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1. Call to order & Welcome (7:04)

- Confirm all members have signed in determine if there is a quorum
- Go over positions up for election

2. Adopting Rules of Order

- FVRA Current Bylaws (default to Roberts Rules of Order)
- Voting for Directors by secret ballot when more than one person standing for a position
- Voting by show of hands for all other business
- President not casting a vote except if needed to break a tie

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Pete Smit motions to adopt the Agenda for this year's AGM. Natalie Atkinson seconded. 30 in favour. Motion passed.

4. Adoption of Minutes from 2018 AGM

Motion: Natalie Atkinson motions to adopt the minutes from our 2018 AGM with the amendment – the addition of Kevin's report for Director of Officials. Jeaneen seconded. 29 in favour. 1 abstained. Motion passed.

5. Director's Reports

President – Ben Bowcott

My name is Ben Bowcott. This was my second year on the Fraser Valley board and my first year as president. Last season my role was director of evaluations. I am very passionate about ringette and I am extremely thankful to have the opportunity to give back to the sport.

Over the course of this past season we have experienced some challenges along with our successes. We have had a terrific season for athlete development with our director, Eric Lapp, doing an amazing job scheduling training sessions. There was a great focus on goalie development and regular skating and skills clinics along the way.

We had two Fraser Valley teams win league banners this year: U16B and Open A both won their respective divisions. Our U16B and U14A teams represented our association at the Ringette BC Provincial Championships also.

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Our U19 team was the only team in their division that was made up entirely by players from one association. All other teams were combination teams from multiple associations. While they had limited

success on the score sheet, their determination and commitment to one another as a team was quite remarkable.

A few of our teams had very challenging seasons, in part because of low registration numbers across the LMRL. We only had one team for the U16, U19 and Open divisions this season with many players moving on to other associations or activities. We did however see strong registration numbers for our FUNdamentals groups, U10, U12, U14 and Masters divisions. We had over 20 players join the FUN1 group this year and I am hopeful that trend continues with the terrific promotional work Saralyn has done throughout the year.

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.

Congrats to FV players Kiandra Gustavson on making the U16AA team and Quiana Borges and Fiona Briner on making the U19AA team for LMRL. They will compete with their teams next week at Nationals in PEI.

A shout out is needed for Danika Billodeau-Wheeler who was picked up by Prince George Open-A to join their team attending Westerns.

Congrats too, to Fiona Briner and Emma Paradis as the two FV players named to Team BC for CWG this season. Unfortunately Fiona was injured so she supported Emma and the rest of her team from the bench.

We also had 4 FV players on the BC Thunder NRL Team this season. Sarah McDonald, Kacy Hannesson, Emma Paradis, and Tiana Ollive.

Thank you to all volunteers including the executive members, coaches, team managers, and Spirit of Winter Volunteers. A special thanks to Colleen Auld, our VP and Sharon Smit our Past President for their support and guidance throughout my first year as president. A big thanks to Anne Allen for supporting our website and Google accounts. She has generously donated her time over the past number of seasons and it is greatly appreciated.

To echo Sharon's comments from last year's AGM, we need to remember that our association is volunteer run. These positions are done in parallel with our regular jobs and busy personal lives. We

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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.

I have really enjoyed my time on the board this season and I look forward to the second year of my term as president.

Vice President - Coleen Auld

Hi, my name is Colleen Auld and I took on the position of Vice President last season. This was my second year of a two year term.

I attended the Ringette BC AGM with President Ben Bowcott. I assisted the President through the year when situations arose and did my best to help fellow Directors when needed.

• I was able to organize our Team Picture night and with the process we have in place it was able to run extremely smoothly. I was excited for this season as I had secured a new location at Sportsplex that would have allowed us more room but unfortunately for us Sportsplex was able to Lease the space out. I did look into other locations and days for the photo night but nothing else seemed to be better than the convenience of our Sportsplex location.

I encountered many obstacles when it came to our Walk out Wear this year. The Sales rep we have used in the past is on a leave and our Association was lost in the shuffle when it came to our orders and the hurdles just kept coming. It has been my recommendation that we do not continue with this company and look to start somewhere new. A couple of companies in Abbotsford have been sourced out as well as a relative of one of our board members. The one hurdle is trying to find another company that can give us the convenience of an online store/ordering system.

