

Fraser Valley Ringette Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 10th, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Google Meet: Chat-Online Version:

The purpose of the Fraser Valley Ringette Association is to work together to promote, teach and perpetuate the game of Ringette. To build a community of players and supporters who understand the value of sportsmanship, respect and fair play. To provide the opportunity to develop the skills needed to ensure the continued growth of the program.

- **President** – Ben Bowcott--
- **Vice President** –Glen Sandve --
- **Treasurer** – Jailene Smit --
- **Registrar** – Jennelle Woykin--
- **Ice Scheduler** – Diana Place--
- **Director of Officials** – Kevin Braithwaite --
- **Tournament Director** – Nicole Borges --
- **Director of Coaching** – Nicole Tjepkema --
- **Director of Evaluations** – Taylor Teague-not in attendance-
- **Director of Athlete Development** – Eric Lapp--
- **Director of Promotions** – Saralyn Schwartz-not in attendance--
- **Equipment Manager** – Michelle Sallee--
- **Ways and Means** – Tina van de Weteringe Buys--
- **Past President** – Sharon Smit -not in attendance-
- **Secretary** – Delaina MacDonald---

1. Call to Order 7:07 pm

Review of positions up for election

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Nicole T motions to accept the agenda for this General Meeting. Tina seconded.All in favour. Motion passed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes from the 2019 AGM

MOTION: Jailene motions to adopt the minutes from last year's General Meeting on DATE 2019. Eric seconded.

24 in favour 3 abstentions

Motion passed.

Business arising from the minutes:

Correspondence: none

4. Director's Reports

President – Ben Bowcott:

My name is Ben Bowcott. This was my third year on the Fraser Valley board and my second year as president. I am very passionate about ringette and I am extremely thankful to have had the opportunity to give back to the sport. We experienced a very abrupt end to the season due to COVID-19 but I would like to share some highlights.

We had an amazing season for athlete development with our director, Eric Lapp, doing a terrific job scheduling training sessions. There was once again a great focus on goalie development with weekly power skating and skills clinics as well.

Unfortunately FVRA did not win any league banners this year and the Provincial championships were not completed. Congratulations to U12 lightning for winning gold at provincials in verson.

We had our first year of U14 Zone play with the FVRA athletes teamed up with Surrey-White Rock. We had Nicole, Tracy and Glen as the FVRA representation as bench staff for the team. The Zone program will be expanding next year to include U16 and U19, with the AA program being dissolved to make room for Zone. The RingetteBC strategic plan is available online for anyone that wants more detail.

We did not have a FVRA U19 team this season but fortunately the FV U19 athletes were able to join other teams. We did however have two 18+ teams!

This past season saw a slight decline in overall registration numbers but we were strong for our FUNdamentals groups, U10 & U12. We know that the 2020/2021 season is going to bring a lot of uncertainty but we are hopeful that we will be able to bring more athletes on board.

Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to all of our volunteer coaches. Our athletes benefit so much from your patience and guidance and I think I speak for all of the parents when I say thank you. Your dedication to our kids and our sport is incredible. We are truly lucky to have such a wonderful group of people leading the way for these young athletes.

I would like to extend a big congrats to the WRC committee for putting on such an incredible event in Burnaby last fall. Our Fraser Valley athletes learned so much about our sport by seeing the top level play here in our communities. It was an incredibly well-run event and good fun was had by all.

We had a number of Fraser Valley athletes attend the BCWGs this year and I am sure that they will all agree that it was a truly memorable experience.

As always, a big thank you to all volunteers including the executive members, coaches, team managers, and Spirit of Winter Volunteers. To the outgoing board members, thank you for your dedication to our association with your participation on the board. It takes a village and your commitment is crucial. A big thanks to Anne Allen for supporting our website and Google accounts.

I would also like to remind everyone again that our association is volunteer run. These board positions are done in parallel with our regular jobs and busy personal lives. We need to remember that we all do our best to do what's right for our athletes and for our sport. We may not always get it exactly right but we have the athlete's best interest in mind.

As we move forward into the next phase of the COVID response we are still very unsure about what the future holds for community sports. We patiently await a plan from Via Sport and RingetteBC. I will be sharing any information as soon as I receive it but registration for the 20/21 season is delayed until further notice.

