



Boni-Vital Ringette Association  
Date: June 1st, 2026 6:00pm  
**AGM** Zoom Online Meeting

**2026 AGM AGENDA**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
3. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
4. REVIEW OF VOTING PROCEDURES
5. 2026 AGM AGENDA APPROVAL
6. MINUTES
  - Approval of the AGM Minutes from May 2025
7. REPORTS
  - President Levon Kearney
  - Vice President *Vacant*
  - Ice Kim Sanford
  - AA Director Kristin Farkas
  - Treasurer Dale Hawthorn
  - WRL Jeff Herkimer
  - Registrar Amanda Smeets
  - Player Development Deanne Sutherland
  - Coaches Tara Gilkes
  - R4U Kelly House & Kim Radford
  - U10 Shannon Hiebert
  - U12 Luc Lesage
  - U14 Mark Graceffo
  - U16 Bronwyn Dobson
  - U19 Gus Castaneda
  - Equipment Kevin Sim
  - Minor officials Keith Kaderle
  - Social Media / Website Master Venessa Hildebrand
8. ELECTIONS

The positions up for election this year:

  - i. Vice President: 3-year term
    1. Vacant



- ii. Secretary (2-year term) – Christine Heise
- iii. Player Development (2-year term) - Deanne Sutherland
- iv. AA Director (2-year term) - Shauna Tait
- v. Minor Officials (2-year term) - Kieth Kaderele
- vi. Registrar (2-year term) - Marcie Knox
- vii. Age Loop Rep x 3 positions
  - 1. Ashlee Rempel
  - 2. Britni Godkin
  - 3. Bronwyn Dobson

9. QUESTION & ANSWERS FROM MEMBERSHIP

10. ADJOURNMENT OF AGM MEETING



## BVRA AGM 2026-2027 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The following list states the positions that are open for the 2026-2027 season. President and Treasurer positions are 3-year terms; all other board positions currently are for a 2-year term, unless otherwise stated.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Nominees</u>
1. Vice President	2 years	Vacant
2. Secretary	2 years	Christine Heise
3. Player Development	2 years	Deanne Sutherland
4. AA Director	2 years	Shauna Tait
5. Minor Officials	2 years	Keith Kaderele
6. Registrar	2 years	Marcie Knox
7. Age Loop reps x 3	2 years	i. Ashlee Rempel ii. Britni Godkin iii. Bronwyn Dobson



## 2025-26 Full Board Annual Reports

President: Levon Kearney

### 2026 Presidents Reports

I start each president's report reminding myself and our community of the Bonivital Ringette Association mission statement: to nurture the love of ringette among BVRA athletes by providing opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels to learn, grow, and excel in a supportive environment. We are committed to promoting the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and personal development, while also offering pathways for those with aspirations of competing at the highest levels. Our goal is to foster a vibrant ringette community within BVRA by cultivating a balance between grassroots community participation and elite-level competition. This year we witnessed several beneficial changes come to the game of Ringette. One of those changes from the past season was the reorganization of the Winnipeg Ringette League, to better serve all levels of ringette. Hybrid loops and elite pathways while still serving club-based needs only helps the growth and development of athletes. More growth and change will be coming but I'm excited for the direction the game is going.

- **Registration**
  - BVRA proudly supported 267 athletes, including 41 amalgamated players who we were thrilled to welcome into our BVRA family.
- **Jersey Orders & Clothing:**
  - We welcomed a significant number of new players into our BVRA family, resulting in a total of 71 new or replacement player jerseys.
  - BVRA continued our successful partnership with Zueike and expanded to the angels this past season. A total of 3 clothing orders (for BVRA and Angels) were offered throughout the year resulting a fundraising return to BVRA of \$3,127.
- **Preseason Tournament:**
  - The Preseason Tournament saw participation from 45 local teams and 7 out-of-town teams, totaling 103 games played over the week of Oct 20th – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - We successfully raised \$12,000 for BVRA programming, thanks to the generous contributions from corporate donors.
  - A heartfelt thank you to our tournament committee members for their dedication and hard work.
  - Mark your calendars for next year's tournament, scheduled for Oct 19th to the 25th, 2026.
- **BVRA Banquet:**
  - The fourth annual BVRA banquet was held at the Victoria Inn and Convention Centre, totaling 450 attendees on April 18th.



