

Meeting called to order at 6:44pm
Quorum established

- Susan Hart 1
- Kaylea Hodder 1
- Chris Walker 1
- Amanda Dart 1
- Phil Wilson 1
- Gavin Ring 1
- Tirza Douglas 1
- Melissa Barber 1
- Beth Swarbreck 1
- Bradley Sharp 1
- Cara Woodhouse 1
- Julia Golem 1
- Jake Kempnaar 1
- Toni Sharman 1
- Dana Schofield 1
- Andrea Sousa 1
- Donald Sousa 1
- Katie O'Connor 1
- Paul Hart 1
- Scott Swarbreck 0
- Lauren Goldsmith 1
- Janet in't Veldt 1

WELCOME!

AGENDA

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|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| 01 | Call meeting to order | 05 | Finances + Approvals |
| 02 | Establishment of quorum | 06 | Election of directors
Draw - WINNER MUST BE
PRESENT TO WIN |
| 03 | Presentation of reports +
season highlights | 07 | New business and questions |
| 04 | Policy updates | 08 | Adjournment |





2024-2025 Board of Directors

Susan Hart

President
CTR
FUN programs
Summer Ringette

Andrea Sousa

Treasurer

**Maya Williams
Carnio**

Marketing

Chris Walker

LORL Representative

Lauren Goldsmith

VP Pickering
(Introductory Ringette,
Coaching Coordinator)

Donald Sousa

Secretary

Kaylea Watson

Equipment Manager,
Tournament Co-Chair

Julia Golem

GLRL Representative

Allan Ross

VP of Ajax (Competitive
Ringette), Referee-In-Chief

Janet in't Veldt

Registrar

Toni Sharman

Player Development

****Nominations for the 2025-2026 board will take place at the end of the AGM***

Susan Hart thanked the 24-25 board and volunteers and call on members to consider volunteering in the outgoing/vacant positions. Noting 6 board members and many volunteers do not have children currently in the sport.



2024-25 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2024-2025 Key Volunteers and Help

Tom Anderson
Ice Scheduler

Sandra Rayner
Events

Lauren Fayhey
Krista Shaw
Maya Williams Carnio
Mya Hart
Emma Middleton
Ashley Forrester
Leah Watson
Jasmine Drummond

Jake Kempenaar
Tournament Chair

Joanne Lyons
18+ Rec
Coordinator

FUN PROGRAM Coaches

Jacob Wilson
Minor Officials
Coordinator

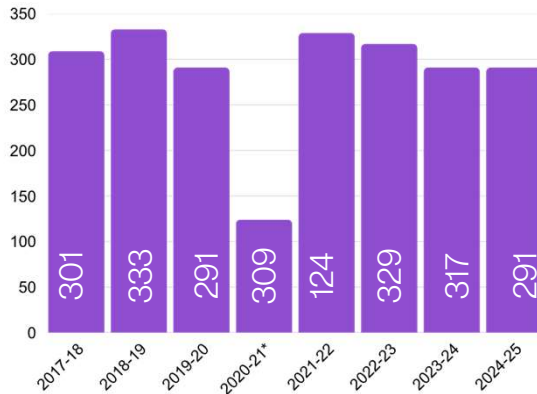
Janet Rourke
Bingo
Coordinator



2024-25 SEASON REVIEW

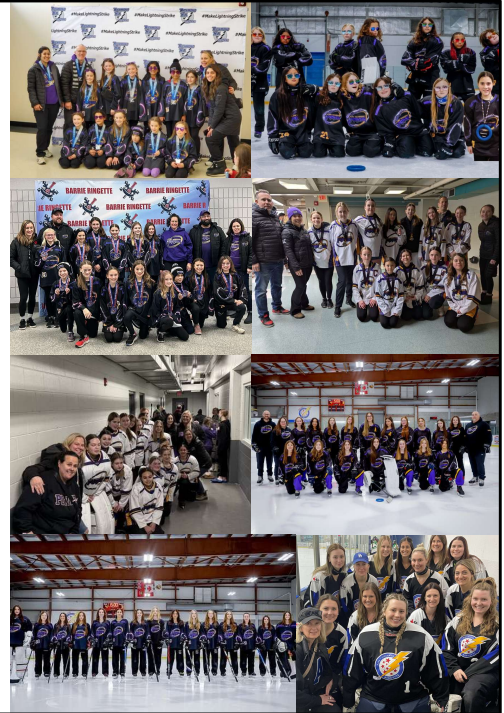
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Registration Numbers



