



Indus Ringette Association, Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, February 2nd, 2026 at 6:30pm at Indus Rec Centre

Topic: February 2026 IRA Board Meeting

Time: February 2nd, 2026 06:30 PM MST

Where: Indus Rec Centre, Meeting Room

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Cindy Medernach motioned accept the minutes as presented and Trevor Robinson seconded.

3. President's Report

- There is a discussion at the CRL about redesigning association's boundaries – it might benefit IRA

4. Financial Report (Treasurer) – Treasurer not present – no update.

5. Evaluations Coordinator Report

- Survey is completed ready to be sent
- The survey should not be anonymous, and it should include respondent's email in the survey
- Strathmore has sent out theirs 3 months ago
- The coordinator will be asked to send it out within 24 hrs
- Evaluation for 2026/27:
 - Forming the teams – team creation should follow the schedule when teams start playing
 - Rust Bust – end of August – start evaluations – first week of September
 - It might be possible to work with Airdrie to combine ice times or trade with local hockey teams to get more ice times at the beginning of September; or trade with Zone 2 teams
 - Coaches pick needs to matter
 - Team formation rule must be written up better in the IRA policies

6. Coach & Player Development Report

- 2 Goalie training session in January for all age groups
- Planning two more goalie sessions in February
- Chasing delinquent coaches who have not completed their courses – many are missing Making Headway course; some coaches were switched to on ice-assistants
- Police check validity is 2 years
- On-ice helpers are allowed
- Excusable absence for female – anything except for vacation
- Breakfast club: Step 3, U12 for 3 weeks in February
- Coaches need to contact C&P with a proof of completion of courses

7. Safe in Sport

- Association wide email will be sent out. All families must complete one once every 4 years information. Provide a proof of completion if it was completed in the last 4 years.
- Confirmation must be provided to a team manager. Age coordinator will collect all the confirmations from the managers

8. Referee – in – Chief’s Report

- Two refs, level 2 completed their training
- There are procedures to complain about refs and must be followed
- Zone 2 banner games –refs assigned through RAMP (SMRA or ARA will be responsible for booking ice and then sent out invoice to associations for reffing – no cash payments to refs)

9. Equipment Coordinator

- More rings for next season – Langdon cycle around \$1000 for 100 rings
- Cindy Medernach will ask for a quote from New to Me Sports and Tuxedo Source Sports
- Need more ice packs; throw up bags needed in the first aid kits
- Old jerseys – could sell them at Year End party again

10. Grants & Funding Update (Grants Coordinator) – no update

- BVAS grant that went through – need to follow up
- The president will contact Holly Galambos about casino application update

11. Session 3 / Regionals / Zones / Bunny Bash / Provincials Fees

- Bunny Bash is optional – 50% of fees will be covered by IRA (voted in March 2024)
- Regionals (U12 only), session 3 and Provincials and not optional
- IRA policy states that IRA pays for 100% of the cost of playdowns and provincials
- Cost about \$1025 per team for regionals and Session 3; \$1300 for provincials
- Every other association pays for it
- The president motioned that the policy wording is updated to: IRA paying 100% for all teams’ participation in Session 3, Regionals and Provincials. Trevor Robinson seconded. All in favor.

12. Zone 2 Playoffs (Banner games)

- Kyle McKellar will reach out to ARA to find out what they need from IRA
- Ice till March 22 in Indus (no insurance past March 31, 2026)
- Temporary banners need to be printed – Danny Skene might know where to get them and what should be printed on them (

13. 2026/27 Apparel Coordinator

- Position could be created – each team is ordering a lot
- IRA will need more than one preferred vendor
- New to me Sports would like to become one of the vendors and would carry ringette pants
- Need agility and willingness to use different colors of clothes while maintaining IRA or RISE logo
- It will be brought up at AGM

14. 2026/27 IRA Tournament

- The Ice Scheduler will inquire if we can get some even at other arenas – it would be great to get the ice time at the time when Lonnie Krahn’s tournament used to be. It could become Taya Arnold’s Memorial Tournament
- Ice Angels 2026 could grow to include U12 next year (by reducing the number of U10 teams)

15. Action items from prior meetings

- There is a need to streamline and compare board position duties in SMRA and IRA, policies and guidelines
- Each board member will be asked to complete a template where the position's duties will be specified
- Any-bylaw updates will need to be discussed at AGM; Any policy updates can be done during late spring and summer
- It would be useful to have a flat fee from CRCA and BVAS that can be then incorporated into registration fees.

16. Food Drive

- February 10 – February 24
- An association wide email will be sent out and shared with SMRA

17. U12B Regionals

- Ice at the Edge – invoice – waiting for payment from; we will need extra 6 ice times and room rental from Friday- Sunday
- Ringette Calgary – will assign refs – refs coming from all over the province
- Sponsorships and donations – hard to get donations
- There will be 50/50; hoodies set up on the Chimp website – Andrew Bunka will make a logo – IRA will make money from each sweatshirt sold
- Treasurer – will need money to make an alcohol basket – we will make the money back
- Cindy Medernach will create volunteer list – shifts (could be sent to SMRA families that might still need some hours)

18. Year-End Party

- Coaches game – Gold arena – April 12 - 5:15pm ice time
- Unsure if we need extra insurance since the event will take place after March 31: RAB (Jasmine), RAMP registration for coaches, waiver?
- We got medals for all Indus teams – Most improved, All-round player and Most Sportsmanlike, SMRA has them for all their teams
- If we are ok with insurance, the coaches' game will be the year-end party; if there are more issues with the coaches' game, a banquet will take place on March 28

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.