Thanks

Vice President –Glen Sandve:

Hello. My name is Glen Sandve, and I served as Vice President this past season. This was my first year of a 2 year term.

I assisted the President, Ben Bowcott throughout the year, and did my best to help out in any way I could.

More specifically:

I helped evaluate athletes during some of the evaluation times prior to teams being formally selected.

I facilitated the Managers meeting at the beginning of the season, in order to help with the start up of teams after evaluations were complete. It is my goal over the next season to update the Managers manual with more up to date information.

I helped organize our Team Picture Night at the end of October at Sportsplex in Langley, and used the same process that previous Board Members had put in place. AAA Photography once again provided a professional service, and I would recommend using the company again next season. The process seemed very smooth, and parents and athletes definitely enjoyed not having to tie up their skates for photos this year!

I contacted a new company to sell our Walk Out Wear through, and after several meetings with them the Board approved the new online store that we set up through Big Kahuna. We decided to offer basic selections this year, with the option of adding more clothing choices in the years to come. We had hoped to have a majority of the orders completed early in the season, and maybe even have teams order complete sets of hoodies or pants etc., but the order deadline had to be extended a few times because not many orders were placed until a final cut off date was announced. My daughter and I had samples on hand during Evaluations and just before the Photo Night, but very few people used the samples to try on. In the future I would probably only have samples at the very beginning of the season (maybe during evaluations), as trying to hold on to them for a long period of time can be very difficult as they are only "on loan" from the company. Overall, Big Kahuna provided quality products at a reasonable price. The online store was very convenient, and was easy to use. The turnaround times were good, and products were made available in time for Christmas. A big thanks to Ben Bowcott who helped deliver many of the orders.

Overall, I enjoyed my time on the board this year. I am thankful for all of the Board Members who volunteered a great deal of their own time to make the association run efficiently. These volunteers are all passionate and hard working people, and definitely have the best interests of the athletes in mind when making decisions about the sport of ringette in the Fraser Valley. I am looking forward to working with another Board full of passionate and enthusiastic people in order to give our athletes the best possible experience during the next ringette season.

Treasurer – Jailene Smit:

Hi, my name is Jailene Smit, and this was my 2nd year on the board and in the position of treasurer.

This year unfortunately we were left in a deficit.

We received \$47,500 in gaming funds this year, which is an increase of \$2,500 from our previous years.

This money pays for a large portion of our ice costs. Gaming must be spent on 3 categories only: Ice,

Equipment and Athlete Development. If you turn to the income statement, the revenue for this year is

\$196,296.50 and our expenses were \$205,523.93. We have a negative net income for the 2020 fiscal

year of \$9,236.43. A large portion of this loss is due to our registration being lower than anticipated.

If you turn to the balance sheet provided, you will see that our Total Current Assets (cash on hand) is

\$33,544.48 between both accounts: \$33,544.27 in general; \$0.21 in gaming. This gives us enough of a

cushion for next season if we get limited gaming funds. As we all know, a lot is up in the air about what

The next season will look like this.

The budget for the 2020/2021 season will be discussed later in the meeting under new business. But the overall budget is solely based on us receiving the gaming grant funds in order to make our budget work.

The gaming grant is typically applied for before the AGM however this year with the delay of the AGM

\$60,000 from the provincial gaming association has already been applied for. We will not get an answer

on the amount we will receive or if we are approved until September. Typically, it is less than that we

ask for, and this year it is very uncertain about how much funds are available. I have been keeping an

eye on their website and they have directed associations like ours to still apply for the funds. I would like to reiterate that this is a budget only, which is just a guideline for spending. This budget will change once we receive gaming and as plans change at the start of the ringette season. On a final note, this position is up for re-election. I will be here to help whoever chooses to take on this role in any way I can. Being on the board can seem like a lot of work but we have a great group and they make it all worth it, I invite you to take on a role, whether it be mine or someone else's. It is a great way to be involved.
Thank you.
Jailene Smit; FVRA Treasurer, 2018-2020

Secretary – Delaina MacDonald:

Hi Everyone, While I have enjoyed my board position this year, my daughter is up in the air regarding playing this upcoming season, My position has a 1 year remaining and I will be stepping down from the board, All past communications have been done through google drive which is a great and easy platform to use, moving forward I will help the new person who takes over the position to transition into the role-Thank you, Delaina MacDonald

Registrar – Jennelle Woykin:

Good Evening Everyone,

My Name is Jennelle Woykin. This was my second year as Registrar on the board. It is technically the 1st year of a 2-year position though. Previously, I was the Treasurer of FVRA for 3 years, so have now been on the board for a total of 5 years. I will continue being the registrar only if there isn't anyone else who would like this position as there are so many other positions that desperately need to be filled.