- Congratulations to the athletes who received player awards in four categories, recognizing their outstanding contributions to the sport.
- A special thank you to our dedicated banquet volunteers for their invaluable support.
  
- **Manitoba Winter Games**
  - This season was the Manitoba Winter Games hosted in Thompson which saw some of our U14 athletes bring home the bronze! Congratulations to: Jayda Kaderle, Maya Fulford, Ellie Cameron, Kate Flisak, Maelle Muller, Hannah Sydoruk, Dasha Khaliavina, Gabriella Rosin Chudley, Kate Olfert, Lily Bousquet, and Ella Allaire
  
- **BVRA Post-Secondary Scholarship:**
  - Congratulations to our deserving recipients of the 2026 BVRA Post-Secondary Scholarships, each awarded \$500
    - Hailey Fraser
    - Mary Ann House
  - These athletes exemplify the values and characteristics instilled by the game of ringette, preparing them for future success.
  
- **Drafted A Players**
  - This year, we saw the largest number of athletes enter the A draft during my time on the board. That's never an easy decision—it can be nerve-racking to step outside your comfort zone and try something new in the name of growth and development. Congratulations on taking the leap!

Sincerely,

Levon Kearney  
President, BVRA

**Vice President: Vacant**

*No Report due to vacancy*



**Ice: Kim Sanford**

## BVRA ICE - 2025/2026

Arena	Dakota		SOUTHDALE		GLENWOOD		BERTRAND		SAM SOUTHERN		ST. VITAL		EAST END		YEARLY TOTAL
	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half	
Total # of ice slots	322	283	134	73	91	44	119	105	82	44	23	80	45	32	1477
# Used for Tryouts	53	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	61
	16%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%	0%	4%
# Used for Practice Ice	152	101	39	10	51	34	46	50	0	0	6	1	13	16	519
	47%	36%	29%	14%	56%	77%	39%	48%	0%	0%	26%	1%	29%	50%	35%
# Used for Game Ice	18	67	40	33	4	8	3	1	28	37	0	0	27	8	274
	6%	24%	30%	45%	4%	18%	3%	1%	34%	84%	0%	0%	60%	25%	19%
# Used for Camps and 3x3	27	21	25	0	9	0	18	18	27	0	13	61	0	6	225
	8%	7%	19%	0%	10%	0%	15%	17%	33%	0%	57%	76%	0%	19%	15%
# for R4U	12	6	0	0	3	0	12	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
	4%	2%	0%	0%	3%	0%	10%	23%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
# Returned	58	84	22	30	18	0	35	8	27	7	1	18	0	1	309
	18%	30%	16%	41%	20%	0%	29%	8%	33%	16%	4%	23%	0%	3%	21%
# Sold	1	4	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	17
	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	1%
# Burned or Unassigned	1	0	3	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	15
	0%	0%	2%	0%	3%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	3%	1%

**AA Director: Kristin Farkas**

**BVRA Angels 2025/2026 Annual General Meeting Report**

During the 2025–2026 season, the BVRA Angels hosted AA teams at the U14 and U16 levels. These teams were composed of athletes from BVRA and surrounding associations, continuing to reflect strong collaboration and a shared commitment to high-performance ringette.

At the U19 level, a single provincially managed team was formed at the outset of the season. While BVRA did not host a U19AA team this year, we are proud to have had two BVRA athletes represent Manitoba at this level, continuing to demonstrate the strength and progression of our program.

The season once again began with a focus on team development and culture, at the team retreat, setting the foundation for a year defined by growth, resilience, and continued progress across all levels.

At the U14AA level, the Angels delivered a strong performance, finishing 4th at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships. This result reflects not only the competitiveness of the team, but also a significant milestone for the program, marking the first time since the 2014/2015 season that a BVRA team has advanced to the medal round at Westerns. In addition, one BVRA athlete was recognized as a tournament All Star—an outstanding achievement at this level of competition.

At the U16AA level, Manitoba was once again represented at the Canadian Ringette Championships by a blended team consisting of athletes from both the Eastman Flames and the BVRA Angels. This model



continues to evolve and, while not without its challenges, represents an important step in strengthening the pathway for athletes competing at the national level. The team included five BVRA athletes and two BVRA coaches, and delivered a strong performance, finishing 5th overall. One BVRA athlete was also named a tournament All Star at the national level.

