



2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, JULY 18,
2024
7:15PM
CHDRC; O'BRIEN ROOM**



Meeting called to order by Susan Hart at 7:22PM

Quorum established 26 members in attendance

Gord Henderson
 Jame Sharman
 Andrea Sousa
 Donald Sousa
 Julia Golem
 Dana Schofield
 Melissa Barber
 Lauren Goldsmith
 Heather McMahon
 Tivza Douglas
 Chris Walker
 Allan Ross
 Jake Kempenaar
 Kaylea Watson
 Sandra Rayner
 Susan Hart
 Ian Hart
 Toni Sharman
 Gavin Ring
 Amanda Clark
 Julia Good
 Donna Good
 Paul Part
 Lisa Stirpe
 Tom Anderson
 Amanada Bell



2023-24 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan Hart- APRA President - Appointed 2023



Officially introducing Susan Hart as the APRA President (term until 2025).

President Position Update:

- No president was nominated at the 2022-2023 AGM
- Membership election on November 6, 2023 to elect **Susan Hart** as the APRA President
- About Susan
 - Her daughter Mya started playing 6 years ago
 - 4 years ago she first volunteered managing her U14 team, past few years has added running CTR & Managing FUN teams
 - Loves the rink time with Mya, who also coaches LTS, Ian, whose coaches, and Nathan, who helps at FUN holiday events





2023-24 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board of Directors

2023-2024 Board of Directors

Susan Hart
President

Andrea Sousa
Treasurer

Amanda Clark
Player Development,
Marketing

Sandra Rayner
Director-At-Large

Lauren Goldsmith
VP Pickering
(Introductory Ringette)

Donald Sousa
Secretary

Heather McMahon
GLRL Representative,
Tournament Co-Chair

**Maya Williams-
Carnio**
Director-At-Large

Allan Ross
VP of Ajax (Competitive
Ringette), Coaching
Coordinator, Referee-In-Chief

Janet in't Veldt
Registrar

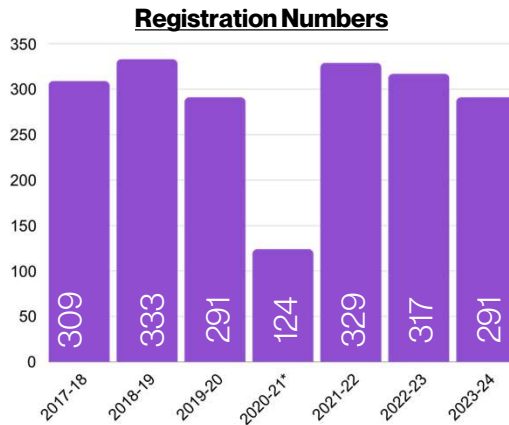
Toni Sharman
Director-At-Large

****Nominations for the 2024-2025 board will take place at the end of the AGM***



2023-24 SEASON REVIEW

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



2023/24 REGISTRATIONS - 291

12 TEAMS – FUN3, U12B, U12A, U14A, U16A, U19AA,
18+A, 18+B (4)



COME TRY RINGETTE + “BRING A FRIEND”



2023-2024:

2 CTR Dates

- 31 new registrants

4 “Bring a Friend” Dates

- Resulted in 12 attendees and 8 additional registrants

Lower number of attendees and registrants from previous years thought to be due to new system mandated by RO

Looking forward to 2024-2025:

- Bringing back simpler registration system
- “Intro to Ringette” dates (3 planned)
- More “Bring a Friend” dates (1 pre-season planned)





EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

The APRA Equipment Loan Program allows there to be less financial barriers for families looking to sign up for a ringette season.

- Program available to all new players under the age of 10

Ajax Pickering Ringette Equipment Loan Program is funded in part by the Government of Canada under the Community Services Recovery Fund.

- 35 sets of equipment for new players collected
- 9 sets of goalie pads
 - Various other goalie equipment (chest blockers, Keeley gloves, sticks)
- 27 players and 6 goalies benefitted from this program

Thank you to Allan Ross and Jake Kempenaar for your volunteer efforts in ensuring this program is available!

