given.
- Meeting costs are under one expense line; doesn't matter how members arrive there since the meeting has to take place
 - o "Travel Expenses" are now under "Meetings"
- Fee increase to establish Sport/growth/promotion/development pool by \$5.00/participant
- Increase Operational Reserve due to current environment to act as a buffer for expenses.
 - o Office rent and MTCS review
 - o \$5.00 increase per registrant
- Advantage of moving items to the Reserve Fund is identified.
- Board needs to demonstrate that the funds collected have been utilized effectively.

10. VP Administration (Adult, Elite, Games and Tournaments and Officiating) – Janet Logan

10.1. Adult Development

10.1.1. **MOTION D5-14-07 THAT:** All TRF adjustments for Bench Staff on an adult team, proof of qualifications and registrations with ORA MUST be provided with the proper Adult TRF adjustment form ADP-F-05. Wording is to be placed in the manual and on the ADP-F-05, and fines are to be levied to teams, coaches and associations for non-compliance.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

10.1.2. **MOTION D5-14-08 THAT:** Any team who intentionally forfeits a game or games during a Tournament SHALL be fined \$500, five hundred dollars, per game forfeited.

- Strictly adult only. Goes in the adult development section of the manual.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Athlete Director

Tabled

10.1.3. **MOTION D5-14-09 THAT:** To accept the new TRF Adjustment Form ADP-F-07 as revised

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Tabled

10.1.4. **MOTION D5-14-10 THAT:** Change Recreational skill level to Development (“D”)

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

10.1.5. **MOTION D5-14-11 THAT:** Registration database/TRFs skill level to be changed to Provincial..., Adult BB, Adult B, Adult CC, Adult C and Adult Development “D”.

Housekeeping

10.1.6. **MOTION D5-14-12 THAT:** Create section 3.2.6 in adult manual to read: “Teams with male skaters may be reseeded to a higher level in accordance with the skill level of the male skater.”

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

10.1.7. **MOTION D5-14-13 THAT:** Create 4.6 in adult manual to read: “All match and misconduct penalties must be reported to the team’s Regional G&T Coordinator and Adult Coordinator within twenty-four (24) hours by both teams or before the next scheduled game – whichever is sooner. The balance of G&T section 5.5 remains in affect”

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

10.1.8. **MOTION D5-14-14 THAT:** Create 5.3 in adult manual to read: “The penalty for Failure to report match and misconduct penalties under 5.5 of G&T manual and 4.6 of Adult manual shall result in the coach being assessed a one game suspension.” Subsequent sections to be renumbered accordingly.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeastern Region Director

Carried

10.1.9. **MOTION D5-14-15 THAT:** Create a new bullet under 3.6.3 of the Adult manual to read: “A player attending University may two-team contract with the University team and their home association team at the same skill level.”

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Eastern Region Director

Carried

10.1.10. **MOTION D5-14-16 THAT:** Sports Administration: Job Descriptions, Duties and Responsibilities, Page 13, section 22.4.1 to be revised as follows:

- Remove the following bullet:
 - Initiating the process necessary for holding an Adult Get Away Camp.
- Modify the following bullet (modification is highlights):
 - Seeding of teams into approved Levels of **Play for all sanctioned events**
- Add the following two bullets:
 - Liaise with all 18+ teams to ensure they are familiar with ORA and applicable regional policies affecting adult play
 - Monitoring and overseeing adult play within the province

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

10.1.11. **MOTION D5-14-17 THAT:** The Adult manual add new 4.7 reading: “In a forfeited game the score for the defaulting team shall be recorded as 0-7 (-7 differential) and 1-0 (+1 differential) for the non-defaulting team. The team forfeiting shall receive zero (0) points and the other team receives two (2) points.”

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Withdrawn

10.1.12. **MOTION D5-14-18 THAT:** add as 4.2.2 “When feasible the ADP regional coordinator, or a delegated substitute, should participate in the initial Tournament host planning meetings.”

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

10.1.13. **MOTION D5-14-19 THAT:** Modify 5.3.1 of Adult manual to read as follows First time offences: the team will receive a loss for the game in which the violation occurred and the score will be recorded as 0-7 loss for the penalized team, the actual game score/result for the non-penalized team will not change. ADP reserves the right to assess a one (1) game suspension.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Withdrawn

10.2. Elite Development

10.2.1. **MOTION D5-14-20 THAT:** All class of players on a National Ringette League team are eligible to play for a Regional All-Star team, if they satisfy the other eligibility criteria.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Central Region Director

Defeated

10.2.2. **MOTION D5-14-21 THAT:** Effective immediately, player eligibility for a Regional All-Star team is based on residency. Players must try-out for the region in which their permanent residence is located. A player who is released from their regional All Star team may try-out for one other regional team and the composite team. A region may select a maximum or 4 skaters and 1 goalie from out of region to participate on their Regional All-Star Team Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Elite Committee. Players living in another province but playing in Ontario are not eligible to play on Regional All-Star teams. Each region agrees to provide standardized communication regarding the next steps for the players who are released from their regional All-Star Teams. Each Regional Elite Coordinator will provide a list of names of the released athletes to the Elite Chair and fellow Elite Coordinators. This motion will stand for the upcoming 2015/2016 AAA season only.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

10.2.3. **MOTION D5-14-22THAT:** Challenge Cup tournaments for the coming season be awarded to:

Eastern Region Oct 10-12, 2015

St Marys Dec 11-13, 2015

Kingston Jan 29 - 31, 2016

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Eastern Region Director

Carried

10.3. Games and Tournaments

10.3.1. **MOTION D5-14-23 THAT:** The exposure factor be removed from the wild card process at all levels.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

