



## 2014-2015 Annual Report

### **Our Motto:**

JRMCC: *La Ronge's Premiere Sports, Fitness & Events Facility*

### **Our Vision:**

We develop healthy individuals and promote an active community through sports, culture and recreation programs and services.

### **Our Mission:**

We organize, administer, promote and support sports, culture and recreation opportunities to the benefit of the community.

### **Our Values:**

Our staff and volunteers adhere to a set of values which are important to us:

- We are respectful and inclusive;
- We are capable and competent;
- We are committed and work as a team;
- We provide good service and hospitality;
- We are transparent and accountable; and
- We engage the community;

The JRMCC Recreation Program operates in four key areas:

- Administration
- Event Management
- Program and Service Delivery
- Fundraising/Marketing

### **Staffing**

Director of Sports & Recreation: Kevin Roberts

Facility Supervisor: Arnold Mirasty

Arena Operators: Clayton Ratt, John Charles, Moses Charles, Johnny Venne

Rec Workers: Rory Irving, Jack Ross (HL), Laura Venne (SR-Casual),

Administrative Assistant: Samantha Eninew

Janitor: Frances Bepperling

### **Greetings from the Director of Sports & Recreation- Kevin Roberts**

Thank you for your interest in reading our 2014-2015 JRMCC Annual Report. I hope this report once again is helpful in informing the LLRIB membership about our programs, activities and events over the past year. Again, much of our focus has been on event management and marketing, two of our main sources of revenue (without revenue, our doors can't stay open). While we will continue on this course, we have also attempted to work on the areas of policy development and governance, which will consist of developing new or strengthening existing policies that will reflect our current reality. These are essential to improving the services and initiatives we provide to the public. As always we are looking to improve in what we do. If you have questions or comments, feel free to email me at [kroberts@llrib.ca](mailto:kroberts@llrib.ca)





### Budget/Financial

JRMCC Sports, Culture & Recreation Department is a non-government funded program which means we do not receive funds through the FTA (Financial Transfer Agreement). The department rather is funded 100% by Casino Funds. The annual budget was approved in the amount of \$1.1 million. In 2014-2015, our revenues were down significantly, revenues which go directly to operation costs as part of the budget requirements. The Director of Sports & Recreation sits with the Program Directors Working Group, which includes the Chief Financial Officer, along with La Ronge Internal Council, which meets monthly to review financial statements and ensure the budgets are on track.



### Communication

JRMCC utilizes two primary methods to promote our events and share information with to the public, our website ([www.jrmcc.ca](http://www.jrmcc.ca)) and our Facebook page (Jrmcc La Ronge) which has 2369 members. The JRMCC Calendar of Events listing, event posters and initiatives are posted with periodic updates on the website.



### Fine Option Program

JRMCC is an official agency providing fine option coordination services. This arrangement is quite beneficial as it provides additional manpower primarily for labour and janitorial services.



### Arena

The arena runs a full daily schedule with ice times over the fall, winter and spring months from September to the end of April. All our minor hockey teams get ice time twice a week, for which we do not charge ice rental fees. We do however charge ice rental fees to La Ronge Minor Hockey Association and La Ronge Figure Skating Club and adult recreation hockey league (JHL, JRMCC Hockey League). As usual, there is time allotted to the schools for classes to bring their students for public skating.

### Fitness Centre

The JRMCC Fitness Centre is a semi-equipped, modern gym which is very well used, averaging about 30 paid monthly memberships. The key-swipe system is not only is convenient but ensures a safe and clean environment for gym users. We recently purchased another \$17,000 in new equipment to enhance and improve the workout experience of paid users.



### Youth Centre

The JRMCC Youth Centre operates during non-school hours with exception of weekends and holidays. However, this year we have had less numbers using the facility which forced us to eliminate the position. We close down for the summer months in consideration of the school year. The centre has a pool table, fooseball table, ping pong table, eight computer stations, kitchen, and a lounge area with cable television. We also provide the facility rental for birthday parties at a set hourly rate.



### Facility Rental

As approved by the board, JRMCC has revised its Rental Agreement for all hall bookings, mainly weddings and conferences. Where possible, JRMCC will provide in-kind or discounted rates to band departments and organizations.

### Arena Advertising

JRMCC has developed a marketing package for local business and organizations to purchase advertising in the arena as a means to generate revenue. This has proven a very successful initiative. Businesses are eligible to purchase one or two-year advertisements in various forms and sizes.



### 2014 Saskatchewan First Nations Winter Games

The Saskatchewan First Nations Winter Games hosted by the Prince Albert Grand Council on April 20-25 were a success for Team Woodland, largely in part due to the coaches and chaperones; we came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, an improvement in the standing from the previous First Nations Winter Games.



### 2014 FSIN Youth and Adult Hockey Championships

At the FSIN Adult Hockey Championships, the La Ronge Lady9ers ladies hockey team lost in the championship game to Cote, placing second overall in the ladies divisions. The team played great despite a small bench. The La Ronge 89ers played in the senior contact division and KGB in the legends division, and although the teams played some excellent hockey over the weekend, both came up short in the end. In the FSIN Youth Hockey Championships, the Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Female (Team Woodland) all won their respective divisions.