Thank you to Crows Sports for your generosity during the equipment purchasing process.





2023-24 FUN PROGRAM

34 PLAYERS IN 2020-21
 84 PLAYERS IN 2021-22
 89 PLAYERS IN 2022-23
83 PLAYERS IN 2023-24

- 3 teams sent to FUNFest in Cambridge
 - FUN3 finished 2nd in division
 - Both FUN2 teams finished top of their divisions
- FUN2 loop started with neighbouring associations
 - 24-25 plans for mini-league between teams
 - Plans for “select”/travel team at FUN2

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

2023-2024 Overview

- FUN Learn to Skate by Lauren Fahey, Krista Shaw, Maya Williams Carnio, Jillian Henderson, Mya Hart, Keira McKelvey, Emma Middleton
- A focus on **skating** technique for FUN-U16 levels
 - Scary Skate
- Goalie Development Sessions
 - Amanda Clark, Riley Hall, Lexi Karakolis
 - 5-7 goalies in training at FUN-U12 levels
 - 4-5 goalies in training at U14-U19 levels

2024-2025 Plans

- Focus on skating technique **and** ringette-specific skill development
- FUN2 Development (move towards game-play)
- Continued goalie development
 - Goalie development sessions for younger FUN levels
 - Coach education sessions on goalie development to integrate into weekly practice plans



Player development review and update presented by Amanda Clark

COACHING



Thank you to our 2023-2024 Head Coaches

2023-2024 Head Coaches:

- FUN3/U10: Chris Walker
- U12A: Katie O'Connor
- U12B: Courtney Carty
- U14A: Jake Kempenaar
- U14B: Gavin Ring
- U16A: Julia Golem
- U19AA: Amanda Clark
- 18+A: Donna Good
- 18+B Nielsen: Chris Nielsen
- 18+B Sweeney: Julia Golem + Heather McMahon
- 18+B Shaw: Chris Shaw
- 18+B Goldsmith: Herb Goldsmith

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Head Coaches!

2024-2025 Head Coach Announcements:

- FUN3/U10: Jake Kempenaar
- U12: Katie O'Connor
- U12: Melissa Barber
- U14B: Gavin Ring
- U16A: Allan Ross
- U16B: Julia Golem
- U19AA: Ian Clyde
- 18+A: Donna Good
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FOOD AND TOONIE DRIVE

FOR ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Food Drive + Toonie Drive

November 29-December 14, 2023

- Teams asked to donate food items and donate toonies for holiday season
 - **85+ items collected**
 - **\$200 collected**
 - **\$200 APRA donation match**

January APRA Tournament Food Drive

January 19-21st

- Asked teams to bring food items to restock the food bank post-holidays
- **96 items collected**

**180+ FOOD ITEMS
DONATED!**





Team Ontario update presented by Amanda Clark



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR APRA ATHLETES



Alexa Worrell
CRC24 Fastest
Skater at U19AA
Division



Charlotte Anderson
CRC24 Second-
Line All-Star
(Best 10+2 Athletes
in Division)



CHARLOTTE ANDERSON
2023 JUNIOR NATIONAL SELECTION CAMP



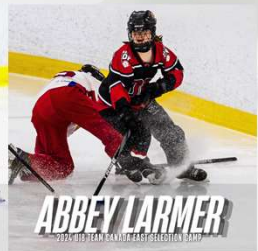
JILLIAN HENDERSON
2023 JUNIOR NATIONAL SELECTION CAMP



JENNA MARTIN
2024 U19 TEAM CANADA EAST SELECTION CAMP



EMILY CLYDE
2024 U19 TEAM CANADA EAST SELECTION CAMP



ABBEY LARMER
2024 U19 TEAM CANADA EAST SELECTION CAMP

APRA athlete recognition presented by Amanda Clark



NEW POLICY UPDATES

DIGITAL DEVICE USAGE





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DIGITAL DEVICE USAGE



DIGITAL DEVICE USAGE POLICY (CELL PHONE POLICY)

1.1 Ajax Pickering Ringette Association (APRA) believes some uses of digital devices in dressing rooms constitute an invasion of an individual's personal privacy. This will not be tolerated by APRA.

