

**Fraser Valley Ringette Association
Annual General Meeting
April 1, 2007**

Executive Members in Attendance: Theresa Leslie, Bentley Gordon, Fatima Olson, Leanne Fawcett, Stacey Bellsmith, Debbie Schwartz, Karen Gordon, Carter Haakenson, Jasmine McGinn, Lisa Krenus

Executive Members Absent: Frank Lock.

Association Members in Attendance: See attached list

Meeting called to order at 2:55pm.

Barbara Chu moved to adopt agenda, Wendy Grant second.
All in favor.
Carried.

Kelly Hannesson moved to adopt the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting, Lisa Lepine seconded.
All in favour.
Carried.

Business Arising from previous minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Presidents Report

This was my first season as President and it went fairly well. With the LMRL choosing to host provincials it did create much more work for Karen and I than we originally expected but in the end we managed.

I am very big on communication and I think we succeeded in improving communication by continuing to improve our Fraser Valley Web Site which could not have been done with the help of Al Richer and Mitch Schwartz. I will continue to work on this and try to get the information to Al and Mitch a little more frequently to keep the site as up to date as possible.

The addition of the master email account for fvringette@hotmail.com worked well but like everything could be improved. I tried to be selective about the information we sent out via the email account and there was a reason for this. I would like to make sure the information sent out through the association email is of interest to all in an effort to encourage the membership to read them. I would like to earn the associations curiosity.

I would love to hear your suggestions on how we can further improve these two methods of communication.

Vice-Presidents Report

This is my 4th year in an executive position, 1st as Vice president, and like all positions, the first year is a learning one. This past year has been an interesting year. I have gained bit more of an

understanding about how things work within our home Association. I would like to thank all the members who sit on the board for their hard work and dedication because without them our Association would not run as well as it does. I look forward to helping out any way possible to make ringette grow in the Fraser Valley.

Director of Coaching Report

This has been my 1st year as Director of coaching and as I discovered, required great amount of attention. I would like to thank all our coaches, their assistants and managers who volunteered their valuable time to teach the game of ringette to these eager young athletes. With that said due to my busy work schedule, I will be resigning my position of Director of coaching as of April 1, 2007.

Theresa accepted his resignation.

Director of Officials Report – This was given by Theresa.

Scott has been doing this position from Edmonton since November. We thank Scott for that. Not sure yet if they are moving or not as their house has not yet sold. Scott will not be running again.

Registrar Reports:

Registration numbers were up this season

2005/2006 160
2006/2007 169

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>2006/2008</u>	<u>Stay</u>	<u>Move Up</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
Bunnies	32	16	16	16
Novice	20	11	9	27
Petite	34	19	15	28
Tween	27	17	10	32
Junior	15	7	8	17
Belle	12	11	1	18
Open	28	28		29

Director Promotion Report

Ringette season is over but promotions duties are starting now. Once again this year we have placed an ad in the Student Success Magazine that goes to all the elementary schools in Langley to promote our Bring a Friend on Friday April 27 at Sportsplex. We have dropped off flyers to George Preston, Twin Rinks & Sportsplex that they will be handing out to their learn to skate classes which also promotes our Bring a Friend event. Last year we held it on a Saturday afternoon in May but the turnout was not as good as I thought it would be. We had it on a Friday nite 2 years ago and the turnout was fantastic and I'm hoping that it will be fantastic again. Again this year, we will be participating in the Fort Langley May Day Parade where we also will hand out flyers. I'm also hoping to set up a display at Willowbrook Mall during the summer to give ringette more exposure. I do believe that the best promotion is word of mouth so please keep passing it on. As always, we will be needing volunteers for our promotion events and I will be sending out e-mails with more information as to when & where the events will be and any help would be appreciated.

Equipment Managers Report

Being my first year in this position I spent a few months in the off season learning how to get things done and getting them organised. There wasn't much new equipment that needed to be ordered this year but we did replace some goalie gear and goalie sticks.

