

Charlottetown Ringette Association Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday July 10, 2019

7:00pm

Attendance: Chesa Morley, Andrew Heggie, Mike Devine, Dawn Gallant, Bernadette Power, Danielle Saunders

****Since there were not enough in attendance to make a quorum, there was discussion of some key points but no voting took place.

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm

Approval of Minutes: pending

Correspondence: none

Registrar's Report: nothing to discuss

Treasurer's Report: Discussion about the Structure of RPEI Fees and the impact of their increase on the Charlottetown Ringette Fees.

Some Key Points:

1. Increase in officiating rate- U10 and below to \$20/game per ref, U12-14 to \$25 per ref, U16+ to \$30/game per ref

Results: \$2800- \$3000 increase to our budget

2. Ice expenditures- we are looking at an increase of 2 ½ -3% inflation fees

So operating expenses for us are likely to be increased by about \$6000

The association got about \$5000 from the 2019 Nationals. Discussion was held around whether we should use that to offset our registration costs for 2019 or use the revenue from our Tournament increase (Tournament fees were increased by \$50.00 in 2019) to offset registration costs.

The video streaming cost us about \$6000. Discussion was held on whether the videostreaming added any value to our tournament. There was a discussion around the value of the sponsorships that came with the videostreaming. If we lost the videostreaming, we would also likely lose about \$2,500 of tournament sponsorships. Thus the net savings from not having the videostreaming would be \$3,500. Fundraising is an ongoing battle that we will need to put some more thought into.

Discussion was held on what would happen if we see an increase in the number of teams. We would then need to pay for more ice times and that might change the budget needs. There was discussion around the projections on a model of 13 players/team, 14 players/team, etc. and what the ideal numbers of players per team would be. There was agreement that it depends on the age division. A suggestion was made to potentially putting hard caps or soft caps on registrations to help get a handle on increases in number of players. For example, a set number of teams is decided on in each division (according to our available ice times/budget). Then we send out an early registration opportunity for those players who played last year. Have an open registration date at a later time until the set number of teams are filled. After the team caps are reached, start a "waiting list" for the extra players to see if the ice time might be available for another team.

If we cap the players/team we would see:

U8- 67 forecasted (4 teams of 15)

U10- 72 forecasted (6 teams of 12)

U12- 90 forecasted (7 teams of 12)

U14- 79 forecasted (6 teams of 12)

U16- 50 forecasted (4 teams of 12)

U19- 45 forecasted (3 teams of 15)

Open- 31 forecasted (2 teams of 15)

The result of this is that some players may not get to play under this scenario. The benefit is that we know we are able to get ice time for the teams allocated and budget for the upcoming year.

It would be a good idea to understand the appetite of our parents on what they are willing to accept in terms of an increase of fees and a decrease in ice times if the number of teams increases.

Currently: U8 pays \$275

U10/19 pays \$425

Open pays \$350

To cover off inflation, we would need to implement an increase in the range of \$13 -\$15/player to cover our increasing costs.

A suggestion was made to cancel the Barbeque in the Fall because more people come to "Come Try Ringette" rather than the BBQ . This was agreed to be cost effective and a more efficient use of our time/money.

Discussion around U16/19 division:

Split the teams into separate U16 and U19 teams or don't split the teams. This could be done as a Charlottetown only pilot project. Discussed whether parents understand what the pros and cons would be. Discussed potentially sending out a doodle poll to ask for parental opinions prior to registration.

Coaching Report: No Report

Equipment Report: No Report

U8/U10 Development Report: No Report

Web Communications: No Report

Goaltender's Report: No Report

Official's Report: No Report

Ice Scheduler's Report: No Report

Ringette PEI Update: No Update

New Business:

Power Rings Registration: No Report

Policy Updates: Document prepared by Mike, Tiffany and Angela (Based on the Dieppe Website)

Discussed the need to review the document and have some discussion on it prior to passing it into use. It includes Coaching Selection Policy, Team Selection Policy, Player Evaluations, Player Movement, Re-Classifying Players etc.

Discussion around the player draft and the allocation of the U10 and U12 extra development sessions. There was recognition that a commitment needs to be made about who is responsible for communicating the extra ice times to the coaches in that age group and who is responsible for owning the time in terms of practice planning and securing on-ice support.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 6:30pm and place TBD