We continued using Karelo as our program of choice for registration and E-Pact for providing teams with athlete's waivers and medical info in a safe and secure format. Both programs work well for what we need.

For the 2019-2020 season, the number of athletes registered went down to a total of 155. For comparison, last year's 2018-2019 season we had a total of 182 athletes. The number went down as our U19 division had to fold due to lack of players. We did get an Open B team formed again, with some struggles, but they pulled it off. So we had an Open A team and an Open B team this year. Our Fun1 and Fun2 numbers remained close to the same as last year, 29 in total. Our U10 division was down to 22 athletes, so 2 teams of 11. Our U12 division was down by 10 players to 22 athletes, so 2 teams of 11. BC was mandated to go back to 2 equal teams for U12 which may have been a contributing factor to our numbers dropping in that division. In U14 we had a total of 18 register. Five athletes made Zone and 13 joined our club team. In U16 we had 1 team of 17 athletes.

As of right now, we don't know if registration prices will remain the same for the upcoming 2020-2021 season due to COVID-19. It all depends on if we receive gaming funds as that subsidizes our costs. Due to COVID-19, we also don't know when we will be allowed to open registration or when the season will start. Therefore there is no early bird registration right now, the fees will be what they are. Everyone's goal is to start the season but we need to stay safe and healthy.

I welcome any feedback or questions you may have so please don't hesitate to contact me at any time either through email/phone or at the rink.

Thank you,
Jennelle Woykin
Fraser Valley Ringette Registrar, 2019-2020

Ice Scheduler – Diana Place:

Diana Place

FVRA Ice Scheduler Report 2019-2020 Season AGM Meeting

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT

Over the past season, we have updated the ice scheduler process to use the website format again, an Excel based Schedule has been created and is templated for this coming season, as well as looking at Teamsnap as the tool to go forward with ice allocations. Teamsnap was not implemented fully last year, as we ran an initial test for the functionality during the SOW. in order to make a more informed decision of whether the cost would be beneficial.

This position is one that requires attention throughout the full season, especially in the pre-season months communicating with arena representatives regarding allocated ice and contracts at each facility. Typically an established commitment is completed by last June by all arenas, but the Township requests need to be submitted usually by late April or early May in order for all Ice sports to review allotments decided by the township at the Ice Allocation meeting which is attended by townships and all sports associations representatives. (Last year's meeting was held at the Langley Events Centre and Ice times were tentatively confirmed then with contracts sent out via email throughout the summer.) Ice was divided based on previous years usage. This year because of circumstances, the ice allocation package has been submitted with our requests, but the meeting has not been scheduled, and to my current understanding not all packages have submitted and ice has not been divided amongst the associations. This meeting is Typically a good opportunity to introduce yourself to the other ice schedulers and obtain their contact information, in case you need to work with them to obtain any available ice for other purposes.

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George Preston/ Aldergrove Arena

Contact: Lauren West lwest@tol.ca but they prefer for us to:
gpcbookings@tol.ca **Sportsplex:**

Contact Tracy Pope tpope@sportsplexbc.com

Twin Rinks (CanLan):

Contact: Rikki Choudhry rchoudhry@icesports.com

Contracts are sent with all dates and times listed per month. You will need to go through each line to confirm that dates and time are all correct.

I have created a master and a working copy of the ice schedule that can be used to confirm the requested ice and if any dates need to be marked for a particular purpose, or if the arenas have indicated that those days will no longer be available because of other commitments that they have made. (example: tournaments, or facility repairs) - an example of the previous year is also available for your reference.

Once you have completed the allocation of all practice times for each division, the remainder of the ice available needs to be submitted to the LMRL Ice allocator in order for them to be able to schedule games. Once they have completed the game schedules, you need to verify that information is correct with the dates, times and arenas that we have available. If errors are found, these need to be sent back for

correction as soon as possible. You will also need to update the Practice schedule only in a postable format for the website. I have created a template that can be used as a guideline, or in a cut and paste format.