All teams except for one bunny team had a full set black and white jerseys, but there were some sizing issues. We intend to buy bigger sized jerseys. We are buying specifically larger sized jerseys for our open players then of course all other jerseys will go towards the other teams resolving sizing issues.

We are trying something new by buying tubs that way will be kept organised in teams sets verses organising by size.

This should make the handing out of gear much simpler for next season. This was a great learning experience for me and I was happy to be a part of this year's executive.

Ways and Means Report

This was my 2nd year in this position and 3rd year on the executive. My term is up for Ways and Means this year, however much of the documentation required to carry on has been enhanced and is ready to put into use for next year.

Many sponsors continue to return to support us year after year, and we continue to grow our sponsor base year after year.

The 2006/2007 season had 4 gold sponsors at \$500 each; Gold Key Pontiac/GM/VW, Rempel Bros Concrete, Heritage Steel Sales, and Robertson Down Mullaly. We also had 7 Silver sponsors contributing \$250 each; Country Lumber, Cummins Western Canada, Frank Krenus Construction, Godoy's Insurance Only, Streamline Ringette Source, Universal Concrete Accessories Ltd, and Walters Exotic Meats Inc.

Burger Nite held in October 2006 was again a sell out success. In addition to getting to know more of our association families, we raised \$1,823.

I was also very involved in soliciting sponsors, ads, and donations for our Spirit of Winter Tournament this year along with a dedicated group of volunteers. We generated \$795 in sponsorship and advertising despite a late start, and many more donations for our raffle and auction tables.

Ice-Schedulers Report

Ringette gained one ice slot this past season (8:45-10:15PM Sundays). Our Open teams are using this ice slot.

I have applied for a Langley City subsidy at Twin Rinks. It will probably be several months before we hear if it has been approved.

All ice for the upcoming season has been applied for, including ice for our Spirit of Winter Tournament.

Director of Player Development:

This year went well and we saw good participation of all levels at camps and clinics.

Prior to the season, we held our annual Conditioning Camp the last week of August. The camp went well and a good time seemed to be had by all! We were able to utilize some of our older players at this camp and they all were a big help. We will be running this camp again this summer last week of August. Registration forms are available now.

Rings A Fire ran a mini Skills Camp on the tiering weekend in October for FVRA. It went well also and again the groups were filled. My understanding from talking to the participants, the participants enjoyed it and we will consider doing something like this again next season.

Unfortunately due to a lack of ice time, we were unable to host goalie clinics this year and it should be our emphasis for next season.

During my term, I've tried to encourage our players to experience playing AA ringette. This year, FVRA had the most participants ever I believe. 2 in Petite AA, 4 in Tween AA, 5 in Tween Development, 2 in Junior AA, 1 in Junior Development and 2 in Belle AA.

I've had a great time working with the Executive the last two years and think FVRA is a great association.

Have a great summer!

Treasurer's Report

Nil

Financial Statements Attached.

Frank Lock was not present. Dale asked about the \$14,053.68 we give to BCRA last year.

Theresa explained it was for membership fee, and insurance for each player \$83.66pp. novice to open, bunnies are \$63.00pp. BCRA has an office with one full-time employee and one part-time employee. Our biggest out flow of money is for ice fees. We paid roughly \$40,000.00 in ice fees last year.

Motion by Theresa Leslie to accept the financial statements as presented.

Seconded by Karen Gordon.

All in favour.

Carried.

Old Business

None at this time.

Elections

Vice President:

Karen Gordon nominated John Tvergyak - John declined.

John Tvergyak nominated Karen Gordon - Karen accepted the nomination.

No further nominations.

All in favour.

Carried.

Secretary

Lisa Krenus nominated by as Karen Gordon Secretary. Lisa accepted the nomination.

No other nominations.

All in favour.

Carried.

Treasurer:

Kelly Hannesson nominated Fatima as Treasurer. Fatima accepted.
No other nominations.
All in favour.
Carried.

