

**Fraser Valley Ringette Association
Annual General Meeting
April 2, 2006**

Executive Members in Attendance: Tara Jackson, Theresa Leslie, Scott McKibbon, Michelle Day, Debbie Schwartz, Karen Gordon, Carter Haakenson, Jasmine McGinn, Lisa Krenus

Executive Members Absent: Leanne Fawcett, Rhonda Kozuska.

Association Members in Attendance: See attached list

Meeting called to order at 2:40pm.

Scott McKibbon moved, Wendy Grant second to adopt agenda.

All in favor.

Carried.

Karen Gordon moved, Kelly Hannesson seconded to adopt the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting.

All in favour.

Carried.

Business Arising from previous minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Presidents Report

Once again I am very proud to be here today as President of FVRA, I'd like to begin by thanking all of the executive members for all of their hard work throughout the season. I would like to also extend my thanks to the bench staff of each team, the parents of all players and to the players themselves; it takes all of our dedication, commitment and love of the game to make this association a success.

This was my second year as President and third year on the executive, my position of President is up for elections and I am stepping down. I wish the best of luck to all the existing executive members for the 2006/2007 season, your doing a great job and keep it up and I'd like to encourage everyone here to open up the idea of becoming an active member of our association and consider joining these great people on our executive. There are many positions up for election this year and it takes all of us pulling together to make our association a success. Although my term here is up and I will not be taking on an executive position I will still be around and involved with FVRA as a parent, player, ref and of course I will be there to help out and guide the President in their new position.

Congratulations to everyone for this season and let's make the 2006/2007 season a terrific experience as well.

Vice-Presidents Report

Nil

Director of Coaching Report

2005/2006 Fraser valley ringette Assoc.

The 2005/2006 season is over and I am happy to say completed successfully. We had many coaches return this year to continue coaching and a few new ones step up to take the challenge also. I am very proud of our people in this organization, as they work very hard to put the time and effort necessary to complete their positions successfully.

We have coaches that come from years in the organization coaching their children as they grow, coaches that have played most of their lives and have no children playing, just a huge love for the sport, and others that coach more than one team and/or hold other positions on the board as well. All of these people deserve and have my greatest thanks and acknowledgement. Without them there would be no ringette association. Thank you!

I would also like to thank the people on the executive. I am completing my 2 year term today and I am honored to have worked with such a great group of people. This board of executives was truly in it for the organization, not their child. They looked at the "bigger picture" when making decisions and worked well together. I learnt a lot from working with them and had a lot of fun too. Thank you!

Director of Officials Report

2005/06 was a good year for Officiating in Fraser Valley. We had all but one referee return from last year and had three new ones start. It was a rule change year and all referees were required to attend a refresher course. There were no major conflicts with coaches, players or parents and no cancelled games due to lack of officials.

Registrar Reports: Report Presented by Tara Jackson

It was a pleasure acting as your Registrar for the 2005/2006 season. I'm sorry I have to step down, as I was just getting the hang of it, but hopefully the St. Albert Ringette Association will benefit from my limited experience!

Registration for the 2005/2006 season consisted of 160 players; that's a 20% increase over last season: (partly due to an additional Open team)

BUNNY	24 PLAYERS MAKING UP 2 TEAMS
NOVICE	28 PLAYERS MAKING UP 2 TEAMS, B & C DIVISION
PETITE	37 PLAYERS MAKING UP 3 TEAMS, A, B & C DIVISIONS
TWEEN	17 PLAYERS MAKING UP 1 TEAM
JUNIOR	17 PLAYERS MAKING UP 1 TEAM
BELLE	9 PLAYERS MAKING UP 1 TEAM
OPEN	28 PLAYERS MAKING UP 2 TEAMS

WITH THE **CURRENT PLAYERS** CONSIDERED **ONLY** HERE IS HOW THE DIVISIONS LOOK FOR NEXT SEASON:

NOVICE	17
PETITE	34
TWEEN	28
JUNIOR	17
BELLE	17
OPEN	28

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROMOTE RINGETTE TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR KIDS' FRIENDS' PARENTS AND CO-WORKERS. INVITE THEM TO THE BRING A FRIEND EVENTS... AND LET'S GROW OUR ASSOCIATION BY ANOTHER 20% NEXT SEASON!!!

Director Promotion Report

We didn't get the chance promote ringette at the Hornet games (mini games during intermissions) this year as there was a new vice president of sales & marketing and he informed me that most of the spots were taken by Minor Hockey.

I'd like to thank Leanne Fawcett for submitting ringette stories to the local newspapers during the past season.

Upcoming events:

Mayday Parade in Fort Langley - Monday May 22.

Saturday May 27 - Bring a Friend @ Twin Rinks 1:15pm to 3:15pm

Flyers will be given out at the parade for bring a friend we will also be distributing flyers in the schools.