FVRA has ice for practices designated on Tuesday and nights at Sportsplex and Thursday nights at George Preseton. You will have to work directly with the Masters Coach in order to get their practice and games schedule. (the time slot is usually the 9 - 10 ice on Saturday nights)

You will want to be in direct contact with all the Division Coaches and Managers (obtain contact information from the DOC and after the managers meeting) you will need to be in the loop with them about any schedule changes and what tournaments they will be attending, so that any ice that

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will not be used during these time periods can be first offered out to the other division within Fraser Valley, or turned back to the arenas for use by other associations, there are time commitments to these activities, so the earlier the better.

This position works very closely with the Director of Referees . He/She will need access to the schedule in order to book ref's for home games as well as notifying them with 72 hours notice that a game is being canceled or rescheduled.

There is a Pre-Season Conditioning Camp clinic that is booked at Sportsplex rink 3 from Aug 25th-29th.

You will need to work with the Director of Promotions to book ice for the "Come try Ringette" session for late August/early September and again for the end of the season.

You will need to work with the Director of Evaluations to schedule ice for the evaluations which is typically done for the first three weeks of Sept. This year extra focus needs to be made for ice to be allocated for Zone try-outs for U14/16&19

Meeting Room Bookings: All meeting room bookings go through you. You are the contact for all arenas to book the space. Weekly board meetings are typically scheduled at Twin Rinks and we typically get approximately two meeting rooms a month at Sportsplex. (A Tab outline of this year's meeting dates and times has been created within the ice Schedule.) . You will also be responsible for booking any development course that will be Run by LMRL but coordinated via Fraser Valley. (example: Coaching development courses.

SOW Tournament- work directly with the Director of Tournament to determine what your role will be with ice allocations (usually requesting the ice for contracts and communicating how the ice will be allocated between the arenas and times - last year was done via teamsnap)

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The director of Athlete development will provide you with confirmed dates and times for these sessions. Over the past few years the Aldergrove Monday nights times have been earmarked for this purpose.

Fund 1/Fund 2 was shared across ice , usually on Thursday nights. A request was made last year to ask if they could use the Monday night ice, because of convenience for that season's coaches, you would have to confirm. If that will be possible for this year and if the coach staff will be the same.

You are also responsible for sending copies of the ice contracts to the treasurer for payment to each arena. Payment options are to either drop off the payments, although I believe a few arenas have not updated to EFT. Providing that we have the same ability that could spend up the process and one less thing for you to do. The SOW ice is usually paid following the tournament.

Other Associations may request ice. It is to the discretion of the FVRA President if this can be approved for re-sale or if a donation of ice can be made (depending on the association, prior commitments may have been arranged)

Challenges:

This past year was a bit of a challenge to work with the other associations to get ice commitments for Zone Practices on a regular interval. It will be a task to work with Surrey and Chilliwack for the scheduling of all 3 divisions. (this is a new process)

Communication and responses for re-scheduling games or practices can have its ups and downs, but for the most part, all of our coaches and managers were very good at notifying and responding in a timely manner.

Director of Officials: Kevin Braithwaite:

For those who do not know me, my name is Kevin Braithwaite and I am the Director of Officials for Fraser Valley. This has been my 5th year as Director of Officials. Unfortunately we did not have any new officials for this year and without knowing what this year will look like, I will be accepting applications but will have to take the early part of the season in stride as we don't not know whether there will be any ref clinics available for new officials. If there is anyone interested, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions

you might have. Once again our Fraser Valley officials had a strong year in participating in major events this year. Both Jailene Smit and Hannah Shewring were invited to the BC Winter Games. This was Jailene's third time and for Hannah this was her first time selected to ref at Winter Games. Jailene Smit, Marren Garcia and myself were selected to ref at Provincial A's and B's this year and Hannah Shewring was selected for her first time to Provincial B's. Pete Smit was asked to supervise at both events. Due to covid this year, we did not get the chance to officiate at B's which was a disappointment for us all. Unfortunately due to all canceled events Jailene and Marren were not able to participate at Westerns this year,(this being jailene's first time) and Sharon Smit and myself who were selected to Nationals as shot clock operators in Ottawa were also not able to go. Although this will be my sixth and final season as Director of Officials, and yes this will be my last season! I would be willing to step aside if someone else was interested in taking over for this year. I would also be willing to have someone work with me this season if they were interested in taking on the role of RIC after this year. Although at this point we do not know what this season will look like, I am hoping to see all of you at the rink in September.