Director of Officials:

Theresa Leslie nominated Tara Jackson (not present) wrote that she would take the position. No other nominations.
All in favour.
Carried.

Registrar:

Leanne Fawcett nominated Jasmine McGinn. Jasmine accepts nomination.
No other nominations.
All in favour.
Carried.

Ways and Means:

Jasmine described the job.
Jasmine McGinn nominates Susan Darrah. Susan declined as she would like to coach next year.
Theresa brought up the committee for Spirit of Winter.
Susan Darrah and Suzy Otty stated they would both help with that.
Leanne Fawcett nominated Michelle Lynch. Michelle declined nomination.
No one willing to take the position.

Director of Player Development:

Karen Gordon nominates Leanne Fawcett. Leanne declined nomination.
Leanne Fawcett nominated Annette Lebus. Annette accepts.
No other nominations.
All in favour.
Carried.

Equipment Manager:

Carter Haakenson nominates Stacy Bellsmith for Equipment Manager. Stacy accepts.
No other nominations.
All in favour.
Carried.

Director of Coaching:

Lisa Lepine nominated Leanne Fawcett. Leanne accepted.
Karen Gordon nominated Mitch Schwartz. Mitch declined as Leanne accepted.
No other nominations.
All in favour.
Carried.

Ways and Means

Any other nominations for ways and means.
None at this time.
Will leave vacant for now.
Please think of a committee or a person who can take this on.

This position does need to be filled. We will work to fill this position prior to the beginning of the season.

New Business

Coach Support

Lisa Lepine asked for help as a new coach. Can someone line Leanne or Sharon Smit get some of us together and teach us how to teach the kids. Coaching clinic is okay but it is most theory, not hands on and that is what we need. How to run drills etc. We could call it skill instruction for new coaches.

Leanne stated she would be willing to do this. Benetly stated that Sharon had approached him in December but they had no extra ice at the time.

Petite C coach (Al Willard) and Petite B coach (Suzy Otty) stated it would be nice for them also to have this. If people know they had support or people to ask they may then be willing to step up and coach.

Carter stated if we can arrange it at the beginning of the season he can put some ice time away for this.

Spirit of Winter Tournament – Was very successful, well-liked by the teams who attended. There were lots of positive remarks. Anyone interested in chairing the committee.

No one interested at this time will ask for a volunteer in the April Newsletter. A number of people expressed interest in working on the committee:

Annette Lebus
Kelly Hanesson
Suzy Otty
Susan Darrah
Theresa Leslie

Jasmine stated that now is the time to get donations for the tournament. She also stated that it is mandatory for everyone to do 2-3 hours at the tournament.

Registration fees – not increased this year. Based on what we brought in last year. Our registration fees are \$360.00, Delta pays \$385.00 and Vernon pays \$265.00 so we are comparable with other associations.

Gold sponsorships-Half of the \$500.00 to go back to the team that was sponsored. The other half of the \$500.00 to go for buying the sponsorship name bars etc. For this to happen certain criteria would have to be followed by the team.

- 1) The sponsorship name bars have to be sewn on every team members jersey.
- 2) The money cannot be given back to the parents if the team does not spend it.
- 3) Financial statements on how the money was spent must be given to the executive.
- 4) A bank account in the team's name must be started. To do this the team has to have a letter from the executive.

The above terms will be looked at by the executive and a document will be drawn up to be given to each team outlining the terms.

Jasmine McGinn made a motion that teams should get half of the gold sponsorship money but they have to follow the terms set out by the executive.

Annette seconded.

All in favour.

Proposed Budget for the 2007/2008 season – See attached

The money put aside for coaching clinics has been upped, this is due to most of our coaches need to update their coaching certificates this year.

Conditioning camp expensive and fees have been increased as the players will get a commemorative jersey this year.

The budget has been based on what we spent this year and changes made in accordance to what we will need for next season.