1.2 In growing numbers, these devices are being manufactured with cameras that allow photographs and video to be taken and shared electronically, without permission during regular ringette activities in change rooms, shower areas and/or bathrooms. If someone uses a device this way and captures a photo or video image, this may constitute a violation of personal privacy but may also be a criminal offence.

1.3 **APRA prohibits the use of any form of Camera, Video Camera, Camera Phone or other portable digital device in any recreational facility change rooms or team dressing rooms for the purposes of taking photographs or videos** unless permission has been granted by the President or member of the executive board.

1.4 These devices may be used for personal music or playing team music.

1.5 It is the team officials' responsibility to monitor and control the uses of such devices. Any complaints with regards to the policy not being adhered to, shall be investigated by the APRA board of directors. Disciplinary action can result in consequences up to and including suspensions and expulsions from the APRA.

1.6 For more information please contact Ajax Pickering Ringette Association.

Susan Hart presented policy with some preface on the need for a policy



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SHARE YOUR VOICE. SHARE YOUR TALENTS.
SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION.



How can you volunteer with APRA?

- 1) APRA Board of Directors
 - Strategy, Policy, Implementation
 - Portfolios
 - Dedicated volunteer roles (independent or shared)
- 2) Committees
 - Tournament, Marketing, Events, FUN Social Committees
- 3) Support your child's program (on and off-ice support)
- 4) High School Student Opportunities
 - Fulfill Diploma Volunteer Requirements



IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ADMIN@APRINGETTE.COM

Susan Hart noted an opportunity for highschool student to attain volunteer hours



FINANCIAL UPDATE

ANDREA SOUSA
TREASURER, APRA

*2023/2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED BY:
MATTHEW SANDERS PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION*

Financial Update presented by Andrea Sousa



FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **\$57k** from **Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation- Charitable Gaming through Delta Bingo Pickering**
 - Used towards ice costs, and allows us to keep registration fees down especially in the younger ages
 - Special thank you to Janet Rourke for your dedication to ensure we receive this funding!!
- **\$20k** grant from **Government of Canada Community Services Recovery Fund**
 - Used to expand the equipment program, including new goalie equipment
- **\$1.2k** grant from **Ontario Power Generation**



THANK YOU!



Andrea notes some of largest sponsor and thank you for their financial support this season.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Independent Audit Report

To the Board of Directors
Ajax Pickering Ringette Association

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ajax Pickering Ringette Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024 and the statements of operations and net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ajax Pickering Ringette Association as at March 31, 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Math Sanders

Matthew Sanders Professional Corporation
Authorized to practise public accounting by the
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

Bowmanville, Ontario
July 12, 2024



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ajax Pickering Ringette Association

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Revenue		
Registration fees	\$ 155,369	\$ 136,330
Tournament fees	79,579	107,678
Tryout	5,048	7,467
Sponsorships and grants	21,200	11,920
Bingo	57,540	51,315
Interest	425	224
	319,161	314,934
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	8,937	21,253
Equipment and jerseys	33,447	23,586
League costs	29,107	27,799
Insurance	711	655
Interest and bank charges	4,072	3,033
Memberships and registration	19,775	5,348
Office expenses	9,320	7,077
Professional fees	4,746	5,292
Rent - ice	120,769	119,648
Tournament costs	73,063	93,521
Training and development	29,223	9,914
	333,170	317,126
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (14,009)	\$ (2,192)

Andrea Sousa noted some of differences in our financial statements.

Ringette Ontario fees collected by APRA this season where they were collected by Ringette Ontario directly in the previous season.