We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible for both events. I will be e-mailing reminders for both events at which time you can let me know if you can make it.

Equipment Managers Report

I have been the equipment manager for three years now, every year the job seems to run a little bit smoother. Thank you to everyone who takes proper care of the jerseys, this is the only way they will look nice year after year.

Ways and Means Report

We had a very strong year.

Chocolate sales generated \$6,298

Burger Nite generated \$2,338

Due to our strong success this past year it appears that we may not have to hold a chocolate sales drive during this upcoming 2006/2007 season. We will however be counting on all of you to help with and support a social event (Burger Nite or Bowling) that will raise some funds. Let's keep working together so that we can entertain the idea of alternating years with chocolate sales and social fundraisers in the future!

Ice-Schedulers Report

We gained one ice slot at twin rinks this year. (Rate \$165.85 inc. taxes.)

Normal rate at other rinks is \$100 - \$107.

I have applied for next years ice at all the rinks. Rates to go up about \$7 per sheet @ Sportsplex, Civic Center and Aldergrove.

Ice booked for the August 27 – 31 for the conditioning camp.

Next season to start on Tuesday September 5, 2006.

We requested ice for a tournament on Dec. 14 – 17. I have applied at all the rinks.

As we do every year we have applied at all of the rinks in Langley for an extra couple of sheets of weekday practice ice, in the event that some becomes available.

Director of Player Development: Report presented by Tara Jackson

The 2005/2006 ringette season started off with Fraser Valley Ringette offering players the opportunity to participate in a week long conditioning camp in August. We had 53 players participate in this camp. 25 Bunny/Novice Age Players in the early session and 28 Petite/Tween/Junior Age Players in the later session. We had several players from the older divisions come out and assist in instructing, which was a great opportunity for these players to give something back to the sport they love to play. It seemed to be a great success – of course always with room for improvement.

September saw all of our players get back on the ice and we tried to implement an evaluation system for the Novice and up age divisions that would have more than one team to ensure the players were placed on the team that best suited their ability. Through feedback from our evaluators and coaches it seemed to go a little better this season than the previous and we will take some of the tools we implemented this past season, make some changes and hope for more improvements for the upcoming season.

BCRA hosted a “Skills Development Clinic” in Langley mid season that went relatively well but was lacking numbers due to the short notice and various other factors. It seemed that it was a good idea but difficult to do mid season due to the demands of our home association teams and AA teams.

One of the common complaints throughout the season from all teams is the necessity to share ice for practices and the general shortage of ice. Because of the demand for extra ice with more teams playing in FV, we had to give up our goaltending sessions and power skating sessions this past season which is an area we would like to address for next season.

One of my goals with this season and next season is to educate our players and parents about the camps that are available to them this summer should they wish to get on the ice in the ringette off season. Also, I would like to educate our players that would like to play beyond home associations' level and push to a higher level.

Some highlights for next season will include the summer starting off with our FV Conditioning Camp, reintroducing power skating and goaltending clinics in a new format, a new and improved evaluation system for team selections and a skills camp on tiering weekend in October.

Treasurer's Report

This was my second year as Treasurer of Fraser Valley Ringette. I had a big surprise that I never would have expected "MAIL FRAUD" or so I suspect. A cheque was somehow stolen and altered, Payee and Amount. I suspect that a mail box that I had mailed some cheques in had been broken into, this led to Tara and I having to submit a complaint and issue five stop payments on other cheques that I mailed at the same time. The bank credited back the amount of the fraudulent cheque and I reissued the others.

Once again, our financial situation is quite good. We budgeted for more ice and in the end we were only able to get one more sheet. We plan to keep trying but unfortunately it just isn't available in Langley or anywhere else for that matter.

The Chocolate Bar Sales made a profit of \$6,706.91, which allowed us to pay for all of our teams to go the Provincials or for Bunnies and Novice a year end tournament.

The Conditioning camp made a profit of \$2,190.95.

The Burger night, though low on attendance, made a profit of \$2,338.02.

Lastly the Bunny Tournament did very well, making a profit of \$1,832.26, thanks to the lovely Raffle Baskets. The tournament basically pays for itself and the profits made come from the Raffle Table and 50/50.

My two year term as Treasurer is now up and I do not intend on running again. This is a great position for an individual with some Book Keeping knowledge. It does not require any ringette specific knowledge. I will of course be willing to help the new Treasurer get started in this position.

As the association has applied for ice to hold a larger tournament next season (the week before Christmas), the past executive and the proposed budget, reflect dropping the Chocolate Bar Sales and focusing on the tournament as our major fund raiser next season. A lot of help will be needed for this.

Financial Statements Attached.

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

Seconded by Karen Gordon.

All in favour.

Carried.

Proposed Budget for the 2006/2007 Season Attached.

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

Seconded by Karen Gordon.

All in favour.

Carried.

