



Fraser Valley Ringette Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2016
6:30 p m – 8:30 p m

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

President – Tanya Braithwaite
Vice President – Paul Payne
Treasurer – Jennelle Woykin
Registrar – Melissa Valentine
Ice Scheduler – Jennifer Gustavson
Director of Officials – Kevin Braithwaite
Tournament Director – Yvonne Johnson
Director of Coaching – Nicole Borges
Director of Evaluations – Michelle Andrenoe
Director of Player Development – Michael Vandas
Equipment Manager – Cindy Kempf
Ways and Means – Nathalie Wood Atkinson
Past President – Jeaneen Briner
Secretary – Catherine Vandas

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT

Director of Promotions – Paul Fricke

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:43pm

2. Motion to adopt the minutes from last year's General Meeting April 15, 2015

MOTION: Michelle Payne motions to adopt the minutes from last year's General Meeting on April 15, 2015. Brad Johnson seconded. 27 in favor. 1 abstention. **Motion passed.**

3. Motion to adopt the 2016 Agenda

MOTION: Melissa Valentine motions to accept the agenda for this General Meeting. Teriann Carmichael seconded. All in favor (28). **Motion passed.**

4. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Ice Scheduler
- Tournament Director
- Director of Coaching
- Director of Promotions
- Equipment Manager
- Director of Athlete Development
- Director of Evaluations

5. REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Fraser Valley Members

This is my first year as your associations President and like many first's it was full of ups, downs and of course its challenges.

There is always a learning curve when you try something new and for most of the board that was this past year. The board that sits in front of you this evening started off with not a lot of experience, 6 brand new board members joined us last April. Tonight some of our board will put their name forward to possibly start a new term, some will continue in their term and some have chosen to start a new adventure but what we all have in common is we are no longer an inexperienced young board. We have all grown and learnt from what this last season has brought forward.

I would like to personally thank the board members for volunteering their time, knowledge and passion. I would also like to thank our association volunteers, our coaches, trainers, managers & helpers without all of you our children would not be able to play the sport they love.

My position is up this year, I stepped in last year to finish off the 2nd year of two year term and even on the night of our AGM I have not decided if I would like to put my name forward for a possible new term. As some of you are aware my daughter choose not to play ringette this year after 11 years & I am not sure if she is returning this upcoming season. So I am not here for my child I am here for each and every child that is registered in our association and I with the rest of the board try our best for them and the association as a whole.

If there is anyone that has been thinking of possibly taking a new adventure maybe tonight is the night.

Thank you

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I have been VP for two years now and my duties consisted of helping the other directors and assisting the President with any task delegated to me. I have spent a great deal of time this year updating our policy manual.

Due to personal reasons, I will be stepping down as VP.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hi, my name is Jennelle Woykin and I took over the position of treasurer this past season. I stepped into year two of a two year term. My first year on the board was a learning experience but I am a bookkeeper by trade, so that part of the position was a good fit.

The revenue for this year is \$166,846.01 and our expenses were \$163,803.36. We have a positive net income for this season of \$3,042.65. Some of the reasons we show a net income are we made a profit on the Conditioning Camp and the Sow Tournament, ice was less this year as some of it had been expensed last years instead of showing as a prepaid and Player/Goalie development was down. We did spend a little extra on expenses required at the end of the season as voted on by the board to pay. I have a breakdown of the expenditures if anyone is interested in seeing it.

If you turn to the balance sheet provided, you will see that our Total Current Assets (cash on hand) is \$30,208.02 between both accounts: \$30,087.14 in general; \$120.88 in gaming. The budget for the 2016/2017 season will be discussed later in the meeting under new business. But the overall budget is BASED on us receiving the gaming grant funds in order to make our budget work. I apply for the grant shortly after this AGM, but we don't get an answer to whether it is approved or not until mid-August, so we may have to adjust our budget and plans at the start of the ringette season.

Thank you.

MOTION: Jennelle motions to accept the 2016/2017 Budget. Natalie seconded. All in favor (29). 1 Abstained. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Cindy motions to accept the 2016/2017 financials. Brad Johnson seconded. All in favor (29). 1 Abstained. **Motion passed.**

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Good evening,

I am Melissa Valentine, this was my third year as Registrar, and I have one more year to fulfill my second term as FVRA Registrar.