Tournament was smaller this year. We had to move to different weekend given local events



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ajax Pickering Ringette Association

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash		\$ 104,961	\$ 117,815
Accounts receivable		5,984	6,884
Prepaid expenses		4,120	-
Total Assets		\$ 115,065	\$ 124,699
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 5,853	\$ 11,975
Government remittances		5,090	4,120
Deferred revenue	2.	11,798	2,371
Deposits on hand	3.	4,725	4,625
Total Liabilities		27,466	23,091
Net Assets			
Net assets		87,599	101,608
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		\$ 115,065	\$ 124,699



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ajax Pickering Ringette Association

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Net assets, opening	\$ 101,608	\$ 103,800
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(14,009)	(2,192)
Net assets, closing	\$ 87,599	\$ 101,608



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ajax Pickering Ringette Association

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ (14,009)	\$ (2,192)
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable	900	(4,156)
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expense and other assets	(4,120)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,122)	11,974
Increase (decrease) in government remittances	970	4,120
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	9,427	(4,266)
Increase (decrease) in deposits on hand	100	829
TOTAL CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(12,854)	6,309
Net cash increase (decreases) in cash	(12,854)	6,309
Cash at beginning of period	117,815	111,506
Cash at end of period	\$ 104,961	\$ 117,815



MOTION

PRESENTED BY ANDREA
SOUSA, APRA TREASURER

**1. TO APPROVE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE AJAX PICKERING
RINGETTE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2023/24
FISCAL YEAR**



Motion by Andrea Sousa to approve the audited financial statement of the Ajax Pickering Ringette Association for the 23/24 fiscal year.

Seconded by Susan Hart

Motion passed all in favour.



MOTION

PRESENTED BY ANDREA
SOUSA, APRA TREASURER



2. TO APPROVE MURPHY & CHUNG PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION AS NEW AUDITORS FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

- 60+ years of experience
- Experienced with other non-for-profit including sport associations
- Assigned auditor is a former ringette player and Ajax Ringette Association treasurer
- Agreed to complete audit within our timeline
- Team, not a just an individual
- Comparable fees to current auditor, and significantly lower than other quotes received

Andrea presented the board recommendation for a new auditor Murphy & Chung as noted

Motion by Andrea Sousa to approve

Seconded by Amanda Clark

Motion passed all in favour.



2024 ELECTIONS



RETURNING

Portfolio	Name	Renewal
President	Susan Hart	2025
VP Ajax	Allan Ross	2025
Secretary	Donald Sousa	2025
Director-at-Large	Janet Int'Veldt	2025
Director-at-Large	Toni Sharman	2025