### 2014 FSIN Adult Volleyball Championships

JRMCC supports all our youth and adult team that represent LLRIB at all FSIN sports championships, including the FSIN Youth and Adult Volleyball Championships. The success of our volleyball program is largely based on the guidance and leadership of Percy Mirasty who coordinates our volleyball program on a volunteer basis. At the 2014 championships in North Battleford, Team LLRIB men's team lost in the championship final in a nail-biter, while the female team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. The FSIN Youth Championships were not hosted this year.



### Night of Champions Sports Banquet

The Night of Champions Sports Banquet was held in June to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our LLRIB athletes in their various chosen sports, including our teams who participated at FSIN Youth and Adult Hockey Championships. Our celebrity guest speaker this time around was Haley Wickenheiser, a four-time Olympian who is regarded as one of the best female hockey players in the world. The gala event was held at the JRMCC Arena and was used to showcase positive LLRIB sports role models.



### JRMCC Leagues & Tournaments

JRMCC is the title sponsor for the men's and Ladies slo-pitch leagues, recreation hockey league and floor hockey league. Due to lack of interest and initiative, there was no organized and broomball league. Various adult tournaments in hockey, volleyball, broomball and slo-pitch help generate revenues, which, again, go directly towards covering operational expenses. Last summer, we completed our third year as title sponsors of the JRMCC Men's Slo-Pitch League and JRMCC Ladies Slo-Pitch League. Congratulation to both Dirty D & The Boys and the Barons as their respective 2014 league champions.



### Boxing for Fitness

Norman McKenzie and Sarah MacDonald continue to volunteer in running this program with twice-a-week sessions. The program has been well received by the public with positive feedback. New equipment was also purchased for the program.

### Youth Summer Employment Program

The JRMCC Summer Student Employment Program hired two male and two female students for an 6 week period. Our summer students went through the typical band employment recruitment process, submitting resumes and going through the interview process. Students were also provided with S.P.R.A.'s Play Leadership Training & Certification, programs which teach students to become program leaders who have the knowledge and skills necessary to plan and coordinate safe, accessible and enjoyable play opportunities for children.



**HIGH IMPACT WRESTLING**  
**RUMBLE**  
 ON THE REZ  
APRIL 2015

**JRMCC Rink  
 Lac La Ronge**  
**Tuesday, August 5**  
**Show starts at 6 PM**

Adults: \$5  
 Youth \$3  
 10 and under free  
(must be accompanied by an adult)  
 Ticket #: 001



## JRMCC Event Management

JRMCC hosted, organized and coordinated numerous events throughout the past year including:

- 28<sup>th</sup> Annual IANE Career Fair & Job Symposium (May 2014)
- Treaty Days (May 2014)
- *Night of Champions* Sports Banquet (May 2014)
- Elks Fair Weekend Fundraiser Cabaret (July 2014)
- JRMCC Ladies Slo-Pitch League Playoff Tournament & Year-End (August 2014)
- Northern Saskatchewan Summer Festival of Song (August 2014)
- Sol Mirasty Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament (August 2014)
- JRMCC Ball Hockey Tournament (September 2014)
- SHA Coaching Clinic (September 2014)
- 4-on-4 Ironman Hockey Challenge (October 2014)
- JRMCC Haunted Hall Tours (October 2014)
- SHA Goalie Coach Certification (November 2014)
- SHA Coach, Intro to Coach and Checking Certification Clinics (November 2014)
- Ice Breaker Recreation Hockey Tournament (November 2014)
- Volleyball Bash Tournament (November 2014)
- 2nd Annual X-Mas Classic Texas Tournament (December 2014)
- CFHL Peewee AA Neutral-site game (January 2015)
- La Ronge 89ers Novice Tournament (January 2015)
- La Ronge 89ers Atom B Tournament (February 2015)
- La Ronge 89ers Atom A Tournament (February 2015)
- Lac La Ronge Trapper's Festival (February-March 2015)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jimmy Roberts Memorial Hockey Tournament (March 2015)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chrissy Charles Memorial Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament (March 2015)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Moochicheech Memorial Fish Derby (March 2015)

## Sponsorship

Where possible, JRMCC attempts to sponsor local athletes or teams who compete at a regional, provincial or national sporting competition. As well, we provided some sponsorship to various programs and events: SMVS football program, Northlands College Fundraiser Golf Tournament, La Ronge Ice Wolves Golf Tournament & ticket packages, La Ronge Braves (SPN Female Provincial Slo-Pitch Qualifier), etc.

## JRMCC Expansion

JRMCC began Phase 4 expansion plans with Prakash Consulting Ltd completing a feasibility study that would explore the future development of the facility. The option that was chosen includes plans for new arena seats, new mezzanine flooring, board room space, garage, walking track and an expanded fitness centre which would be able to accommodate more equipment and change rooms. The expansion project is self-financed at a cost of \$3.6 million with payments coming from the annual JRMCC budget.

## Capital Purchases

In the past year, JRMCC has purchased a 15-passenger van and a 39-passenger motor coach bus to assist in providing transportation for our athletes for minor hockey and other minor sports including the First Nations Summer & Winter Games.

## Recreation Board

The JRMCC Recreation Board meets periodically to discuss all-encompassing issues as they relate to the sports and recreation programming and events. Board members are Fran Ratt, Nolan McKay, Darrell Bird, Margaret Halkett and Adele Bell. La Ronge Internal Councillors sit as ex-officio members providing input and advice.

Yours in Sports & Recreation, *Kevin Roberts*