It was so great having a full running board of executives in all positions. The impact of having all positions filled was a huge benefit to our Association, Sport and our athletes!! I have enjoyed my time on the Executive and working with everyone. It's amazing to see when you have positive, enthusiastic and passionate people working together what all can get accomplished. Our volunteers are amazing and so very much needed to provide our kids the best experience and Ringette season.

I have completed my two year term as Vice President and my position is up for election. I will not be returning but would like to offer my help and assistance to whoever shows interest in the role.

Treasurer – Jailene Smit

Hi, my name is Jailene Smit and this was my 1st year on the board and in the position of treasurer.

This year unfortunately we were left in a deficit.

We received \$45,000 in gaming funds again this year, which is the same as the last 2 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 \$179,877.87 and

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our expenses were \$181,149.32 We have a negative net income for the 2019 fiscal year of \$1,271.45 Some of this net loss is due to us having all board positions filled, where as in previous years some

positions have been left open so their spending was less than this year. Our registration was also down this year.

If you turn to the balance sheet provided, you will see that our Total Current Assets (cash on hand) is \$48,518.91 between both accounts: \$48,518.63 in general; \$0.28 in gaming. This puts us in a great position for next season and gives us a cushion for the future in case gaming doesn't come through.

The budget for the 2019/2020 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. I applied for the grant shortly after this AGM, but we didn't get an answer on whether it was approved or not until August and it is never the amount we ask for. This year I will be applying for \$60,000. 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.

Registrar – Jennelle Woykin

My Name is Jennelle Woykin. This was my first year as Registrar, taking on the 2nd year of the 2 year position. Previously, I was the Treasurer of FVRA for 3 years. This year was busy due to the learning curve of taking on a new position but I enjoyed it and am confident in using the Karelo program. Therefore, I am looking to stay on the board in the Registrar's position for the upcoming term.

This past season we successfully combined E-pact with the Registrar's position. It only made sense as it's the same information for each team with Karelo and E-Pact complimenting each other well. Both Karelo and E-Pact's online help is fantastic and having everything online is the only way to go. These providers are safe and secure which is of the utmost importance.

This year, our registrations were down basically by 2 teams. We lost our Open B team as well as many in U16 dropped out or didn't return. But we did get more registrants in our Fun 1 and Fun 2 divisions in part thanks to our Director of Promotions.

Registration prices will remain the same for the upcoming 2019-2020 season with early bird registration opening May 15th. 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.

Ice Scheduler – Tania Taylor

This position is one that requires attention throughout the full season, especially in the summer communicating with arenas and representatives regarding Ice Allocation and ice contracts at arenas. Typically early spring (April or May) an Ice Allocation meeting is attended with the townships and all sports associations that use Ice. (It was held at Langley Events Centre and Ice times were tentatively confirmed then with contracts sent out via email throughout the summer.) Ice was decided based on previous years times. There was talk about using TeamSnap at the LMRL level, but that never happened.

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I started this season with no assistance and figured out the process independently. I have written a report so the next person can navigate the process more efficiently. I will be leaving my two year position early as my daughter will not be playing ringette next season.

Director of Officials – Kevin Braithwaite

My name is Kevin Braithwaite and I am the Director of Officials for Fraser Valley. This is my fourth year as RIC. It has been a bit of a disappointing year as we lost some of our younger refs but also an exciting one as we have had a couple of new ones join our officiating team. Liisa Vlahovic has joined us from the North/West Vancouver association and Taylor Braithwaite started as a Level 1 official this year who was also asked to referee in the Coquitlam U12 tournament this year. Good job Taylor!

Once again we have had our association well represented both Provincially and Nationally this year.

Marren Garcia was hired as the technical director for BCRA as the temporary fill in for Becky Adams and Pete Smit is now the BCRA Director of Officials. Hopefully Pete will stay on next year as it will be a huge benefit for all our refs provincially. Jailene Smit, Marren Garcia and myself were selected to officiate at Provincials in Prince George and Pete was asked to Supervise at this event. Sharon Smit was selected to Shot clock at Canada Winter Games and both her and I were selected to Shot clock at Nationals in PEI this year. Congrats and well done to everyone for their achievements in representing our association.