Thanks
Kevin Braithwaite

Director of Evaluations – Taylor Teague:

TBA

Director of Athlete Development: Eric Lapp:

My name is Eric Lapp and I served as Director of Athlete development the past 2 years. I've been involved with ringette since 2012, but my background is with hockey and goalie instruction.

In my 2nd year as D A D, I put continued focus on goaltending development. Our association has enjoyed strong engagement with our young goalies. I wanted to ensure the young athletes continued to be excited about the position and received appropriate training to help them succeed.

My Goaltender development plan included:

1. I hosted a "Train the trainer" seminar for Fun 2 – U12.
 - Providing training and a practice plan for the rotational development age groups.
 - We hired "Shannon Bettles" to run a similar "Train the Trainer" seminar for U10 – U19

- Both seminars were well attended, and I would call them a success.
 - o Poco, Delta, Burnaby and Coquitlam also attended.
- 2. We ran a full goalie clinics program throughout the year
 - o Hosted by myself and 2 Magic Goalie Instruction coaches **twice per month.**
 - o Strong focus on Skating and save mov'ts
- 3. I ran personal (FREE) clinics during practice sessions throughout the year.
 - o U10 – U14 Zone and LMRL

I feel that we once again had a very successful goalie development program! We had 8-10 goalies consistently present for all clinics. I would like to thank all the parents, coaches and players who assisted me during the year. We were always in need of shooters or support on the ice and someone was always there to support.

Our young goalies continue to develop and many are really showing a passion for the position.

Although my term as D A D has been completed and I will not be renewing my position. I intend to continue to support this program and support our next D A D with its facilitation in 2020-21

For our players:

We secured a consistent Monday night ice sheet in Aldergrove.

1. We hired Jody Meadows and Issy Sestito as our primary instructors.
 - a. Focus on Power Skating with drills and shooting.
2. Provided 2 "learn to skate" sessions for the Fun divisions during the season.

A HUGE thank you to Jody Meadows and Issy Sestito, they were very dependable and provided outstanding instruction.

Overall attendance was good considering our registration numbers

U10 and U12's consistently had 80% attendance

U14's approx. 60-70%

U16-U19 approx 40%

Most divisions received equal allotments of sessions.

Secured for next year: Our new D A D will have a program which is almost self-sufficient.

1. Jody Meadows for the season (Power Skating)
2. Issy Sestito (Skills and Shooting)
3. Ice times for: Budget Dependent
 - a. Goaltending Development (alt Sundays Sportsplex)
 - b. Player development (Mondays – Aldergrove)

Success to build on:

1. Provide a few "learn to skate" sessions for the Fun divisions early in the season.

Over all I felt we had a successful development season with good engagement and support from Players, Coaches and Parents. We have an established program, which is now self-sufficient and easy to manage. Our budget is supportive of the program. This year we came in under budget @ \$5039.00 for the year.

Eric Lapp

Director of Athlete Development

Director of Ways and Means –Tina

This year for fundraising, we raised \$7156.72 which included our raffle tickets and our purdy's sales.

Equipment Manager – Michelle Sallee:

Equipment Managers Report

I am Michelle Sallee, I have been the equipment manager this season. The expenses incurred this season are as follows:

Locks and Keys \$106.15

Game sheets \$200

Rings \$362.88 x2

Total= \$1,031.91

All equipment has not been returned. I will organize a return date as soon as we have permission from the Township to access George Preston Arena.

We are always looking for input from our membership, so please if you have any suggestions regarding equipment needs etc. please let us know.

Thank you,
Michelle Sallee

Past President –Sharon Smit:

No Report

Director of Promotions – Saralyn Schwartz

Promotions Report

This season we had a few promotion events. The first one was in June at Douglas Park during community days. A handful of volunteers came out to promote ringette at our booth as well as walking among the crowd. The second was a come try ringette event in September where there were 10 children who came to try out our sport and 2 registered! The third was a 'bring a friend' event on March 8th that was not well attended, but the three children who came had a lot of fun with their friends and coach volunteers. Two FVRA posters are put up again in Langley in two different locations. Due to covid-19 these signs were taken down after one month and will not be renewed for the next three month rotation.

