



Minutes from Markham Women's Ringette Association (MWRA)

Executive Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Time: 4:00-9:45 p.m.

Location: Anne's Place, North York

In attendance:

Sheri Krauss
Andrea James
Anne Mamye

Sharilyn Dyck
Mary Blair
Kathy Jorgenson

Review of Minutes from on January 28 Meeting:

Sheri motioned that the minutes be accepted and Sharilyn seconded the motion.

2009-2010 Budget:

The budget has been successfully reviewed and updated by Sharilyn and Andrea. As of February 27 there is a balance of \$1530.15. The remaining outflows for the season are: \$1219.68 for ice, \$15.00 for website URL, \$200.00 for hockey pool winner, \$100.00 for referees, and \$60.00 for timekeepers. That should leave us with a balance of approximately \$600.00 at the end of the league year.

It was decided by the executive that going forward the budget spreadsheet needs to be updated at the end of every month and must be presented at every executive meeting to ensure accuracy, transparency, and league success.

The executive needs to look at a process for streamlining the collection of money and the giving of receipts on Friday nights to make things easier for Sharilyn to handle during league time.

Jackie needs to give a report on where we are with merchandising. Is everything accounted for?

AGM Planning:

The date for the AGM is Friday, April 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Sheri has booked the Fireside Lounge at the Thornhill Community Centre and an LCD projector. Sheri also needs to get the catering costs from the same caterer that we used last year. **She is to email Anne as soon as she has the cost so Anne can send out the official invitation to league members.**

Jackie will put together a PowerPoint again this year. All reports (Calibri font, size 12) are to be submitted to Jackie for inclusion in the PowerPoint by April 1. Awards will be selected by Executive this year.

Anne will bring tablecloths, cutlery, plates, napkins, etc. She will also bring serving utensils. Anne and Sharilyn will bring cupcakes to have for dessert instead of having cake.

Please email all pictures to Andrea by mid-March for use in the slideshow.

Awards for MVP, Rookie of the Year, Spirit Award, and Special Recognition were decided. Anne will email the list to Jackie.

We are not doing Early Registration bonus this year due to the amount of money being carried over this year as opposed to last year of the league. It was decided, however, that we will still offer a pre-registration so people can pay in smaller amounts.

Due to HST and ice rental increase, league registration will increase by \$45 from \$430 to \$475.

Option 1 for 2 hour players:

\$100 cheque at AGM, \$200 cheque for Sept. 17, and \$175 cheque for Jan. 1, 2011.

Option 1 for 1 hour players:

\$100 cheque at AGM, \$100 cheque for Sept. 17, and \$100 cheque for Jan. 1, 2011.

Option 2 for 2 hour players:

\$300 cheque for Sept. 17, and \$175 cheque for Jan. 1, 2011.

Option 2 for 1 hour players:

\$200 cheque for Sept. 17 and \$100 cheque for Jan. 1, 2011.

Option 3 for 2 hour players:

\$475 cheque at AGM or for Sept. 17

Option 1 for 1 hour players:

\$300 cheque at AGM or for Sept. 17

We will also be offering a Refer-A-Friend program this year. If a league member brings out a new player who registers and pays for the year, the league member will get a cheque for \$50.00.

At the AGM, Sheri is to talk about amendments to the by-laws in the league constitution for the tournament teams. Sharilyn is to speak about the fee increase with the new tax rate on ice as the primary reason for the change.

Andrea is to contact Jennifer Ashbee to ask her about becoming the Nomination Chair at the AGM. If she agrees, Sheri will send her the timelines and position descriptions. Andrea is to email Sheri to let her know Jennifer's decision.

Markham Tournament:

Kathy has still had no response from the rink regarding cost and details. Due to league numbers and the commitment needed to run a tournament, this idea has been shelved until further notice.

Planning for 2009-2010:

Summer BBQ is Saturday, June 19, tentatively at Milne Park. Sheri will look after getting a permit. Registration is Friday, September 17. First ice is October 1.

Kathy is in charge of updating the Welcome brochure and Registration form. Jackie is to send her a workable copy of each.

Jackie is to include the dates on the AGM Powerpoint.

Trillium Grant:

Sheri received the cheque for the Trillium Grant. Mary will begin shopping. She is to complete the final report and have Andrea look it over. The final report needs to be sent in by August 1, 2010.

Fundraising:

Jackie is to report on the number of hockey trades done this year as compared to last year. We will continue to do the hockey pool next year. It still needs to be decided who will run the hockey pool next year. Andrea is to report on the Oscars fundraiser for this year. Next year we will run a Toonie Toss once a month between games. Andrea is to ask Jennifer Ashbee if she would like to run this event.

Jackie is to make an instruction list on how to run the hockey pool next year in her absence.

SRRA Relations:

We are still not in good standing (at this point that is our decision as much as SRRA's) due to our absence at SRRA meetings. Andrea sent an email to Mike Beaton at ORA to find out what implications that has for us. He responded that not being in good standing with SRRA has no impact on our relationship with ORA. Andrea wants to communicate with Mike Chaudet at SRRA to express our concern over this matter. It was decided that if she wants to, she should write a letter to him.

Forecasting for 2010-2011:

We are projecting to lose approximately 4 members next year and hoping to recruit 4 new members. That would put our numbers at approx. 26 for next year. We are forecasting approx. 20 2-hour players and 6 1-hour players. This brings the league inflow, with changes to fees and fundraising forecasts, to \$12500. Ice fees for 18 weeks of ice next year, including HST and insurance, will amount to approx. \$9700. ORA fees are still to be determined.

Year-End Survey:

Sheri will make up a survey that is similar to last year. Anne will send email to members asking them to fill out the survey before the end of March.

Revisit MWRA Constitution:

Anne will go through constitution to find all instances where changes are needed regarding amendments that need to be made to the by-laws in the league constitution for the tournament teams. She will send the list to Sheri for the AGM. Jackie is to send Anne a .doc version of the Constitution.

ORA AGM:

The ORA AGM is being held in the Northeast Region in June this year. Realistically, no one from our executive will be able to attend due to the distance.

Executive Positions:

Jackie (Promotions and Fundraising), Sharilyn (Treasurer), and Andrea's (Vice-President) positions are up for reelection this year. Sheri is stepping down as President due to personal commitments next year.

Transition Planning:

Sheri will hand over her updated President's binder to the new President after the AGM.

Jackie will need to make a detailed list of the major and minor items she takes care of in her position. These may need to be distributed differently next year. Jackie will also need to make sure people on the Executive are “trained” in the basics of website updating. She also needs to make sure her data files are passed to other Executive members in usable formats.

Evaluate Success of Exhibition Games:

Exhibition games were considered by Executive members to be semi-successful this year. However, next year there will not be enough ice to participate in exhibition games.

Year in Review:

Successes:

- Addition of referees/timekeepers
- New league jerseys
- Trillium Grant
- Built friendships
- More of a league feeling
- League merchandise available
- Establishment of a new tournament team
- Higher level of play
- New goalie

Need to improve:

- Registration numbers
- Financial procedures
- Mixing of teams (socialization)

Referees:

Need to look into the cost and experience level of referees for next year. We do not mind being used as a training ground for new referees but their cost should be lower to match their lack of experience. Andrea is to speak to Gerald about this.

Website Updates:

Andrea is to send pictures to Jackie so she can update the website. Jackie also needs to update the statistics section. When the Magic have a logo, Sharilyn will send it to Jackie for posting on the website.

Business Cards:

Sharilyn is to see how many business cards are left to determine if we need to order more.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m. at Andrea’s house.

Andrea motioned for adjournment at 9:45 p.m. Mary seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.