2024/25 REGISTRATIONS - 291

11 TEAMS – FUN3, U12B, U12A, U14AB U16B, U16A, U19AA, 18+A, 18+B (3)



Susan presented the season in review noting a third straight year of declines in players. Noting APRA must recruit and appeal to younger ages and appealed the membership to volunteer and bring new ideas.

COME TRY RINGETTE + "BRING A FRIEND"



2024-25:

4 CTR Dates

- 22 new registrants

*Lower number of attendees and registrants from previous years
We need a big push for volunteers to help spread the word and
bring in some new ideas! ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO
VOLUNTEER!*

Looking Ahead to 2025-26

- "Intro to Ringette" dates
- "Bring a Friend" dates
- Google Sheet for parents to submit school fair dates
- 2 sessions of Learn to Skate October to December,
January to March.



Susan presented our CTR initiatives. 4 events in 2024-25 seasons and our 2025-26 season strategy including hosting introduction to ringette and bring a friend sessions. APRA will look to attend school fairs to introduce ringette in our community. Members are encouraged to bring opportunities in their local school to our attention.



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 registering for the season and others should we be able to offer it after new members are outfitted. Ajax Pickering Ringette Equipment Loan Program was funded in part by the Government of Canada under the Community Services Recovery Fund.

- 35 sets of equipment are available to players
- 9 sets of goalie pads
 - Various other goalie equipment (chest blockers, Keeley gloves, sticks)
- 29 players and 4 goalies benefitted from this program in 2024/25 as well as 6 goalies every few weeks at the FUN program.

Thank you to Kaylea Watson for your volunteer efforts in ensuring this program is accessible to our players last season!

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



Equipment Load program includes enough equipment to outfit 35 players and 9 goalies. 29 Players and 4 goalies took advantage this past season. Susan thanked our equipment manager and Crow Sports for making this possible.



2024-25 FUN PROGRAM

83 PLAYERS IN 2022-23

71 PLAYERS IN 2023-24

60 PLAYERS IN 2024-25

- 2 teams played in 2 tournaments
 - FUN3 finished 2nd in division
- FUN2 loop played games with neighbouring associations and opted to pay extra fees for a “travelling team” which included more ice time and extra development.
 - 25-26 plans to have FUN2 moved to LORL loops and play as a league team including development.

Susan presented out 2024-25 FUN program highlights. In 2025-26 the intention to have our FUN2 be part of LORL and be travelling team from the start. They would play games against other associations.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

2024-2025 Overview

- A focus on **ringette** along with skating technique for FUN-U16 levels
 - Amanda Bell's team focussed on ringette specific skills, shooting, ring play along with skating development
- Goalie Development Sessions
 - Kevin Jeffrey gave 1 on 1 goalie training at FUN-U16
 - Leah Watson brought intro to goalie to the FUN program with 6 rotating at goalie skills over 5 weeks

2025-2026 Plans

- Focus on positional development - defensive game
- FUN2 Development (move towards game-play) and extended hours for FUN2 program
- Continued slating, ringette skills and goalie development
 - Goalie development sessions for younger FUN levels
- More ice times for teams to work on development
- Build a stronger connection between the newer coaches and veterans to help teach the new coaching staff.



Player Development overview presented by Susan. The program was well received this season. Susan presented our 2025-26 plans including building connections between veteran and new coaches.

COACHING



Thank you to our 2024-2025 Head Coaches

2024-2025 Head Coaches:

- FUN3/U10: Jake Kempenaar
- U12A: Katie O'Connor
- U12B: Melissa Barber
- U14B: Gavin Ring
- U16A: Allan Ross
- U16B: Julia Golem
- FUN 2 Travelling Amanda Dart
- U19AA: Ian Clyde/Amanda Clark
- 18+A: Donna Good
- 18+B Nielsen: Chris Nielsen
- 18+B Sweeney: Julia Golem + Heather McMahon
- 18+B Shaw: Chris Shaw

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Head Coaches!