I am ready to be done in this position, but am happy to support the next person who takes this on.

Tournaments- Nicole Borges:

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Our 2019 Michelle Vandale Memorial Spirit of Winter Tournament to date was the largest that we've hosted to date. In addition, the biggest tournament of the Province. We had a record number of teams (94 in total), as far away as Ontario and spanning to include Alberta and the Interior/Northern BC as well this year we were able to successfully include the AA teams in the U14/16 & U19 divisions.

Highlights of the tournament was that we partnered with the World Ringette Championships that were going on as well, teams that were traveling were able to experience and watch some elite level games both with WRC as well as within our tournament at the AA level.

Team Sweden came out and spent a good portion of their day talking with teams, taking pictures and overall just being visible for younger athletes to engage.

Another highlight of the tournament was our ability to broaden the Fun 1 & 2 teams experience within the tournament to let them see what playing games, being part of a tournament looks like, we were able to offer 9 teams this experience.

One of the goals of the amazing tournament committee was to expand and showcase our tournament and all that it has to offer.... We definitely nailed it.

While we did not 'make' money on the books for the tournament, we definitely have laid some much needed groundwork and traction to get the word out in our Ringette Community that we are THE tournament to go to. Even with these uncertain times, we're already getting questions, emails regarding our tournament dates.

We've made some purchase decisions that in the long run will help our association, one was the purchase of the popcorn machine for use in our carnival. Typically in years past we've rented the machine and upon looking at the cost of a machine vs. rental, we decided to purchase the popcorn machine, which in turn can be used for Fraser Valley Ringette Events.

Our giveaways this tournament were tube socks with our logo, we made a purchase to have enough for the next tournament as well.

In addition, we created our own website for our tournament and secured our domain name, the usability for our website is a one stop for all those that are participating, from registration, to links to community support ect.

We have an AMAZING tournament committee who tapped into local businesses and helped showcase some new partnerships with our tournament.

As with every tournament we continue on with the platform of Spirit: we pride ourselves on good sportsmanship, fun & friends and this tournament didn't disappoint. Some areas that we expanded upon:

- Membership committee participation
- Opening Ceremonies
- Carnival
- Fun 1 & 2 Games
- Scholarships
- Participating Teams
- Referee evaluations
- Tournament Website & Domain
- Better and Larger Social Media presence
- Partnership with Township of Langley & Commerce
- Baskets

- Games and Activities
- Plastic and Paper imprint

These are to name a few of the areas that we'd set our sites on in expanding. This tournament could not be made possible without the many volunteers and committed members to make it all happen in addition to the sponsorship, local businesses and partnering up with people within our community.

I would like to take this opportunity and publicly thank some specific individuals, these volunteers either no longer play for FV or have no children within FV, but for the love of the tournament and the great committee, keep coming back to support the tournament.

● ***Yvonne Johnson, Thank you my friend for your guidance, support and encouragement, quite frankly this was a co chair with you :)***

- Jennifer Chranofsky
- Lorraine Zimmerman
- Alison Kooyman
- Kim Raymond
- Allison Martinez
- Renee Pain
- Maureen Sawatzky

And to our amazing Tournament Committee Members.... You have been a huge help/lifesaver, I can't thank you enough for all the hard work and time that you spent. These members took on specific aspects of the tournament and headed up the organization and execution. (Please forgive me if i've forgotten anyone!)

JOB WELL DONE!!!

● ***Diana Place: Thank you, for going above and beyond what you signed up for and continually asking to do more... I know the tournament is in good hands :)***

- Nicole and Mom Tjepkema
- Greg Lund
- Megan Rowse
- Lisa Watson
- Shauna Nicholson
- Stefany Lavik
- Tara Guesford
- Brandy Maxwell
- Marla Christensen
- Kari Campbell
- Cassidy Karras

Lastly, but certainly not least... the Fraser Valley Board Members, who when

the call from me went out for more help and the need of volunteer hours being filled stepped up and did even more volunteer work in the tournament.... Thank you.