At the U19AA level, the provincial team competed at the Canadian Ringette Championships, finishing 7th. BVRA is proud of the contributions of the two athletes representing the program at this level.

Across all levels, this season continued to demonstrate that Manitoba is not only participating at the national level, but increasingly competing—and closing the gap.

In addition to on-ice performance, the program introduced a coach mentorship initiative this season to further support the development of coaching staff across all teams. This added layer of support contributed to continued growth both behind the bench and on the ice.

In connection with tryouts, the BVRA Angels once again offered a pre-tryout camp to prospective AA athletes. This continues to be a valuable and well-received opportunity, providing athletes with additional preparation, skill development, and confidence ahead of the formal evaluation process.

Tryouts for the 2026–2027 season were completed in early May. The BVRA Angels will once again host teams at the U14AA and U16AA levels. The program continues to focus on building depth, strengthening development pathways, and supporting athletes in reaching higher levels of competition.

The continued growth of the BVRA Angels program is a reflection of the dedication of our athletes, coaches, families, and volunteers. While the program continues to evolve, the progress made this season reinforces that we are moving in the right direction.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful year.

Kristin Farkas

BVRA AA Director

**Treasurer: Dale Hawthorn**

To be shared separately

**WRL: Jeff Herkimer**

This season in the Winnipeg Ringette League, BVRA demonstrated strong participation across all divisions with a total of 20 teams competing. We started the season by hosting a very successful early season tournament, camps and 3on3. The association fielded four teams at the U10 level, three teams in U12, and two teams in U14. At the older age groups, BVRA had three teams in both U16 and U19, as well as an impressive five teams in the Open division. Notably, both the U16 and U19 divisions included AA Angels teams that played up a division, providing players with enhanced



opportunities for development and higher-level competition. Overall, BVRA’s team distribution reflects both growth in the program and a commitment to supporting player progression at all levels. BVRA can take great pride in a highly successful season, highlighted by multiple championship victories across the Winnipeg Ringette League. The association captured titles at the U10 Loop 1 and Loop 5 levels, as well as in the U12A, U19A, and Open divisions, showcasing the strength and depth of talent throughout the program. These accomplishments reflect not only skill and dedication on the ice, but also the commitment of coaches and support from families. In addition to these championship teams, many other BVRA teams delivered impressive performances during the WRL playoffs, competing with determination and representing the association with excellence. Altogether, this season stands as a testament to BVRA’s continued growth, competitive spirit, and success at all levels of play. BVRA was well represented at the WRL Allstar game on Saturday, December 28th. BVRA board members played an active and meaningful role in shaping the future of the Winnipeg Ringette League, contributing to both the development of the new WRL rule book and the design of the updated WRL website set to launch next season. These efforts highlight BVRA’s ongoing commitment to strengthening the league and enhancing the experience for all participants. The association continues to maintain a strong and respected voice within the WRL, contributing across many areas, including governance, program development, and officiating. Notably, BVRA supports the league with a significant number of referees, further demonstrating its dedication to the growth, integrity, and success of ringette in the region.

**Registrar: Amanda Smeets**

Registration opened from July 7<sup>th</sup> till August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with A Tryout registration closed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. BVRA registered 226 players at the R4U-U19 levels and had 41 players amalgamate with us for a total of 267 players. The most notable registration increase was at the Open level, for the second year in a row. BVRA hosted six Open teams this season, registering 106 players, which grew by one team from the previous year. There was a decrease at the R4U and AA, (due to us not hosting a U19 team). 33 players registered at the AA level. We also had the highest number of players to draft out of BVRA this year at 10 players. We helped to keep R4U and U10 numbers by providing half-off of registration for first-time ringette players.

The Registration numbers were as follows:

Level	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
R4U	46	55	61	64	60	20	24
U10	52	52	53	38	13	23	36
U12	47	43	41	39	38	38	40
U14	26	28	29	44	29	40	39
U16	29	34	31	31	34	32	32
U19	34	34	33	33	35	38	50
Open	106	81	65	32	47	0	104
AA	33	48	48	31	47	46	48



New Players	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
<b>R4U</b>	30	26	34	40
<b>U10</b>	3	7	3	10
<b>U12</b>	4	3	3	4
<b>U14</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>U16</b>	1	0	0	1

The season opened with registration for Fall player development camps and Fall 3 on 3. The 2025-2026 season ended with registration for the Spring 3 on 3 tournament and Angels Prep Camp.