2025-2026 Head Coach Announcements:

- FUN2: TBD
- FUN3/U10: TBD
- U12: Melissa Barber
- U14B: Rachel Croft
- U16B, Gavin Ring
- 19B: Julia Golem
- 18+A: Donna Good
- 18+B Nielsen: Chris Nielsen
- 18+B Sweeney: Julia Golem + Heather McMahon
- 18+B Shaw: Chris Shaw



Coaching – Susan thanked out coaches for their efforts last season and announced Adult and U12 – U19B coaches. Fun 2 and FUN3 are TBA.



Season Highlights spoke to by Susan.

HUGE Thank you to all tournament volunteers and committee members!

16 divisions with 120 teams, including 2 NRL teams

**WE ARE OFFICIALLY THE BIGGEST TOURNAMENT IN CANADA
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE GREAT TOURNAMENT TEAM!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

GOLD MEDALISTS	FINAL RESULTS	SILVER MEDALISTS
METCALF HORNETS	FUN3/U10	WEST OTTAWA WILD - PATTYSON
IROQUOIS FALLS	U12B	METCALF HORNETS
RICHMOND HILL LIGHTNING	U12A	METCALF HORNETS
NEPEAN RAVENS	U14B	DORCHESTER DRAGONS
SUNDERLAND STINGERS	U14A	ETOBICOKE STINGERS
RICHMOND HILL LIGHTNING	U14AA	NORTHEAST
DORCHESTER DRAGONS	U16B	WEST OTTAWA WILD

FINAL RESULTS

GOLD MEDALISTS	SILVER MEDALISTS
FOREST EXTREME	NOVA SCOTIA
LAURENTIDES	KITCHENER WILDCATS
METCALF HORNETS	ELORA FERGUS EDGE
FOREST EXTREME	GCRA DEVILS
AJAX-PICKERING POWER	RICHMOND HILL LIGHTNING
ETOBICOKE STINGERS	ELORA FERGUS EDGE
OSHAWA STORM	WOOLWICH STORM
DURHAM FLAMES	NEPEAN RAVENS

WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING TEAMS!

AJAX PICKERING
ARNPRIOR
BARKER
BURLINGTON
CAMBRIDGE
CITY OF OTTAWA
DORCHESTER
ELORA FERGUS
ETOBICOKE
FOREST
GLOUCESTER QUEENSLAND
HAMILTON
IROQUOIS FALLS
KITCHENER
LAC SAINT LOUIS
LAURENTIDES
LONDON
MERRIDGE
METCALFE
METCALFE
NEPEAN
NEWMARSHET
NORTHEAST REGION
NOVA SCOTIA
OSHAWA
RICHMOND HILL
SUSSEX
SURREY
TORONTO
WATERLOO
WEST OTTAWA
WOOLWICH

Special thanks to our tournament co-chairs Jake Kempenaar and Kaylea Watson

APRA was the largest ringette tournament in Canada with 120 teams (including 2 NRL teams) Susan thank our tournament volunteers for making it possible.



FOOD AND TOONIE DRIVE

FOR ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Food Drive + Toonie Drive
December Tournament

- Teams asked to donate food items and donate toonies for holiday season
 - **85+ items collected**
 - **\$113 collected**

**85+ FOOD ITEMS
DONATED!**

Food and Toonie Drive – 85+ food items and \$113 dollars raised during the tournament.



Medal Sundays – Susan highlighted our team accomplishments at tournaments.



U19AA Team – Susan congratulated our team for representing Team Ontario for the third year in a row



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR APRA ATHLETES

Both Athletes Selected for Junior National Team Camp



Jenna Martin

CRC25 Fastest
Skater, First All Star
Team (13G, 14A, 27
points)



Charlotte Anderson

CRC25 Second All Star Team
(12G, 12A, 24 points)
Selected as Centre Charlotte
was selected to play in
November at the World
Championships in Finland!!