Last season we successfully implemented the online registration process. We had approximately 95% of all players register online, with only a few exceptions such as cross boundary movements requiring paper registrations. Each year we learn more about what our online database can do and we continue to look for ways to make our registration process easier for our members.

Another focus is to ensure that our member's personal information is kept safe and secure. Our membership grew again last season by approximately 22% with a total of 218 players.

Registration will open May 15th, for the 2016-2017 season. Karelo will again allow for 2 payment options, 1 full payment at the time of registration, or 3 equal installments of payments over 3 months, however if you wish to pay by equal installments the player must be registered during the early registration deadline to ensure that all payments are made prior to the first ice. Karelo offers the option of paying by credit card or debit card. We will be discussing fees and registration dates in more detail this evening.

It was another busy year and I continue to learn more as Registrar and about the sport. I welcome any feedback or questions so please don't hesitate to contact me at any time either through phone/email or at the rink.

Melissa Valentine, Fraser Valley Ringette Registrar, 2015-2016

ICE SCHEDULER'S REPORT:

My name is Jennifer Gustavson and I was ice scheduler this past season. The Langley Township ice allocating Meeting has not taken place so I do not have anything new to report at this time. I enjoyed the challenges I faced last season and am looking forward to another season. Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS' REPORT:

Hi everyone: My name is Kevin Braithwaite and this is my first year on the board and Director of Officials. We didn't bring on any new officials this past season but will be looking to add to our list of officials this season.

Just an added side note: After many valuable years of service for Fraser Valley as an official, Ken Kirkland will no longer be with us as Ken and his wife have decided to start a new adventure in Penticton this year. Just wanted to give a big thanks to Ken for his dedication to FV Ringette and mentorship to some of our officials over his time with us.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

As in past years, the 2015 Michelle Vandale Memorial Spirit of Winter Tournament was again a highly successful event. FVRA hosted 48 teams from U10 - U19 competing in tournament play plus five teams in U7 - U9 and 2 teams in the Masters division participating in exhibition games as well as two 18+ teams competing in National Ringette League games.

Some of the highlights this year were:

Three NRL games between BC Thunder and Edmonton's Black Gold Rush including our Saturday evening feature game.

Pin Swap (where players swap buttons, pins or gifts with the opposing team players prior to the start of their game). The four different FVRA buttons that our teams handed out were designed by Fraser Valley players. With so many great designs submitted, it was a very tough decision.

After much deliberation, the designs selected for 2015 were created by (in no particular order):

Nika Loewen (U9 Ice Monkeys), Emma Lapp (U9 Ice Monkeys), Tayla Kempf (U10 Frostbite), and Sydnie Bressett (U16). A big thank you to all who participated in the design contest.

Team Spirit Award for the team voted highest overall in team and fan spirit and sportsmanship.

This year's team spirit award was presented to the Comox Valley Currents U14B team.

Spirit of Fun off-ice activities for U7 - U12 players. A big "Thank You" to Dorothy Neilson, Shelley Boone, and the FVRA U16 team for organizing and managing such a great event, and of course, to Santa Claus and Ringette Canada Mascots Samantha Belle and Junior Jacks for making an appearance and posing for photos.

Skills Competition for U14 & U16 hosted by the BC Thunder NRL team.

On-line program guide created by Shannon Bettles, which was very professional and easy to use. Shannon did a superb job in the short amount of time she was given...not to mention the many changes and additions that I kept sending her.

The annual \$1000 Michelle Vandale Memorial Scholarship provided by the Bettles family. This year's recipient was Fraser Valley U19 team member, Hanna Sudom.

Raffle Baskets were phenomenal again this year....definitely the best of any tournament that I've attended. Thank you to each of the FVRA teams as well as to some generous local businesses for the contributions!

New for the 2015 tournament were:

We welcomed Ringette Canada Interns who were promoting the sport of Ringette as well as our tournament throughout the weekend.

A new and improved format of Skills Competition for the U10 and U12 players. A huge “thank you” to Sonia Rausse for her last-minute changes to turn the event into a Skills Showcase (rather than a competition) which allowed for more participation, a more positive experience, and more fun for all participants. Also, thank you to Sonia’s dynamite assistants for helping run the drills and keep the kids organized.

Welcome Ceremony complete with giveaways and a Skills Showcase by our U7/U9 players.

“Thank you” to our Master of Ceremonies, Victoria Nordal for a job well done and to Sonia Rausse for organizing the Skills Showcase.