- 10.3.2. **MOTION D5-14-24 THAT:** The top four (4) tournament selections submitted by the coaches must include two options from out of region.
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Vice President Technical
Carried
- 10.3.3. **MOTION D5-14-25 THAT:** the dates for the 2017 Provincial Events be as follows:
AA – March 9th – 12th
A – March 16th – 19th
U12 – April 6th – 9th
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Athlete Director
Carried
- 10.3.4. **MOTION D5-14-26 THAT:** Score2Stats be hired as the statisticians for the 2016 Provincial Events.
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Vice President Finance
Carried
- 10.3.5. **MOTION D5-14-27 THAT:** Tie breaking rule 11 be changed to read: If still tied, rank teams using the least fully served penalty minutes in games between all teams.
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Southern Region Director
Carried
- 10.3.6. **MOTION D5-14-28 THAT:** At the “A” level, a team withdrawing from a tournament will receive four (4) losses in addition to any other sanctions already in place.
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Northeast Region Director
Carried
- 10.3.7. **MOTION D5-14-29 THAT:** The wording of the timeline for the expedited review process be modified as per attachment
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Athlete Director
Withdrawn
- 10.3.8. **MOTION D5-14-30 THAT:** The Bunnyfest Remittance Fee will be a maximum of \$45.
Moved: Vice President Administration
Seconded: Central Region Director
Carried

10.3.9. **MOTION D5-14-31 THAT:** All U16AA, U19AA and 18+A Jacks divisions at tournaments will have twenty (20) minute periods.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

10.4. Officiating Development

11. VP Technical (Coaching, Membership, Rules and Sports Development) – Kim Noxon

11.1.1. **MOTION D5-14-32 THAT:** In order to substitute as a Bench Staff member, a person must be registered as a Bench Staff member in the current playing year.

Paragraph 3.10 of the Coaching Manual to be amended from "During sanctioned play, if a substitute Bench Staff is required due to an absent Bench Staff, any ORA registered participant with the appropriate qualifications for the position being assumed can become a valid member of that Bench Staff." to "During sanctioned play, if a substitute Bench Staff is required due to an absent Bench Staff, any ORA registered Bench Staff member with the appropriate qualifications for the position being assumed can become a valid member of that Bench Staff."

Moved: Vice President Technical

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

11.2. Membership Services

11.2.1. **MOTION D5-14-33 THAT:** The final notice be changed from 60 days to 30 days

Moved: Vice President Technical

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

11.3. Rules Development

- Need a committee for 6 months so rule change suggestions can be sent to Ringette Canada.

11.4. Sport Development

11.4.1. **MOTION D5-14-34 THAT:** Associations be permitted a preliminary U12 team formation during the spring, with absolutely no team events through the summer and then that teams will be finalized during a last round of tryouts in the fall.

Moved: Vice President Technical

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

11.4.2. **MOTION D5-14-35 THAT:** The U8 Compliance information be changed from “U8 goalies will be dressed in full gear, etc.” to “U8 goalies should be dressed in full gear. All players must rotate through the position at least once. Teams are encouraged to dress two goalies per game.”

Moved: Vice President Technical

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

11.4.3. **MOTION D5-14-36 THAT:** To change the wording to read: *Any Grievances should initiated by association board member to the Regional Sport Development Coordinator. Sport Development Coordinator will coordinate an investigation.*

Moved: Vice President Technical

Seconded: Athlete Director

Withdrawn

11.4.4. **MOTION D5 14-37 THAT:** Motioned to make 2nd Skills Matrix optional for teams to complete.

Moved: Vice President Technical

Seconded: Athlete Director

Carried

12. Executive Committee Report – as presented

12.1. **MOTION D5 14-38 THAT:** The Board of Directors accept the Executive Committee’s report

Moved: Northeast Region Director

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

13. Finance Committee as presented

- Monday, May 11th, 2015 at 8pm: Board of Directors conference call for approval of the budget

13.1. **MOTION D5 14-39 THAT:** The Board of Directors accepts the budget for the 2015-2016 season.

Withdrawn

13.2. **MOTION D5 14-40 THAT:** The Board of Directors accepts the Finance Committee report.

Moved: Vice President Finance

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

14. President’s Report – Keith Kaiser

14.1. **MOTION D5 14-41 THAT:** The Board of Directors accepts the President’s report.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Vice President Technical

Carried

15. Executive Director – Mike Beaton

15.1. **MOTION D5 14-42 THAT:** The Board of Directors accepts the Executive Director’s report.

Moved: Vice President Administration

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

15.2. **MOTION D5-14-43 THAT:** We accept the recommendation for the RFPs from the Executive Director

Moved: Northeast Region Director

Seconded: Southern Region Director

Carried

16. Old Business

17. New Business

17.1. Volunteer Recognition Awards Committee chaired by Jo-Ann Wilson timed event 2:00 pm

17.1.1. **MOTION D5 14-44 THAT:** The Board of Directors accept the report from the Volunteer Recognition Awards Committee

Moved: Southern Region Director

Seconded: Northeast Region Director

Carried

18. Next Meeting

- Annual General Meeting: June 12 – 14, 2015

19. Adjournment

19.1. **MOTION D5 14-45 THAT:** The meeting is adjourned.

Moved: Northeast Region Director

Action Items from the Board of Directors meeting on May 2nd, 2015

New:

- Rename “Membership Notice” to “Notice to Members”.
- Update Esport to include level “DEV”.
- Ensure Regional Coaching Coordinators receive password for Esport to check coaching qualifications.
- Send reminder to Vice President Technical for the amount of people that should make up the Rules Committee.
- G&T team entry fees deadline and instruction.
- Ask what Score2Stats will offer for a 3yr vs. 1yr term.

Ongoing:

- Solicit outside help for a plan to grow the sport of Ringette.