Registration for the 2026-2027 season will hopefully open early June 2026, (after the AGM), while registration for the 2026 Pre-Season Camps and Fall 3 on 3 tournament will hopefully open in late May. Registration for Angels will open early June, as teams will be determined mid-May.

**Submitted by:**

Amanda Smeets  
 BVRA Registrar



**Player Development: Deanne Sutherland**

## **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REPORT- BVRA 2025-2026 SEASON**

The 2025-2026 season was a great success. Season opened with the BVRA Pre-Season player and goalie camps in August. Camp ran from August 18-29, 2025. We had three age/loop divisions: R4U Advanced/U10, U12, U14 & U16/19. All their divisions were full, including the goalie camp. The player camp was run by Competitive Edge and the goalie camp was run by Caroline Girardin, Abby Doig and their team.

BVRA Pre-season 3 X 3 program was held in the month of September. 76 games were scheduled. Total of 30 teams were formed. 6-U10, 11-U12, 6-U14, 7-U16/19. With a total of 280 registrants plus 31 goalies. Rinks used were Dakota, Sam Southern, Southdale, Glenwood and East End arenas.

Centralized Tryouts were held from September 2-8 at Dakota, St Vital and Southdale arenas. BVRA held team formation at the U10 level (4 teams) & U12B (2 teams) assessments from September 19-25 at Dakota and Southdale arenas.

BVRA held a player power skating camp & goalie camp. This camp was held on Sundays at Bertrand arena from – Nov 9-Feb 8th. Total of 12 1-hour sessions per group. Age groups held were U10 to U12 and U14 to U16. Groups were divided by skill level. All groups were full. Brooke Enns from Competitive Edge ran this camp. The Goalie camp run by Caroline Girardin and her team were 1 hour sessions and ages ranged from U10-U19.

BVRA Spring 2026 3 X 3 program was a huge success this year. Program was held all of April. 80 games were scheduled. 305 players registered & 32 goalies. Total of 32 teams were formed. 10-U10 (R4U advanced), 10-U12, 6-U14, 6-U16/19. Arenas used were St. Vital and Dakota.

Plans for the 2026-2027 season are underway starting with August Pre-Season camp, Fall 3 x 3 Pre-Season ice, as well as Centralized "A" Tryouts.

Looking forward to an exciting & busy 2026-2027 season. Thank-you to all BVRA Board members, BVRA coaches and volunteers for your time and dedication to this great sport.

Sincerely

Deanne Sutherland

Player Development Coordinator



Coaches: Tara Gilkes

## **BVRA AGM 2025-2026- COACHES REPORT**

BVRA held coaching interviews in August for “A” level teams and where needed did B/U10 coaching interviews in September. This season, BVRA had 70 coaches, 22 managers, and 24 junior or apprentice coaches volunteer their time to support athletes of all ages—from R4U to U19. That’s a total of 116 bench staff.

BVRA is truly lucky to have amazing coaches each year. Thank-you coaches. Without our coaches, our program would not be as successful as it is.

BVRA once again reimbursed coaches for any clinics or mandatory requirements needed to be certified on the bench this season. BVRA held a mandatory meeting at the beginning of the season for all coaches U10-19. Resources were shared throughout the season with coaches. BVRA tried to hold a collaborative coach meeting, however this had to be cancelled due to little attendance. We will try to hold again next year, looking at the start of the season, to allow coaches to learn/share ideas with one another.

A coaching survey was sent out at the end of the season to parents/players for reflection on the season. Feedback was given back to all coaches U10-19. BVRA also sent out again a coaching survey to the coaches for feedback. This will help to prepare for the next season.

BVRA is currently working on a new Coaching mentor program for next season. More information on this will go out prior to the season starting.

Once again Thank-you to all coaches.