Team Banner Parade (teams were invited to create a banner and send two representatives to the Welcome Ceremony to parade their banner around the ice). One lucky participating team won a Boston Pizza Gift Certificate for a team pizza party. Thanks to tournament ice scheduler, Jeaneen Briner, we were able to make it possible for all teams to attend the new Saturday evening festivities, or at least a portion there of.

The success of the Michelle Vandale Spirit of Winter Tournament would not be possible without the generous support of businesses within our community. Unfortunately, FVRA saw some familiar names depart from our list of tournament sponsors this past year. However, tournament committee member Suzie Otty, my husband Brad Johnson, and I pounded the pavement so to speak and managed to add quite a few new donors to this season’s tournament....a huge thanks to Suzie & Brad for their hard work.

We are grateful for the assistance of the following sponsors and hope that you will consider them when out and about in the community:

LEVEL 1 – TOURNAMENT GRANT

ViaSport together with HostingBC and the Government of BC

LEVEL 2 – GOLD SPONSORS

Aquaform Distributors
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Mastermind Toys
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Van City
CIBC
Great Escape
Safeway
Marble Slab Creamery
IGA
Captain Kids
Save-On- Foods

LEVEL 5 - MENTIONABLES

Milestones
Go Bananas
Willowbrook Lanes
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Through the above noted generous supporters of the 2015 tournament we received financial sponsorship and donations as well as lots coupons and products for the player goodie bags and volunteers (i.e.: fruit, granola bars, water, discounts, 2-for- 1, etc.) and some great gift basket items for our raffle table. The HostingBC Grant from ViaSport & the Province of British Columbia enabled us to order Spirit of Winter jerseys for the volunteers to wear during the event each year. You will see the volunteer jerseys around the arenas beginning with the 2016 Michelle Vandale Memorial Spirit of Winter Tournament being held Dec. 2 nd – 4 th this year.

Funding isn't the only key to a successful event. The tournament would also not be possible without the behind the scenes commitment of so many wonderful volunteers; the people who plan, organize, co-ordinate and orchestrate FVRA's tournament. Thus, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the following committee members and volunteers for their hard work, countless hours, and dedication to the Annual Michelle Vandale Memorial Spirit of Winter Tournament:

Sponsorship, Donations, & Grants

Brad Johnson
Jeaneen Briner
Suzie Otty
Spirit of Fun, Dorothy Nielsen, Lacey Ormel, Shelley Boone
Ice Scheduling, Jeaneen Briner, Theresa Leslie
Raffle Baskets & FVRA Raffle Ticket Fundraiser, Natalie Wood-Atkinson
Referee-In- Chief, Pete Smit
Tournament Registrar, Theresa Leslie
Souvenirs and Player Goodie Bags, Colleen Dzogan Corinna Duffitt,
Game Sheets, Elena Bressette
Volunteer Scheduling, Arlene Wada
Pin Swap & Spirit Award, Nicole Borges
Medals and Division Banners, Allison Martinez
Welcome Ceremony & Team Banner Parade, Jeaneen Briner, Sonia Rausse and Victoria Nordal
Skills Showcase and Skills Competitions, Sonia Rausse
BC Thunder, Arena Managers
Allison Martinez
Arlene Wada
Elena Bressette

Fatima Olsen
Jeaneen Briner
Joan McGivern
Michelle Payne
Suzie Otty
Theresa Leslie

Scholarship Committee, Alex Day, Barbara Bettles, Dyan Kinar, Jeaneen Briner, Nicole Borges, Shannon Bettles

Thank you again to these fabulous volunteers and to our membership for their volunteer hours during the tournament. I would also like to thank Suzie Otty and Theresa Leslie for the extra assistance and guidance that they each provided to me in chairing this wonderful event. I joined the FVRA executive in August last year to fill the second year of a two-year term thus, my position as Tournament Director is up for election this year. Although I will be happy to assist with the tournament next December, I am unable to commit to being the Tournament Director for this next term. Thus, I ask you, the members of Fraser Valley Ringette, to please consider stepping up to join the FVRA executive and coordinate a most worthwhile event....I assure you that you will have lots of experienced and capable volunteers to assist you with the various aspects of the tournament...you just need to be the coordinator. I would also like to assure you that there is nothing shameful in nominating yourself for this position so please feel free to let me or another board member know if you are interested in chairing the Michelle Vandale Memorial Spirit of Winter Tournament.