As this is the second year of my 2 year term and with much going back and forth, I have decided to stay on as Director of Officials for a final 2 year term unless someone would like to take over my last year. We are definitely once again looking for new officials to join our team so if anyone knows of or is interested in becoming an official please let me know.

Tournament Director – Nicole Borges

This year SOW was hugely successful thanks not only to the participants, but the volunteer committee and all of their hard work. We had a few new members join the committee and are grateful. SOW was hosted Nov. 30, Dec 1, 2 and in 3 arenas - the new Aldergrove Recreation Centre, George Preston, and Sportsplex. We had over 64 teams including the NRL, our newest and enthusiastic Fun 9 skaters, and teams from Alberta, TORL, the North and our own LMRL. This year the tournament boasted a grand opening ceremony with a live DJ, slide show, on ice parade of athletes, banner walk, and a frisbee toss. We also hosted another successful Spirit of Fun Carnival at the new Aldergrove Arena with many games and prizes. We featured a photo booth thank you to Burnaby Tourism. The photo booth was sponsored to help bring messaging to the SOW athletes and families about The World Ringette Championships being hosted in Burnaby this Nov. 24-Dec.1. Thank you to the Bettles Family and FVR, 3 athletes were awarded

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scholarships in honour of the late Michelle Vandale and Bill Bettles, to aid in their academic advancement.

This year, the tournament also acknowledged a very dedicated and committed athlete, volunteer, and amazing woman, Yvonne Johnson. BCRA awarded Yvonne as the recipient of the first ever outstanding achievement award for her long service, and dedication to the sport. SOW recognized this achievement during opening ceremonies.

Our tournament is intended as a fundraiser to support the ongoing growth and development of Ringette in the Fraser Valley. SOW raised over \$4500.

We are always hopeful for a safe and successful tournament and grateful for the support we receive.

Director of Coaching – Nicole Tjepkema

My name is Nicole Tjepkema and this was the first 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.

One of my main focuses was ensuring that all certified coaches were made aware of the new PD points system. Ringette Canada has brought in the Personal Development points to keep all coaches active and developing/enhancing their skills throughout their coaching career. Each coach's levels are set to "expire" unless they attain the correct amount of points through online/class courses, active coaching etc. This system will give our coaches the ability to continually develop which will also benefit the athletes in the long run. I would like to thank Nicole Borges (Director of Coaching) and Tracy Townsend (Director of Athlete Development) for the Lower Mainland for keeping me informed on the various updates and helping me to understand the new system.

This year brought a change for our youngest athletes. The FUNdamentals program was introduced at the U7/U9 levels with very little direction from Ringette BC. I would like to thank our FUNdamental 1 coaches: Leanne Guiel, Leanne Gray and all their helpers and our FUNdamental 2 coaches: Jodi Baskott and Brad Lowe for their hard work in getting this program off the ground and giving our youngest athletes are great start to the sport. You could see their smiles in the stands and that is because they had great coaches leading them.

We had 6 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: Amanda Yee

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• U10: Mya Kooyman

• U12: Isabella Sesitito & Kendra Atkinson

• U14: Kaycia Flaman • U16: Fiona Briner

We have created a survey that will be sent out to all the families asking them how their season went. I would like to encourage everyone to fill out the survey and send it back so I can provide that feedback to the coaches to help them develop in the future.

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. All of you made my job easy this year and I hope to be able to work with all of you again next year.

Director of Evaluations – Tracy Townsend

This year FV and all other associations with LMRL tried to bring all of the evaluations together instead of individual associations doing their own thing. Ringette BC laid out a plan and created an on ice evaluation drill package for all associations to use. The criteria was a little too detailed and difficult for evaluators to follow so it will be revised for next year. In addition the mentoring of evaluators did not happen as expected so that will also be improved for next year.

Moving forward we will be trying to educate evaluators so that all of the athletes in the Lower Mainland will be evaluated in the same way.

In stepping into this position, the person has a well organized plan in place through LMRL and BC Ringette and support from the Board and other people with experience in the FVRA.

Director of Athlete Development – Eric Lapp

My name is Eric Lapp and I served as Director of Athlete development this year. I've been involved with ringette since 2012, but my background is as a hockey goalie.