Susan recognized our athletes who represented APRA at the national level



18+ **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

APRA 2025 HOST

- 3 Days of competition
- 18 Teams competing in 3 divisions
- 3 APRA Teams competed
- APRA Teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their respective divisions
- Ringette Ontario asked us to host again this year but due to ice allocations we will have to wait until 2027 to host again.

Susan summarized the 18+ Championships hosted by APRA



Susan spoke about Ringette Canada’s new equipment policy. Encouraged members to review the policy ahead of next season.

STICKS

Updated Rule:

5.2 [Ringette Sticks](#)

The Ringette stick may be made of wood, plastic, aluminum or any similar material. In the case of composite sticks that employ more than one material in their construction, sticks and tips must be manufactured specifically for Ringette and designed to meet the sport's regulations and performance standards. Modified or repurposed composite sticks from other sports are not permitted. Should one of the replaceable pieces separate during the game if possible it should be returned to the team to determine if it can be safely and legally repaired.

STICKS

What does this mean for me?

You must play ringette with a ringette-specific stick.

Your stick and tip do NOT have to be made by the same manufacturer.

If your stick and tip become separated during a game, they will be returned to you. If you can repair it during the game, you are permitted to use that stick again.

GLOVES

Updated Rule:

5.7 [Gloves](#)

5.7.b Palmless gloves and gloves that expose the volnar aspect (underside) of the wrist to the risk of injury are prohibited.

GLOVES

What does this mean for me?

Gloves like those for lacrosse, ball hockey, street hockey, and broomball are not permitted, as they are not cut-resistant.

The palms of your gloves must also be fully intact, and cannot be cut. If they are worn out, you will need to replace your gloves or have them re-palmed.

SHOULDER PADS

Updated Rule:

2.1 [Knee, Shin, Shoulder and Elbow Pads](#).

All players shall wear knee, shin and elbow pads. A plastic shell, or similar hard shell protection, is required in all knee protectors (goalkeepers excluded). All players registered in U19 and younger age groups shall wear shoulder pads designed for participation in ice sports.

SHOULDER PADS

What does this mean for me?

All athletes registered in U19 age categories and younger must wear hard-shell shoulder capped shoulder pads designed for ice sports. This includes U16 and U19 teams competing at CRCs, as well as U18 and U17 National Development teams. NRL, Open, University, JNT, and SNT athletes do NOT need to wear shoulder pads – even if you are 18 and competing in those divisions.



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
 - Come Try Ringette 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
PRESIDENT@APRINGETTE.COM

Susan summarized open roles and made an appeal to our members to step up and volunteer. Also an opportunity to be part of APRA's year-end event/social committee.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

ANDREA SOUSA
TREASURER, APRA

*2024/2025 FINANCIAL REVIEW STATEMENTS PREPARED BY:
MURPHY AND CHUNG PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION*





FINANCIAL UPDATE

- **\$58k 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!!



THANK YOU!



Financial update by Andrea Sousa, highlights included:
\$58k from Delta Bingo and thanks Janet Rourke for her volunteerism.
Andrea noted out financial statements are reviewed this season in compliance with ONCA



FINANCIAL UPDATE

INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Ajax Pickering Ringette Association

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Ajax Pickering Ringette Association that comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2025, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ajax Pickering Ringette Association as at March 31, 2025, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Emphasis of Matter

The financial statements of Ajax Pickering Ringette Association for the year ended March 31, 2024 were audited by another practitioner who expressed an unmodified conclusion on those financial statements on July 12, 2024.

Murphy + Chung

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

Toronto, Ontario
June 3, 2025



FINANCIAL UPDATE

AJAX PICKERING RINGETTE ASSOCIATION		
Statement of Operations		
For the year ended March 31, 2025		
<i>(Unaudited)</i>		
	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Registration fees	\$ 187,699	\$ 155,369
Tournament fees	121,769	79,579
Bingo	58,088	57,540
Tryout	4,994	5,048
Sponsorships and grants	1,800	21,200
Interest income	438	425
	<u>374,788</u>	<u>319,161</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Advertising and promotion	7,212	8,937
Equipment and jerseys	8,728	33,447
Insurance	886	710
Interest and bank charges	5,250	4,072
League costs	31,131	29,107
Membership and registration	25,127	19,775
Office and administration	6,728	9,321
Professional fees	4,803	4,746
Rent	145,253	120,769
Tournament costs	100,856	73,063
Training and development	26,871	29,223
	<u>362,845</u>	<u>333,170</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,943	\$ (14,009)

Andrea presented the statement of operations.