I joined the FVRA executive board when I moved back to BC 6 years ago, in that time I've been fortunate to have worked with and alongside some great volunteers in our community/sport. My position as Tournament Director is up for election this season as I've fulfilled this role's term. I would be happy to be part of the tournament committee as well and support the new Tournament Director as they take our tournament to the next level.

I would encourage any and all Fraser Valley Members to please consider joining the committee for a most worthwhile event. I assure you that you will have lots of experienced and capable committee members to assist you with any and all aspects of the tournament.

Thank you

Sincerely Nicole Borges

Director of coaching-Nicole Tjepkema:

My name is Nicole Tjepkema and this was the second year of my two year term on the Fraser Valley Board as Director of Coaching. The season brought some challenges but overall I believe that it was a great season and I have many people to thank for that.

This season was one of making sure all the coaching staff on the various teams had the proper certification for the age group and division they were coaching. It was also important to ensure all coaches were reminded of the personal development points they need to collect in order to keep their certification up to date. It is extremely important that coaches are checking their locker on the Coaching Canada to stay up to date on their points and what courses are available to them to gain points.

This year brought a change for our U14 division athletes with Ringette BC moving to a zone format for the 'A' division. This brought together athletes from Fraser Valley, Surrey and Chilliwack associations to form the zone team for Zone 4. The remaining athletes would then play for their home associations in the new club division. I want to thank Diana Place and Nicole Borges for working with our Fraser Valley club team and navigating through this new division.

We had 3 of our current athletes ask to be Junior Coaches this year. This is a great start to build the future coaches for Fraser Valley. I would like to encourage more athletes that are looking to give back to their sport in the form of coaching to contact me and together we can find a team that will be a good fit for them. I would like to thank the following teams for taking on Junior Coaches this season.

- FUNDamentals: Lucia Martinez
- U10: Kaycia Flaman

- U12: Kelsa Kempf

Last but definitely not least I would like to thank all the Head Coaches and their bench staff for taking the time to work with our athletes. Without coaches there would not be any teams and for that I am very grateful. If there are any parents that are interested in coaching, please contact the Director of Coaching. We can never have too many coaches in our association and we are always looking for coaches for our various teams. All of you made my job easy this year and I truly appreciate it.

Nicole Tjepkema

7. Motion by Nicole T to adopt the budget as presented

Seconded by Tina

28 votes yes

Motion Passed

8. Election of Directors

Seven (7) positions for re-election (two-year terms elected on even numbered years)

2 (2) year position up for election for 1 year remaining term (secretary)

Total 9 positions

8 filled

1 remains open

President: Nicole Borges nominated by Ben Bowcott:

Nicole Borges accepts the nomination. By acclamation Nicole Borges accepts the Position.

Director of coaching: Jill Clapton nominated by Nicole Tjepkema

Jill Clapton accepts the nomination. By acclamation Jill Clapton accepts the position.

Treasurer 2nd call Colleen Auld nominated by Ben Bowcott, Not accepted

3rd call: Jailene Smit self nomination, Jailene accepts the nomination

By acclamation ***accepts the position.

Director of promotions: Megan Labve and Tara Guesford self nominated

Megan and Tara accept
By acclamation Megan and Tara accept the position.

Tournament Director: Diana Place nominated by Nicole Borges
Diana Place accepts the nomination. By
Acclamation Diana Place accepts the position.

Ice Scheduler: Colleen Jeffrey nominated by Diana Place:
Colleen Jefferey accepts the nomination. By
Acclamation Colleen Jefferey accepts the position.

Director of Athlete development Dawn Savage accepts the nomination.
By acclamation Dawn Savage accepts the position.

Ways and Means NO NOMINATION ****accepts the nomination. By
acclamation ***accepts the position.
NOT FILLED

Secretary Nicole Tjepkema nominated by Nicole Borges
Nicole Tjepkema accepts the nomination. By
acclamation Nicole Tjepkema accepts the position.

9. Other Business
No new business

10. New Business

- New board members please send

11. Adjournment

- New Board members, please give our Secretary their contact information before leaving

- Next Board Meeting

DATE TBA – Location TBA

MOTION: Diana motions to adjourn meeting 8:32pm Glen seconded. All in favor
(26). Motion passed.