In my first year as D A D, I chose to focus on goaltender development. I've had the pleasure of introducing the position to athletes in my daughters age group for several years, and have had wonderful engagement. 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 ages groups.

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- 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 purchased goalie pads for Fun 2 to use in practice.
 - o Providing early introduction to the position.
- 3. We ran 7 goalie clinics throughout the year
 - 3 hosted by myself, with help from various parents/coaches
 - 4 hosted by Magic goalie development and myself
- 4. I ran personal clinics during practice sessions throughout the year.
 - O With U10's, U12 A and B, and the U14 B's
- 5. I used some of my budget to purchase appropriate sized goalies sticks for the association. labeled for each age group.

I feel that overall we had a very successful goalie development program! We had 9 – 11 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 really showed improvement. Especially in their skating and save movements. Many of them are starting to develop a real passion for the position.

I intend to continue with this program in the same fashion for 2019/2020.

For our players:

There was some confusion in terms of ice allotment for development early on, due to the new Aldergrove ice rink. Fortunately, we will have a clear schedule for the upcoming season. Allowing for more development ice allocation.

1. Input from coaches early in the season suggested focusing on Power Skating. Thus I hired Jody Meadows as our primary instructor for most Monday night ice sessions. We had Issy Sestito

assist on most nights and even had some younger U12's participate with the U10 age group as mentors.

- 2. We provided a shooting clinic for the U10, U12 and U14's. Thank you Nicole and Tracy for your assistance with this clinic.
- 3. We also provided a couple development ice session hosted by Junior instructors.

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

Overall attendance was good.

U10 and U12's consistently had 70-80% attendance

U14's approx. 60-70%

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U16-U19 approx 50%

Most divisions received equal allotments of 7 sessions. However, U16-U19 received one less, due to tournaments and other commitments.

Plans for next year:

- 1. Secure Jody Meadows for the season (Power Skating)
- 2. Hire Issy Sestito as much as possible (Skills and Shooting)
 - a. I'd like to include more shooting clinics for U10-U14
- **3.** Debbie Beaudin Ringette as a contractor (as needed)
- 4. Bring out junior mentors U12-U14 to assist on ice with U10's
- **5.** Provide a few "learn to skate" sessions for the Fun divisions early in the season.
- **6.** Attempt to incorporate "Dryland" utilizing the Aldergrove facility pre or post ice time for each age group. Will require coach's involvement.

Overall it felt we had a successful development season with good engagement and support from Players, Coaches and Parents. I look forward to building on this momentum come 2019/2020.

Director of Promotions – Saralyn Schwartz

This was my first year on the board. This year as director of promotions I organized one come try event in August 2018 and two bring a friend ice times in March 2019 for different age groups. The turnout for these events were positive and resulted in some registrations for September 2018 and I am hoping that the bring a friend event will bring in registrations for September 2019! In respect to advertising our sport, there are two boards posted through the Township community sport boards and I have looked into other advertising which has not panned out yet. My first task I took on in May of last year was looking into Douglas Community Days in June 2018 and Canada Day in Aldergrove 2018 but was unable to get any help to run these events so they did not happen this year.

I look forward to organizing more events this coming year.

Equipment Manager – Karen Sitter

My name is Karen Sitter and this has been my third year as the Equipment Manager. This past year we have continued to upgrade and increase our association equipment inventory.

Since the 2018 AGM, we have purchased and/or acquired the following equipment:

Tim Horton's Fun 1 through U12 white jerseys (8 teams)

New keys for equipment storage lock ups

New totes for U14 and up jerseys

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Goalie pads

Goalie sticks

Practice/evaluations pinnies

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

Ways and Means – Tina van de Weteringe Buys

My name is Tina van de Weteringe-Buys and this is my first year on the Board of Directors responsible for Ways and Means. I would like to give special thanks to Jennelle Woykin and Jailene Smit for all of their help with obtaining the raffle tickets and the various necessary licensing. Without their direction my job would have been impossible. Ways and Means organizes various fundraisers needed to help run our association effectively. The main fundraiser is our raffle ticket sales which helps generate the largest portion of our fundraising. We also sold Purdy's chocolates this year and had positive feedback from our members. I would like to thank the board members, and all the Fraser Valley Ringette families for their continued support of our fundraising efforts.