Increased revenue from the tournament allowed the association to have surplus of ~\$12k

Equipment expenses were lower this year as we did not need to purchase additional equipment.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

AJAX PICKERING RINGETTE ASSOCIATION		
Statement of Financial Position		
As at March 31, 2025		
<i>(Unaudited)</i>		
	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 128,288	\$ 104,961
Accounts receivable	9,109	5,984
Prepaid expenses	6,430	4,120
	<u>\$ 143,827</u>	<u>\$ 115,065</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 3)	\$ 18,148	\$ 10,943
Deferred revenue (note 4)	26,137	16,523
	<u>44,285</u>	<u>27,466</u>
NET ASSETS	FUND BALANCES	
	<u>99,542</u>	<u>87,599</u>
	<u>\$ 143,827</u>	<u>\$ 115,065</u>

Andrea presented our Statement of financial position and statement of cash flows noting \$128k in cash on hand.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

AJAX PICKERING RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 87,599	\$ 101,608
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	<u>11,943</u>	<u>(14,009)</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 99,542</u>	<u>\$ 87,599</u>



FINANCIAL UPDATE

AJAX PICKERING RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended March 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 11,943	\$ (14,009)
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	(3,125)	1,144
Prepaid expenses	(2,310)	(4,120)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,205	(5,396)
Deferred revenue	9,614	9,527
	<u>11,384</u>	<u>1,155</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	23,327	(12,854)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>104,961</u>	<u>117,815</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 128,288	\$ 104,961



MOTION

PRESENTED BY ANDREA
SOUSA, APRA TREASURER

**1. TO APPROVE THE REVIEWED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE AJAX PICKERING
RINGETTE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2024/25
FISCAL YEAR**



Motion by Andrea to approve the financial statements. Seconded by Katie O'Connor. Motion passed all in favour.



MOTION

PRESENTED BY ANDREA
SOUSA, APRA TREASURER



2. TO APPROVE MURPHY & CHUNG PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION AS AUDITORS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

Motion by Andrea to approved Murphy and Chung as our auditor for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Seconded by Katie O'Connor. Motion passed all in favour



**ELECTIONS
TO THE
BOARD**



2025 ELECTIONS



UP FOR ELECTION

Portfolio	Name	Renewal
President	OPEN	2027
VP Ajax	OPEN	2027
Secretary	OPEN	2027
Director-at-large	OPEN	2027
Director-at-Large	OPEN	2027
Director-at-large	OPEN	2027
Director-at-large	OPEN	2026

RETURNING

Portfolio	Name	Renewal
VP Pickering	Lauren Goldsmith	2026
Treasurer	Andrea Sousa	2026
Director-at-Large	Kaylea Watson	2026
Director-at-Large	Chris Walker	2026
Director-at-large	Maya Williams Carnio	2026



Susan asked the membership for nominations to 8 open board positions

Susan Hart nominated by Lauren Goldsmith for President. Susan accepted the nomination.

Allan Ross nominated by Lauren Goldsmith for VP Ajax. Allan accepted the nomination.

Lauren Goldsmith Donald Sousa nominated for Secretary in a one-year term. Donald will accept the nomination.