Tara Gilkes -BVRA Coaching Director

### **R4U: Kelly House & Kim Radford**

R4U 2025/2026 AGM Report

- This year R4U had 46 registrants (down from 54 in 2024/2025)
  - 21 returning players
  - 25 first time players
  - 0 subsidized players



- During the regular season players were divided into 2 teams each had 23 players.
  - There were 4 late registrants
  - R4U teams were much larger than ideal this year due to lack of coaches to make 3 teams
    - Re-evaluate this for the coming year. Best would be 15-18 players per team.
  - Practice ice was not shared this year due to the large teams.
  - 2 Ringette Manitoba Instructors per ice time were supplied by Ringette Manitoba
- 1 Come Try
  - This session hosted between 15-17 new skaters to the sport
  - Families that participated were very engaged and appreciated the opportunity for their players to get on the ice and engage with the volunteers and coaches
- Santa Skate
  - Held on a single ice time
  - 17 skater's total
  - presented a great opportunity for our BVRA and Angels players to give back to community initiatives
- "Junior Coaches"
  - This year each team had 3 junior coaches on the ice supporting coaches. These were registered players from our U14 to U19 age groups. This added 6 new opportunities for building leadership and supporting our youngest players to engage in the sport of ringette.
  - Great feedback from both coaches, players and families.
- Grad Games
  - Grad games were held on a single day this year, giving each team two games.
  - 6 teams were formed by combining registrants from various associations. The following associations participated with 82 total registrants (114 year before):
    - BVRA (16), SJRA (9), Transcona (7), NWRA (12), Interlake (6), McDonald (10), Winnipeg Beach (3), Beausejour (5), SWRA (8), Lorette (6)
  - Ringette Manitoba provided instructors and positive feedback was received from parents and players.
  - BVRA profited \$776 from registration for grad games.
- Ringette Manitoba Updates:
  - In the 2025/2026 season
    - Ringette Manitoba did not supply new ringette sticks to first time registrants
    - R4U coaching certifications changed to include a criminal records check
  - In 2026/2027 season
    - Late registrations will no longer be allowed to occur in R4U
    - Ringette Manitoba has permanently stopped supplying new ringette sticks to first time registrants
- Financials
  - Player registration covered the cost of ice this year due to large team sizes



- BVRA subsidized \$7,238.08 for the entire R4U season (\$8800 is player insurance paid to Ringette MB)
- Yoy BVRA subsidized \$7,846.92 less than in the 2024/2025 due to reduction in ice and # registered players
- PR Spending was under budget by \$2,934.67 largely due to reduced costs of ice for grad games (no practice ice and no 3rd game)
- Breakeven forecast insights:
  - Increase fees \$103.65 to cover regular season costs
    - New registration costs
      - Full \$603.65
      - First time Registrant \$353.65
  - Increase fees \$158.33 to cover total R4U costs
    - New registration costs
      - Full \$658.33
      - First time Registrant \$408.33
- Recommendations
  - Continue to subsidize RAMP costs for teams (\$30 per team)
  - Continue to subsidize 1<sup>st</sup> year player registration costs @ 50%

R4U	2025/2026				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Income</b>				
Season Registration Fees	16,750.00				
Grad Games Registrant Fees	2,460.00				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,210.00</b>				
<b>Reguar Season Expenses</b>					
Season 1st half Ice	7,974.75				
Season 2nd half Ice	7,203.00				
BVRA payment to Ringette Manitoba	8,800.00				
<b>Total Regular Season Expenses</b>	<b>23,977.75</b>				
<b>PR Expenses</b>					
Season Opener/ Tournament	257.25				
Come Try	257.25				
Santa Skate	257.25				
Graduate games	1,543.50				
Instructors	-				
BVRA Grad Game Practices	-				
Santa Skate Treat	-				
BVRA Grade Game Snacks (6 teams)	140.08				
Miscellaneous	60.00				
<b>Total PR Expenses</b>	<b>2,515.33</b>				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>26,493.08</b>				
<b>Regular Season Deficit</b>	<b>-4,767.75</b>	<b>2024/2025 Regular Season Deficit</b>	<b>-5,300.00</b>	<b>YOY Difference</b>	<b>-532.25</b>
<b>Total Deficit</b>	<b>-7,283.08</b>	<b>2024/2025 Total Deficit</b>	<b>-15,130.00</b>	<b>YOY Difference</b>	<b>-7,846.92</b>
<b>Breakeven Analysis</b>					
<b>Regular season deficit</b>	<b>Add'l Per Player</b>				
-4,767.75	-103.65				
<b>Total Deficit</b>	<b>Add'l Per Player</b>				
-7,283.08	-158.33				



