RSL KINGS EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 14th, 2026 @ 6:30 PM, Spencerville Arena

Present: Amber Kelly, Melissa Lemay, Jess Carley, Clay McFadden, Steve Armstrong, Sarah Polite, Kelly Bartlett, Penny McGregor, Lauren Sloan, Bryce Foley, Barry Lanigan, Peter Veltkamp, Mike Horan, Deanna Davidson

Regrets: Ryan Haley

Call to Order

Amber called the meeting to order at 6:34PM

Additions and Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda under "New Business"

- Vulnerable sector checks
- Timing of coach payments
- Playoff Format
- Team of the Year

MOTION: To accept the agenda as amended by Kelly, seconded by Bryce. All in favour. – MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from March 29th, 2026

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written, by Penny, seconded by Clay. All in favour. – MOTION CARRIED

Reports

1) President – Amber Kelly
   - In 2029 everyone will have to retake Respect in Sport
   - Discussion about Outlaw Leagues
   - AAA doesn't require players to register in their home association. Waiting to see if AA will follow suit
   - August 31st is the official start for minor hockey for the 26-27 season

2) 1st Vice President – Jess Carley
    - Welcome to all new executive members
3) VP of Hockey Operations – Clay McFadden
    - First coaches meeting April 15th in Kemptville
    - Working on evaluators for tryouts
4) A/AA Convenor – Penny McGregor
    - Thanks for the warm welcome
    - Waiting to receive info on the convenor meetings
5) Past President – Melissa Lemay – NIL
6) Secretary – Peter Veltkamp
    - Thank you to everyone for being welcoming and helpful, looking forward to helping out on the board this year
7) Treasurer – (interim) Lauren Sloan
    - So far good numbers for tryouts and conditioning
8) Equipment Manager – Barry Lanigan
    - Tryout jerseys are in Kemptville, will coordinate with Bryce and each of the tryout liaisons
9) Ice Convenor – Deanna Davidson
    - In contact with Prescott about starting to get ice August 31st
10) Social & Fundraising – Ryan Haley – N/A
11) Webmaster – Bryce Foley - NIL
12) Registrar – Bryce Foley
    - 151 registered for tryouts so far, 73 paid
    - Discussion about online registration in the fall
13) Rules & Discipline – Steve Armstrong – NIL
14) Director of Surveys & Evaluations – Sarah Polite
    - Brief introduction, looking forward to the year
15) Director of Events – Kelly Bartlett
    - Brief introduction and thanks for the welcome
16) Coach Mentor – Mike Horan
    - Clarified that he is still able to fill in as emergency bench staff

Old Business

1) U18 Season Format & Registration Cost
    - Discussion was had about the reasoning for considering some changes to the U18 program, mainly because RSL could not field a team for the 25-26 season.

- Clay spoke to the many conversations with various people in the hockey community to try to establish the best way to ensure there is a U18 team this year.
- His suggestion from having those conversations is to potentially reduce the number of tournaments, minimize practice ice, make a consistent practice time and to possibly reduce the price to play U18 to better compete with some Jr hockey programs.
- Discussion was had concerning whether changes were necessary and if potential players don't want what the Kings have to offer, perhaps AA wasn't for them.
- It was once again reiterated that some changes are likely required to ensure the Kings will have a U18 team this year and that these issues are common across U18 in Hockey Canada.
- It was mentioned that making changes to ensure the program returns seems necessary, but the spirit of minor hockey should be maintained

  MOTION: For the U18 Kings season to consists of 3 tournaments (1 less than usual), highly recommending that one of these be The Leo Boivin Showcase, There be 1 static ice time per week for practice (with the option to add additional ice, when the ice draft is complete), and to have the player development budget removed from the program. Motion by Clay, Seconded by Jess. 7 in favour, 0 not in favour, 5 abstentions. – MOTION CARRIED

- Budget to come from Lauren so decision can be made concerning registration cost.

New Business

1) Treasurer Position Planning
   - Lauren is working with a potential interested party
2) AGM Minutes
   - Discussion had about AGM minutes being posted online as a draft. Peter to complete recent AGM minutes with DRAFT watermark.
3) Tryout Convenors/Liaison Planning
   - Discussion about the role of the tryout convenor and their availability during tryouts. (May 5th to May 16th for spring tryouts)
   - The following people will be convenors for spring tryouts

- U10 – Sarah
- U11 – Deanna
- U12 – Jess
- U13 – Lauren
- U14 – Peter
- U15 – Amber
- U16 – Penny
- U9 (Fall) – Steve
- U18 (Fall) - Kelly

4) Email Addresses
   - Discussion about current association gmail accounts
   - Bryce suggested we could get @rslkings hosted e-mails which would provide greater control for the executive

     MOTION: To use TrueSpeed to host rslkings e-mails at annual cost of approximately $273, by Bryce, seconded by Deanna. All in Favour. – MOTION CARRIED

   - Amber/Jess to coordinate transfer of old gmail accounts
5) Vulnerable Sector Check
   - We will all need VSC, if yours is not current let Amber know
6) Coach Payments
   - Discussion had about when coaches will receive honorarium payments
   - Parent coaches will remain status quo, with payment at seasons end

     MOTION: Non-parent coaches will have tournament portion paid out the day before tournaments, half of honorarium paid out at Christmas and the remainder paid out at seasons end, by Jess, seconded by Kelly. 1 abstention, rest in favour. – MOTION CARRIED
7) Playoff Format
   - Discussion concerning the level of say that the association has regarding the playoff format. Amber to get more information.
8) Team of the Year

- Discussion about some of the negative criticism over the team of the year selection, specifically as it concerns the selection process and ensuring we are following our by-laws

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held May 20th, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Spencerville Arena

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 8:51 PM, by Clay, seconded by Kelly. All in favour. - MOTION CARRIED