Old Business

Website - Asked last year at the AGM for a volunteer to it on. The person who stated they maybe interested never got back to Tara so it fell on her plate. She tried to keep it updated but could not. Need someone to take on this job. Can we have volunteer come forward to do this.

NOTE: Christine Murray has offered to take on this job. Christine ended up getting a position on the executive and Al Richer offered to do this.

New Business

Kelly Hannesson nominated Theresa Leslie for President. Theresa accepted nominated. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Jaceylinne Schierer nominated Trish Brown as Vice-President. Trish did not accept the nomination.

Lisa Krenus nominated Karen Gordon as Vice-President. Karen accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Karen would resign as the equipment manager. All in favour. Carried.

Note: As the Vice President term was filled at last season's AGM. Due to Lorraine Zimpelmann's resignation it has become vacant. The position needed to be filled for this season, although in order to preserve continuity, *Karen Gordon will fill this position for a one year term and it will come up for re-election at next season's AGM.*

Carter Haakenson nominates Bentley Gordon for Director of Coaching. Bentley accepts the nomination. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Liz Letourneau nominates Fatima Olson. Fatima accepts nomination for Registrar. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Carter Haakenson nominates Debbie Schwartz. Debbie accepts nomination for Director of Promotions. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Michelle Day nominates Carter Haakeson for Ice-Scheduler. Carter accepts nomination. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Karen Gordon nominates Christine Murray for Treasurer. Christine accepts nomination. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Trish Brown nominates Stacy Bellsmith for Equipment Manager. Stacy accepts. No other nominations. All in favour. Carried.

Note: As the Equipment Manager term was filled at last season's AGM. Due to Karen Gordon accepting the position of Vice President it has become vacant. The position needed to be filled for this season. Although in order to preserve continuity, *Stacy Bellsmith will fill this position for a one year term and it will come up for re-election at next season's AGM.*

New Business

Christine Murray brought forward the idea of collecting volunteer cheques from people and if you do not put in your volunteer time your cheques will get cashed.
Help could be given for tournament, bring a friend, AGM set-up and clean-up etc.

Kelly Hannssen brought forward the idea of it being a \$75.00 cheque to start and then see how it goes.

Sharon Smit stated that open players are paying their own fees and the younger players, in their 20's may not have the time to volunteer.

Wendy Grant stated you would not have to do the four hours all at once. You could do 2 hours here or an hour there.

Bentley Gordon stated you have now gotten rid of the chocolate sales and now you have to give a cheque.

Tara Jackson stated who is going to manage this?

Kelly, it would be the managers job who control it. The open players get the benefit of playing for Fraser Valley but they do not always give back to the association.

Tara stated there is no difference between struggling single parents and 20 year old players.

Sharon stated we just need to allow flexibility to do the time and to pay.

Theresa states I am not in favour of a hard nose tactic. We are not drill sergeants. Someone would need to keep track of the time.

George Otty states I agree with Theresa we are adding \$75.00 to the registration and price is what a lot of people look at when they look at putting their children in sports.

Motion brought forward by Kelly Hannessen of a \$75.00 deposit per family for four hours of volunteer time per season for the association.

10 in favour
20 opposed
2 abstained.
Motion denied

Motion brought forward by Stacy Bellsmith for a \$40.00 deposit per family for four hours of volunteer time per season for the association.

10 in favour
15 opposed.
Motion denied

Any other new business?

Kelly Hannessen brought forward that a lot of people who do not volunteer and now we have to wait another year. We have a big tournament coming up and it will fall on all the same people to do the work.

Motion that if a team does not donate/give time 24 hour of volunteer time, for the team combined, they will not get money from the association for year end or provincial tournaments.

Discussion – It was brought up that team duties such as timekeeper and scorekeeper do not count as association volunteer time.

Amendment to the motion to state – If a **TEAM** does not donate 24 hours of association volunteer time, the association will not pay for the tournament registration fee for Provincials (or year end tournaments for the divisions that do not have Provincial Championships).

List would have to be made as to what would constitute volunteer jobs.

Theresa asked how would we keep track of the hours, does the team do this?

Tara stated helping with all of the events

Eg. Conditioning camps

Pub night

Tournament

50/50 for tournaments

It would end up being at the associations discretion if the team has done their time. If a team has completed 75% of their time a review would need to be done.

Debbie stated help could be given at the bring a friend, at the mall display, both of these activities had only one or two people at them last year.

Motion

26 in favour

2 opposed

2 abstained

Motion Carried

At the next executive meeting a list will be made as to what will constitute volunteer activities.

Volunteers for a committee needed to monitor the volunteer hours.

Barbara Chu made a motion that a new position be made on the executive for a position to be in charge of volunteer hours.

It was explained to Barbara that a new position of the executive would mean we would have to change the constitution and notice of such an addition would have to be put forth the required amount of time before the next AGM.

We can have committees put together at any time.

Motion withdrawn,

No other new business.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.