R4U	Approved PR Budget	Actual 2025/2026 PR Expenses
Description		Income
Season Opener/ Tournament	275.00	257.25
Come Try	550.00	257.25
Santa Skate	275.00	257.25
Graduate games	3,300.00	1,543.50
Instructors	100.00	-
BVRA Grad Game Practices	550.00	-
Santa Skate Treat	100.00	-
BVRA Grade Game Snacks (6 teams)	200.00	140.08
Miscellaneous	100.00	60.00
<b>Total PR Expenses</b>	<b>5,450.00</b>	<b>2,515.33</b>
<b>Under Budget</b>	<b>2,934.67</b>	

**U10: Shannon Hiebert**

**2025–2026 BVRA U10 Year-End Report**

This season, BVRA supported four U10 teams:

2 Advanced Teams:

Team Carriere – 13 players

Team Scheepers/Hewson – 13 players

2 Development Teams:

Team Bohemier – 13 players

Team Graceffo – 13 players

Overall, we received positive feedback on the U10 program.

Team Carriere – Advanced

Medals Earned:

Silver Medal – BVRA Preseason Tournament

Gold Medal – Beausejour Ringers Tournament

Silver Medal – Selkirk Snowman Classic Tournament

Bronze Medal – Transcona Tournament (U12B)

Gold Medal – Steinbach Panthers Tournament

Silver Medal – Springfield Tournament (U12B)

Team Scheepers/Hewson – Advanced

Medals Earned:

WRL Championship – Gold

BVRA Tournament – Gold

Steinbach Tournament – Silver

Springfield U12C – Silver

Team Bohemier – Developmental

Medals Earned: N/A



Team Graceffo – Developmental

Medals Earned:

WRL Championship – Gold Medal

BVRA has met with the Ringette Manitoba Standing Committee as part of its review of the Children's Ringette program (U10 and younger) across the province.

### U12: Luc Lesage

## 2026 AGM- U12 Age Loop Representative Report

This season, we successfully fielded three U12 teams: one U12A team and two U12B teams, each demonstrating remarkable growth, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the year.

### U12A Team Achievements

- Bronze medalists at the BVRA Pre Season Tournament
- Silver medalists at the Mid Canada Tournament
- Bronze medalists at the Jim Benning Tournament
- Silver medalists at the Steinbach Tournament
- Gold medalists in the City Finals
- Gold medalists at Provincials
- Bronze medalists at the Western Cup

The U12A team's outstanding performance, culminating in gold at both the city finals and Provincials, demonstrates the dedication and hard work of the athletes, coaches, and families involved.

### U12B - Pismi-Pociuk Team Achievements

- Silver medalists at the Beausejour Tournament
- Silver medalists at the Steinbach Tournament

The Pismi-Pociuk team consistently performed well, capturing silver in two competitive tournaments and representing our club with pride.

### U12B - Castaneda Team Achievements

- Gold medalists at the Selkirk Tournament



Congratulations to the Castaneda team for bringing home gold at the Selkirk Tournament, a testament to their commitment and teamwork.

Overall, our U12 teams had a highly successful season, achieving strong results across multiple tournaments and divisions.

Submitted by Luc Lesage

**U14: Mark Graceffo**

No report

**U16: Bronwyn Dobson**

2025-2026 BVRA Year End Report U16

U16B Team

Head Coach: Jennifer Kingsley

Assistant Coach: Jill Bemis

Assistant Coach: Luc Lesage

Assistant Coach: Juliana Egan

Junior Coach: Avery Walker

- Roster size was 14. 13 players and one goalie.
- Won the silver medals at the BVRA Pre-Season Tournament.
- Won bronze medals in the Interlake/Selkirk Rings of Steel Tournament.
- Won gold medals at the Transcona Tournament.
- Finished the regular season in 1st place with 14 wins and 2 losses.
- Finished Second in the WRL City Playoffs and received silver medals.
- Won the gold medals in the Provincial Championships.
- At the BVRA Banquet, awards were given to:
  - MVP – Isobel Fulford
  - Most Improved – Grace Radford
  - Sportsmanship – Evelyne Seguire
  - Blaze – Caylee Wilson