Respectfully,
Yvonne Johnson
FVRA Tournament Director

DIRECTOR OF COACHING'S REPORT:

Dear Members;

My name is Nicole Borges and I've been holding the position of Director of Coaching over the last two seasons. My term has come to an end & I will be making way for the next Director, so that I can pursue the start up of expanding our great sport with Chilliwack Ringette Association.

This year especially, you'll notice that I was over in the budget allotted to me, this is due in large part to the mandate of having a certified female on the bench, as well, the need for certified bench staff support ie. ass't coaches. After discussion with our president Tanya Braithwaite & the realization that we were in need of expanding the coaching budget to accommodate the increase of our members taking the coaching levels applicable to ensure that our athletes not only had qualified bench staff, but were sanctioned to play. We currently have a strong foundation of certified females and bench staff to move forward for our up and coming seasons.

This season I was asked to look into Epact for our association, which in turn was brought to the board and we implemented epact into our association. This is a great resource for our coaches and bench staff, as well provides ease ability to our members who participate in multiple sports

We are in our second season of on line criminal record checks and I have to say that it is such a user friendly way to conduct these checks as well as no cost to our members or our association & having the records on line and accessible is of huge value.

We've implemented an earlier Coaching and Bench staff application so that we will be holding the interviews for Head Coaches earlier on, during the evaluations, so that in turn once the teams have been divided, the coaches will already be in place to get started with their season. This process is already in place, but we will be pushing it earlier in the season.

This season brought on some challenges with regards to filling much needed spots for Head Coaches, specifically U16 & U14B, I'd like to take a moment and thank some people who stepped up and took on roles that had it not been for them, the teams would not have had any coaches.

Paul Payne and his daughter Caitlyn Payne U16
Chase Steens, Yvonne Johnson, Jeaneen Briner U 14 B

I would also like to thank all of the bench staff and coaches that took on the huge undertaking of coaching teams... without you and your volunteerism we would not have a Rinette program to be able to give to our members.

Special mention to Tracy Townsend (U7/U9 LMRL Divisional Manager as well as U10 Coach,U7 coach Nicole Tjepkema, Saralyn Shwartz,U9 Sonia Lapp, U10 Colleen Auld... While coaching brings on many challenges, this particular age group is instrumental in growing our sport and our members, thank you to these coaches for providing an awesome program for our young athletes, that want to make them come back season after season.

Thank you. Nicole Borges

DIRECTOR OF EVALUATIONS' REPORT:

Hi I'm Michelle Andreone and I have been the Director of Evaluations for the past 2 years. I have learned a great deal along the way and I hope the seasons continue to run smoothly and get even better. I have served my 2 year term and will be stepping down leaving the position open for someone new to take over. I would like to thank the executive for all their support and help along the way.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT:

My name is Michael Vandas. I'm the director of player development for the 2015 & 2016 season. This past season was the year of trying a few things.

-The schedule went from three sessions per rotation from the previous season to this year being four sessions per rotation. I was looking to see that the attendance of each team would stay strong. Other than the U19 team it turned out well.

-I wanted to try working with some new instructors along with using three instructors I had used from the previous year. Niki Lacey Jody Meadows and Steve Andreone were the three I used in the past and will continue to use. Taylor Braithwaite and Caitlin Payne are two new instructors that I was happy with and will continue to use. April Davies was good but struggle to show up because of schooling. I will not be continuing with her at this time. Cindy Watson (Edge Skating) struggled to show up for personal reasons and I will not be continuing with her in the future.

This was not the smoothest season. One of my instructors did not show up twice without any warning. From that moment on I moved on from their services. I want to thank Jody Meadows Taylor Braithwaite Yvonne Johnson Tracey Townsend and Sam Crowe for covering those sessions I needed filled last minute. I also want to recognize that U19 team. Their first player development session was the second time my instructor did not show up. They took it upon themselves to utilize the full ice time and ran drills that were suitable.

Steve Andreone took on the goalie development program. That was not an easy task to take on this year. I struggled to find more people to carry the load. He was a lifesaver for me. Every feedback that I received about Steve was good. The program itself I was not happy with. I wanted to see a lot more support provided for the goalies. In my search this past season I have found support for a more established goalie program to be provided.

I want to thank Jody Meadows Niki Lacey Caitlin Payne Taylor Braithwaite April Davies Cindy Watson and Steve Andreone for their time and effort in this past season.