Past President - Sharon Smit

My name is Sharon Smit and I have been part of Fraser Valley Ringette Association for just over 20 years and on the Executive for 3 years as Vice President, President, and this year as Past President.

I started playing Ringette back in 1978 and have played, coached, instructed and refereed during my 41 years with Ringette, as well as been a parent of 4 girls that all used to play. My main role as Past President this season was more of a back-seat role as support to Ben and Colleen, as President and Vice President, and to rest of the board where needed.

I would like to acknowledge Ben for taking "the bull by the horns" and doing such a great job leading our association and our executive this season. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all of our executive for making our meetings enjoyable and productive and for their commitment to our sport.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered this season in every capacity. It is because of our many volunteers, regardless of whether they take on just a little or more than a lot, that we have such a great association for our kids. We all have strengths that we can lend in one way or another. Every lit bit makes a difference. So, I encourage everyone to have a look and see where else you can help out our sport and association to make it even better than it already is.

Secretary – Joan McGivern

My name is Joan McGivern. I have been a volunteer for this board and in the sport arena in one capacity or another for over the last 8 years. This position is now available. My daughter is in third year U19 and it has been my pleasure to serve this community of athletes, coaches and families in what has been a mostly positive experience. The commitment made in this position is a minor one, but is an important one in that notes need to be taken at each monthly meeting

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and uploaded to Google Drive to be shared with the Board and then adjustments made accordingly. Reminders about meetings and To Do lists should also be sent out in a timely manner. I wish to thank all of the people who have coached or been a part of my daughter's teams throughout her ringette years as it is this sport that has provided her an opportunity to challenge herself in a safe and positive way and to make friends that will last her a lifetime. She would not have been able to play this sport if it was not for the tireless effort of the volunteers on this Board. Thank you for giving your time and energy so our kids can play.

6. Financial Statements for 2018/2019 and proposed budget – Jailene Smit

Question: Yvonne – where is the income for the scholarship monies for the tournament? Jailene will check with her software program to see where it was entered as income to match the liability amount.

7. Election of Directors

Two non-executive members for tallying votes (Pete Smit and Tanya Braithwaite)

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

Ben nominates Glen Sandve. Glen accepts the nomination. By acclamation Glen accepts the position.

o Registrar

Colleen nominates Jennelle Woykin. Jennelle accepts the nomination. By acclamation **Jennelle accepts** the position.

o Secretary

Ben nominates Delaina MacDonald. Delaina accepts the nomination. By acclamation **Delaina accepts the position.**

o Director of Officials

Jailene nominates Kevin Braithwaite. Kevin accepts the nomination. By acclamation **Kevin accepts the position.**

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o Equipment Manager

Karen nominates Michelle Sallee. Michelle accepts the nomination. By acclamation **Michelle accepts the position.**

o Ways and Means

Jennelle nominates Tina van de Weteringe Buys. Tina accepts the nomination. By acclamation **Tina** accepts the position.

o Director of Evaluations

Taylor Teague nominates himself for this position. By acclamation Taylor accepts the position.

• One (1) position up for election (one year remaining in the two-year term) o Ice Scheduler

Ben Nominates Diane Place. Diane accepts the nomination. By acclamation Diane accepts the position.

8. Other Business

Any business arising out of the financial statements, or Directors Reports
No other business at this time.

9. New Business

• Adjustment to Registration Fee Structure for Fundamentals 1 and 2

We had adjusted the fee schedule to be more fair and then things changed with LMRL and so now both Fun1 and Fun 2 athletes will pay the same fee of \$250. This is because of the shared ice time with so many skaters mostly only once a week and with no games scheduled they do not have to pay for referees.

Draw

The winner of the free registration for the 2019/2020 season is ticket #5252548 Tara Guesford (Emma Guesford).

10. Adjournment (8:16pm)

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Motion: Pete motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Melissa seconded. 29 in favour. Motion approved.

- New Board members, please give our Secretary their contact information before leaving
- Next Board Meeting: Wednesday May 15, 2019 Twin Rinks Meeting Room 7:00pm (other scheduled meetings: June 19/Aug 14/Aug 28)