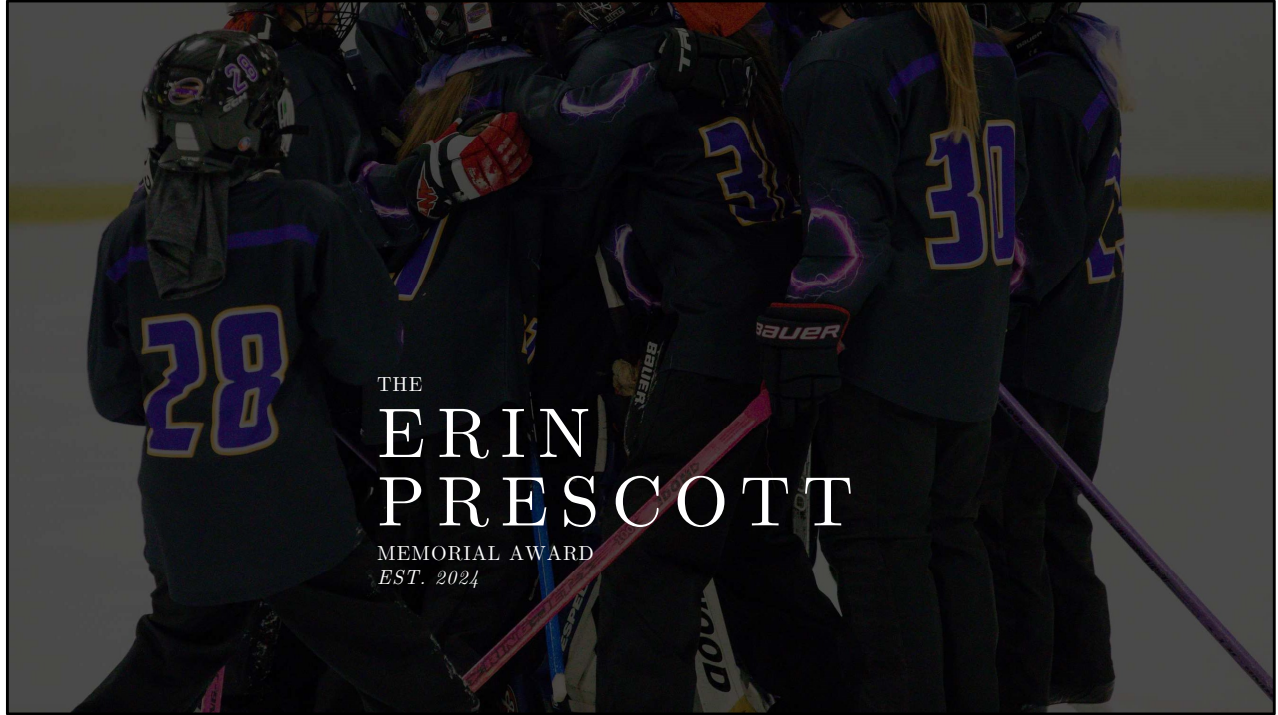
UP FOR ELECTION

Portfolio	Name	Renewal
VP Pickering	OPEN	2025
Treasurer	OPEN	2025
Director-at-Large	OPEN	2025
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Director-at-Large	OPEN	2025
Director-at-Large	OPEN	2025

Andrea Sousa nominated for Treasurer by Amanda Clark
 Lauren Walker nominated for VP Pickering by Susan Hart
 Sandra Rayner nominated for Director at Large by Donald Sousa
 Chris Walker nominated for Director at Large by Lauren Walker
 Kaylea Hodder nominated for Director at Large by Allan Ross
 Maya Williams nominated for Director at Large by Toni Sharman
 Julia Golem nominated for Director at Large (one year term) by Allan Ross

Only one nomination was made per open position. In accordance with the APRA bylaws no vote was held.







THE ERIN PRESCOTT MEMORIAL AWARD

Together with the Prescott family, Ajax and Pickering Ringette has established the Erin Prescott Memorial Award to honour Erin and the legacy she has left on our association.

The recipient of the Erin Prescott Memorial Award should fit one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Volunteers substantial time and demonstrates an outstanding dedication and commitment to making a positive difference to the Ajax Pickering Ringette community.**
- 2. Considerably contributes, supports, and leads teams and/or the association in an "off-ice" capacity.**
- 3. Is a community builder with a focus on growing the sport of ringette.**





Lauren Walker read a moving statement about Erin Prescott and presented the award on behalf of the Prescott family.

Janet could not be in attendance but will be presented with a plaque at a later date.



Three members of the Clark family read a statement about Allan Clark and presented the award to Amanda Clark



THE ALLAN CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD

Together with the Clark family, Ajax Pickering Ringette has established the Al Clark Memorial Award to pay tribute to their father. We will miss Al very much around the arena but know that this annual award will keep his memory ongoing in the Central Region Ringette Associations, and pay tribute to the other passionate volunteers that follow in his footsteps.

The recipient of the Al Clark Memorial Award should fit one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Volunteers their time to enhance the Ajax and Pickering Ringette community.**
- 2. Demonstrates a passion for the sport of Ringette.**
- 3. Values fair play and sportsmanship.**
- 4. Motivates players through coaching.**



Congratulations
TO

2024 ALLAN CLARK
MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT





Kaylea Watson was selected in the random draw to receive a \$300 credit toward their reregistration fee



Jake Kempenaar spoke about the 2024/25 APRA tournament which will be held Dec 5.



Motion by Susan Hart to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM
Seconded by Donald Sousa
Motion passed all in favour