DIRECTOR OF PROMOTIONS' REPORT:

We had a successful Come Try Ringette event at Sportsplex in September 2015. We had two ice times and had the kids out on the ice for the first ice time and then showcased an exhibition game with refs during the second. Definitely piqued some interest and we had at least 4 kids register right away.

The next Come Try Ringette is booked for Saturday April 30 th. If you have neighbors or friends etc. that may be interested, please let them know to register on the Association website link. We have about 8 kids already registered so it should be a success!

Thank you to Caitlyn Payne who is such a big part of the Come Try Ringette events, and thank you to all the other volunteers who make it possible!!! We get great support also from the rink, with the sporting goods store there providing free skate rentals.

Also want to mention and thank in advance Paul Payne, who is going to be running two events for us in May that require quite a time commitment.

1) Abbotsford Youth Association gym ringette night Monday May 16 th .

2) Langley Demonstration school intro to gym ringette Tuesday – Friday May 17 th -20 th throughout the day, ensuring each child gets two gym classes worth of exposure.

Paul is doing this out of the goodness of his own heart, and his love of ringette and giving back to the community over and above all the other things he does for this association; thank you Paul!!!!!!!!!!

EQUIPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT:

My name is Cindy Kempf I have been the Equipment Manager for the past 2 years. This past year we continued to upgrade and increase our Association equipment inventory. Since the 2015 AGM we have purchased and/or acquired the following Equipment:

- 1 sets of Goalie pads
- 1 Goalie blocker
- 1 Goalie chest protector
- 2 shooter tutors

Our current U14 and up Jerseys are in need of replacement. Many are mismatched sizes to make a set of home and away. I have received several inquiries over these past 2 years as to the size of our current jerseys. Many are too small and athletes are looking for bigger sizes, some are damaged and cannot be replaced with our current inventory. Overall, our current inventory of Jersey's is proving difficult to work with to satisfy our athletes. Over the past years we have been stretching what we have to get our athletes into Jersey's that fit and this year in particular, I found it difficult to meet all requests for Jersey's to be exchanged so that all athletes felt comfortable and satisfied with the current Jersey they were assigned.

For our association to upgrade our Fraser Valley Team jersey's, based on our past numbers, we would be purchasing a total of 7 team sets of Jersey's broken down as follows:

- U14 2 Teams 72 Jersey's
- U16 1 Team 36 Jersey's
- U19 2 Team 72 Jersey's
- OPEN 2 Teams 80 Jersey's

Total: approx. 260 jersey's @ 61.60 = \$16,016 + TAX = \$17,938

In the past we have ordered and replaced single Jersey's. The number of Jersey's that need to be replaced is increasing and looking into the cost to replace/upgrade Jersey's, the bigger the order, the bigger the savings to the individual cost of the Jersey. We are always looking for input from our membership, so please if you have any suggestions regarding equipment needs etc. Please let us know.

WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT:

My name is Natalie Wood Atkinson and this is my first year on the Board as the Director of Ways and Means. I thank Lacey Ormel for her reference file and support during the year as I transitioned to this position. Ways and Means organizes the raffle for the organization by selecting the raffle prizes, distributing the tickets, collecting the ticket stubs and money from the team managers and providing it to our Treasurer for deposit. This is a great way to generate the large amount of funds needed to help run our association effectively. This year applying for the raffle license was moved to the Treasurer for consistency and transparency. Another change was that tickets were distributed earlier in the season, prior to Thanksgiving in October, to give families more time to sell. This was a positive change and supported by several families. Thank you to our Fraser Valley Families for their continued support of this fundraiser. I collected the sold tickets the week of the Spirit of Winter Tournament but as I was on that committee it was a significant amount of work so this coming season I will collect the raffle money two weeks prior to make it more manageable.

EPACT Administrator

This year the Fraser Valley Ringette Association moved to the Epact System. The take up has been overwhelmingly positive, and the system has had a lot of updates throughout the season to improve and to meet our growing needs.

It was definitely a learning year for all of us and a role I continue to learn and develop. Epact is a paperless system that securely shares emergency information and helps us to communicate in the event of an emergency. Medical information, waivers, code of conducts, dietary alerts and more are available online for easier management.