Proposed budget:

We spent more than we brought in this last year. But we are eating into the \$16,000.00 left over from last year. We should be spending all the money we have but we keep hoping for more ice so we budget each year based on getting two more sheets. One new ice time will cost approximately \$3,000.00 for the year.

We went through an audit this year for our Class B licence and the report was Favourable. Applying for the Class B licence is a lot of extra work for the association Treasurer and requires the cooperation of too many people to operate this correctly.

Theresa made a motion that we do not apply for the 50/50 permit this year and do not allow the teams to do 50/50. We brought in \$872.00 from the teams this year that did sell 50/50 but we could stand to lose the permit for the tournament and our gaming license if we do not do it correctly.

Jasmine seconded.

All in favour.

John Tvergyak asked what we received for gaming funds this past year. Financial statements were looked at. He explained last year Vernon Ringette received \$35,000.00. Theresa asked John to help with our proposal to the gaming commission this year. John agreed.

No further questions.

Motion by Karen Gordon to accept the Proposed 2007/2008 Budget as presented.

Seconded by Jasmine McGinn.

All in favour.

Carried.

Karen Gordon made a motion to accept the budget as proposed.

Carter seconded.

All in favour.

New Business

Windup party changes - The executive received an email this season asking that we do away with the small prizes at the Windup. The executive discussed this in Feb but decided that they were not willing to make this change for this season on such short notice. The executive opted instead to bring this up at the AGM to discuss with the membership.

If we got rid of the small prizes the windup would go a lot faster.

Kelly Hannesson brought up that it is for the kids and the small prizes should stay.

Lisa Lepine brought up the kid's want their trophies and pizza and they would be okay without the small prizes.

Kelly H. Maybe we should have the AGM first and then the windup. We could separate the gifts into age categories and don't wrap them.

Theresa stated we need to save time.

Barbara Chu brought up that the trophies and the small prizes could be done at the same time.

Barbara Chu made a motion that we get rid of all the small gifts.

Karen Gordon seconded.

6 in favour.

18 not in favour.

4 abstained.

Not carried.

Lisa Lepine made a motion to streamline the windup.

Stacey Bellsmith seconded.

21 in favour.

Carried.

All of these ideas will be looked at for next seasons AGM. We will keep the prizes, ask for them to be unwrapped, separate them into age categories and look at a quicker way to draw the names.

Referees – Need more, especially parents as the stick around longer and are more committed.

There were some commitment problems with the Junior and Belles this year.

Membership decided to leave it the way it is.

Fundraising – Tournament and Burger night, these two will be our big fund raisers this upcoming season.

Additions to New Business

Leanne Fawcett brought up the practice ice, can we change the practice schedule.

Leanne would like to see more full-ice practices. She suggested that maybe we can rotate the ice more.

Open ice is not well used. Could we put teams together that are the same calibre.

Tween B and Petite B together. We need to utilize the whole ice – whatever teams are on the ice together for the practice would warm up together but if the calibre is too different it does not work well as their skill levels are too different.

Maybe we could get a different practice time each week.

Barbara Chou likes the steady ice times. She states as her children are in different activities it is nice to know when you practice and that the practice time never changes. We do get full-ice practices.

What teams would this affect? The bunnies would stay the same as would novice, it would be petite and above and the rotating ice would be Mondays @ 7pm, Aldergrove, Tuesdays all three sheets at sportsplex and Thursdays @ George Preston.

The ice do not change much now, but this would be an advantage in regards to practising with a team of the same calibre.

The petite teams did it this year as their were three teams, so every t week one of the petite teams would practice in Aldergrove with full ice.

Someone mentioned that ice is available at NTR and we could look at booking that if it would help. If the schedule were always rotating it would change all the time. May we should only change the teams that it would help with their skill level.

Leanne Fawcett made a motion to possibly put in a suitable rotating schedule which will benefit all players and their development.

Kelly Hannesson seconded.

All in favour.

No further agenda items, no more additions.

Draw done for free registration. Karalee Emley won.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.