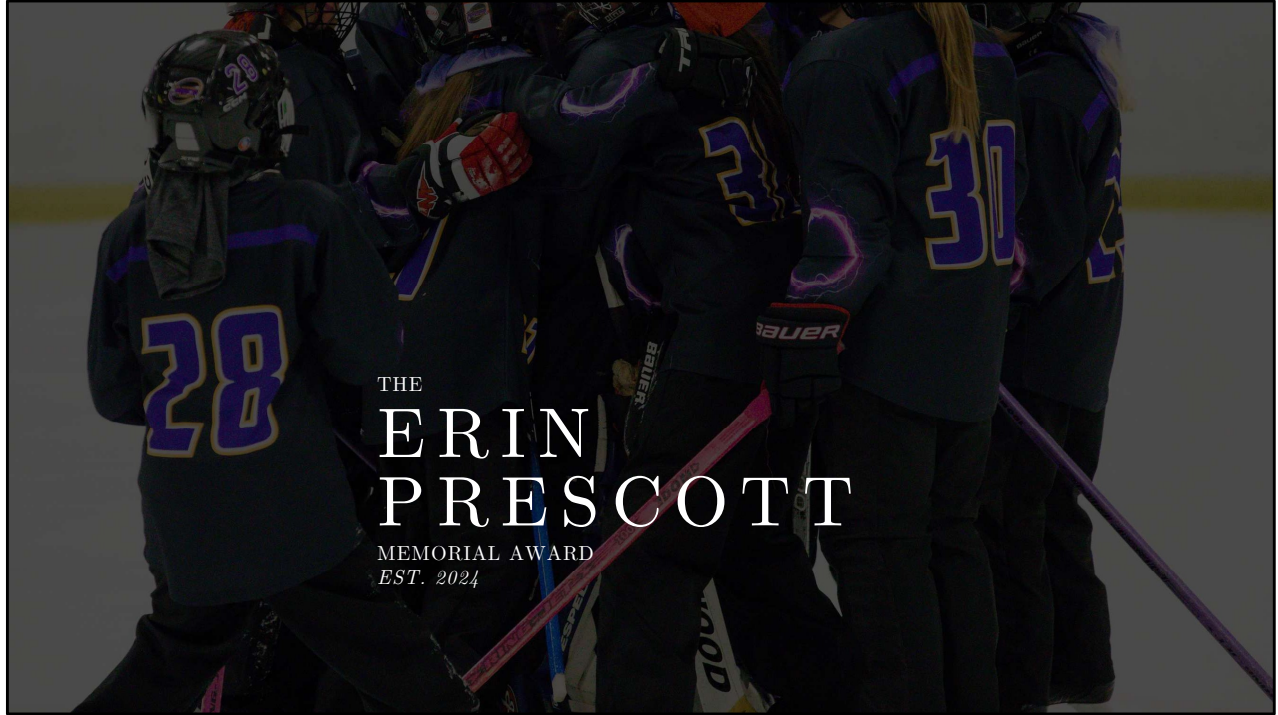
Susan Hart nominated Janet in't Veld for Registrar. Janet accepted the nomination.

Susan Hart nominated Julia Golem for director at large. Julia accepted the nomination.

As there is only one nomination to each opening no vote was required.

Two director at large positions remain open

Motion by Lauren Goldsmith to approve minutes of the 2024 AMG. Seconded by Janet in't Veldt. Motion passed all in favour.



THE
**ERIN
PRESCOTT**
MEMORIAL AWARD
EST. 2024

Lauren Goldsmith presented the Erin Prescott Memorial Award criteria. Lauren congratulated Chris Oulette as the 2025 recipient and read the nomination letter to the membership from Jake Kempenaar.



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.**



Congratulations
TO

2024 ERIN PRESCOTT
MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENT





Lauren Goldsmith congratulated our past recipient Janet in't Veldt who was not in attendance to receive the award at the last AGM then presented the Allan Clark memorial award criteria. Lauren congratulated our two winners Emma and Kiera and read the nomination letter.



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





REGISTRATION DRAW

**THE WINNER WILL HAVE A
\$300 CREDIT APPLIED TO 2025/26
FALL/WINTER REGISTRATION FEES!!!**

WINNER MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE CREDIT. REDRAW WILL OCCUR IF
WINNER IS NOT PRESENT

Jake Kempenaar picked a name out of the hat. and Chris Walker was announced as the winner of the \$300 registration.



Susan opened the floor to members with questions or other business. None were received.



Motion by Donald Sousa to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Seconded by Amanda Good. Motion passed all in favour.