There are numerous advantages to using the Epact system including

- *Families have one single account that they control who they connect and share with. It allows them to connect with all their trusted organizations at once. We have several players who are involved with other sports but are able to use the same account

- *Families provide the information they want and can update at any time when the situation warrants so we have the most relevant data anytime, anywhere - This also ensures accurate, complete and legible data

- *This system will provide an Enhance Response, it will allow us to quickly communicate with members and their emergency contacts for the fastest family reunification and support

*The system has replaced paper forms and emergency binders with the mobile App, ensuring secure access to data - even without internet or cell service. The system and administrators maintain - and often exceed - the same standards as online banks and do not share your members' data with anyone without their permission

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there were definitely some bumps along the way which I hope to have rectified for next season. Again this was a huge undertaking for me and an ongoing learning opportunity this year only the head coach had access to the team's information. Going Forward ALL approved bench staff will have access to better protect our players. There were some players not listed on the correct team at start up. I will work closely with those involved to ensure that once teams are made I am aware and have the full and complete rosters so I can ensure all players are listed with the correct coach.

I hope to make this year more seamless for our players, coaches and families.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jeaneen Briner thanked the board for all their hard work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Term Change for Director of Evaluations

The terms for the Director of Coaching and the Director of Evaluations are currently set to end on the same year. We would like to switch those to opposite years. Paul Payne also realized that the Director of Player Development was not registered as a position and that the Director of Tournaments and the Ice Scheduler were registered as one position.

Question: would it be too much trouble to change the title player development to athlete development?

Answer: the board agreed to change the name of Director of Player Development to Director of Athlete Development.

To simplify the voting process it was suggested to separate each motion for voting purposes.

MOTION: Tanya motions to separate the Director of Tournaments and the Ice scheduler to make their own director positions, they both expire even number years. Melissa Valentine seconded. All in favor (28). **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Tanya motions to add the position Director of Athlete Development for a 2 year term which would expire on even number years. Natalie Wood Atkinson seconded. All in favor (28). **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Tanya motions to have the terms for the Director of Evaluations and the Director of Coaching end on opposite years. This would make the Director of Evaluations expire on odd numbered years. Cindy Kempf seconded. All in favor (28). **Motion passed.**

2. Raising of Membership Fees

When looking at budget, we've made less registration income over the last several years, add to that how we are investing more in our athletes, ordering new jerseys, ice cost is increasing and gaming is not a for sure thing. We wanted to propose an increase in fees and how they are paid. Also need to look at when people are registering as it effects other areas such as how many coaches we need, evaluators etc. Currently, about half register early, but then nothing would happen until September 1st. So in August we still did not have an idea on how many players would be registering and we would be scrambling last minute. Melissa did an audit of other associations and our rates are still drastically lower. Also in the past U7 and U9 paid a much lower rate as they did not have games until the second half of the season, but now U9 is playing games right away and are getting the same ice times, refs etc..as U12 and up so we will no longer be offering the discount to U9 players.

MOTION: Melissa motions to adjust the registration fees to a 3 tier system with the following dates and rates:

Early dates: May 15 to June 15

Regular dates: June 16 to July 31

Late fee dates: Anything after August 1st

U7: early \$195, regular \$225 and late \$250

U9 and up: early \$410, regular \$430 and late \$490

Masters: early \$275, regular \$310 and late \$370

Paul Payne seconded. All in favour (28). **Motion passed.**

Kevin Braithwaite: When officials level up, it is also a higher cost that you pay for those officials.

Question: will the goalie rates increase the same as well

Answer: They will still get the same goalie discount as before

Question: can we add \$80 to registration for players to get new jerseys?

Answer: No because the additional reg fee is going towards more than just jerseys and if we don't get gaming then that difference in rate will have to go towards buying ice.

Question: last year at this AGM there was talk of this, and everyone was against it because they wanted to keep it affordable for families. If we are trying to get more players, and they see it's gone up \$100 they may not register.

Answer: Any new players will receive the early bird rate no matter when they register. We are trying to encourage people to register early (change the culture) as it creates enormous stress and panic when we don't get our numbers until the season is about to start and we are running around trying to get more coaches etc..

Barb Mulligan: Last year in POCO we changed the rates like this, and we sent it to everyone several times to remind them to get it in and our early bird registration went up. It was very successful.

3. Association Name

Survey went out regarding the name change for the association (adding an extension to our name i.e.: Fraser Valley Wild Cats). The surveys have come back and 43% wanted to keep the name the same. 83 members responded. We will still be updating our logo but keeping the name the same.

7. ELECTIONS

<p>MOTION: Tanya motions to accept Sharon Smit and Paula Lock as ballot collectors and counters. Cindy seconded. All in favor (28). Motion passed.</p>
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POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION:

- **President**
Paul Payne calls for nominations for **President**
First call
Yvonne Johnson nominates Tanya Braithwaite to remain President: Tanya accepts but states she can only commit for 1 year. She does not want to leave the board without a President.
Second call; third call
Position filled by acclamation
- **Vice-President**
Tanya calls for nominations for Vice-President
First Call
Paul Payne nominates Joan McGivern: Joan needs time to think about it and discuss after the AGM. ****See notes at bottom of election minutes**
Second call; third call
Position not filled during meeting
- **Treasurer**

Tanya calls for nominations for Treasurer

First Call

Cindy Kempf nominates Jennelle Woykin to remain Treasurer: Jennelle accepts

Second call; third call

Position filled by acclamation

- **Ice Scheduler**

Tanya calls for nominations for Ice Scheduler

First Call

Cindy Kempf nominates Jen Gustavson: Jen accepts

Second call; third call

Position filled by acclamation

- **Tournament Director**

Tanya calls for nominations for Tournament Director

First Call

Yvonne Johnson nominates Sharon Smit: Sharon does not accept

Second call; third call

Position not filled during meeting ****See notes at bottom of election minutes**

- **Director of Coaching**

Tanya calls for nominations for Director of Coaching

First Call

Paul Payne nominates Dan Kempf: Dan accepts

Second call; third call

Position filled by acclamation

- **Director of Promotions**

Tanya calls for nominations for Director of Promotions

First Call

Tanya Braithwaite nominates Paul Fricke: Paul is not present but accepted nomination prior to meeting (he has accepted and Caitlyn Payne will be assisting)

Second call; third call

Position filled by acclamation

- **Equipment Manager**

Tanya calls for nominations for Equipment Manager

First Call

Cindy Kempf nominates Karen Sitter: Karen accepts

Second call; third call

Position filled by acclamation

- **Director of Athlete Development**

Tanya calls for nominations for Athlete Development

First Call

Michael Vandas nominates Tracy Townsend: Tracy is not present but accepted nomination prior to the meeting.

Second call, third call

Position filled by acclamation

- **Director of Evaluations (for a 1 year term)**

Tanya calls for nominations for Director of Evaluations

First Call

Yvonne nominates Michelle Andrenoe: Michelle does not accept

Second call

Cindy Kempf nominates Teriann Carmichael: Teriann accepts

Third Call

Position filled by acclamation

*****After the AGM there was much discussion with Joan McGivern and Sharon Smit. In the end they accepted the following positions:***

Sharon Smit: Vice President

Joan McGivern: Tournament Director

7. DRAWS:

- Goalie Stick: raffle #2544: Jeaneen Briner
- Player Stick: #2530: Jennifer Chranofsky
- \$100 Gift Card Streamline: #2522 Laurie Benton
- One Free Registration: #2542 Brad Johnson

Nicole Borges adds: we will need someone to take over the FVRA Facebook account and twitter as Shannon Bettles who currently looks after the social media accounts will be stepping down to put her energy into being President of the new Chilliwack Ringette Association. Tanya says we will add this to the agenda for our next board meeting

MOTION: Tanya motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Cindy seconded. All in favour (28). **Motion passed.**

Next board meeting May 11, 2016 at 7pm Sportsplex

Adjourned: 8:35pm

Fraser Valley Ringette Association AGM Attendance:

1. Tanya Braithwaite (President – not able to vote)

2. Michael Vandas
3. Natalie Wood Atkinson
4. Nicole Borges
5. Melissa Valentine
6. Paul Payne
7. Laurie Benton
8. Cindy Kempf
9. Kevin Braithwaite
10. Jennelle Woykin
11. Dan Kempf
12. Michelle Payne
13. Teriann Carmichael
14. Yvonne Johnson
15. Jennifer Chranofsky
16. Catherine Vandas
17. Sharon Smit
18. Paula Lock
19. Jen Gustavson
20. Karen Sitter
21. Joan McGivern
22. Lacey Ormel
23. Samantha Crowe
24. Barb Mulligan
25. Arlene Wada
26. Roxane Brown
27. Brad Johnson
28. Michelle Andreone
29. Jeaneen Briner