#### U16A Team

Head Coach: Justin St. Louis

Assistant Coach: Sarah Beatty

Assistant Coach: Joelle Marchenko

Assistant Coach: Dale Hawthorn

Assistant Coach: Alexis English

Assistant Coach: Blair Fraser

Manager: Shane Bosch

- The coaches reported that they had a great season.
- Roster size was 15. 14 players and one goalie.
- Tournaments entered this season:
  - BVRA Pre-Season Tournament – Won bronze medal.
  - Travelled to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan for the Bernadette Price Memorial Tournament – placed 6th.
  - Mid Canada Ringette Tournament – placed 4th.
  - Travelled to Kelowna, British Columbia for Kelowna Ringette Association Sweetheart Tournament.
- Finished the regular season in 4th place with 9 wins, 2 ties, and 9 losses.
- Went on to Provincials where they won the bronze medals.
- At the BVRA Banquet, awards were given to:
  - MVP – Gaby Smeets
  - Most Improved – Isla Fraser
  - Sportsmanship – Raelle St. Louis
  - Blaze – Isla Hawthorn

#### Notes from coaches:

- There were lots of positives, especially around the culture the athletes on this team created for themselves in the dressing room.
- This group was positive and pushed each other to be both better on and off the ice.
- Attendance for practices, games and dryland training was terrific, aside from a few injuries and illnesses that generally occur throughout the season.

#### Feedback from coaches:



- It is a very real struggle when only having one goal tender and she gets injured. They went almost two months without a goalie. It meant that the coach was often on the hunt for a goalie to fill in to enable the team to play games and in tournaments. The team was very thankful for the support they received from the other teams in their loop and the U16B loop in the area.
- The decision to add the second Eastman team midway through tryouts required a shift in their player strategy as an entire team of players they were tracking became unavailable with 1 tryout left. They felt there was a lot of time leading up to tryouts where those conversations about an additional team could have been worked through with WRL and the associations.

Bronwyn Dobson

BVRA U16 Age Loop Rep

### **U19: Gus Castaneda**

The U19 team had a season defined by growth, resilience, and memorable moments. One of the biggest highlights came at the Jim Benning Tournament in Regina, where the team battled a strong squad from Laval, Quebec in an intense back-and-forth matchup that showcased their determination and teamwork. The players continued to compete hard throughout the season while building strong connections on and off the ice. The team also earned a Silver Medal at the Beausejour Tournament, adding another proud accomplishment to a memorable year.

### **U19A – Team Toba**

The U19A Team Toba program enjoyed an outstanding season marked by both competitive success and strong team culture. The team captured the U19A Provincial Championship and earned a Silver Medal at the Western Canadian Ringette Championships, highlighting their commitment and hard work throughout the year. Additional tournament success included a Bronze Medal at the BVRA Tournament, Gold at the Calgary Bow View Jingle Ring Tournament, and Silver at the Mid Canada Tournament. Beyond the medals, the season was filled with memorable experiences from dryland training sessions and team bonding events to a November trip to Calgary and Banff that helped build lasting friendships and a strong sense of team unity.

Regards, **Gus Castaneda**; U19 BVRA Loop Rep



**Equipment: Kevin Sim**

**2025/2026 Equipment Manager annual report for AGM**

This was my first year as equipment manager. Many thanks to Uri Marchenko for his contributions in this role for the past many years and his words of wisdom in the transition to me taking over. Also, many thanks to the board members and coaches for the support and patience as I navigated through the first year.

The goal for the year was to maintain equipment support to all of the various activities - 3x3, tryouts, camps and season.

The change in scheduling with high performance teams starting earlier (September) was challenging as it left little notice to prepare equipment ahead of ice times. This was also compounded by equipment being still used in other programs (3x3, tryouts), or prior season coaches retaining equipment. In the end, everything was managed and coaches received their equipment in time. Lessons learned from this past season will be applied to preparations this fall.

Inventory of all equipment was taken over the summer and logged accordingly. We have an excess of old jerseys and equipment in disrepair that will need to be dealt with this season. The current equipment room is located in ODR 4 at Dakota CC. This season, we were not notified but ended up sharing space with the Dakota Collegiate hockey program.

Equipment purchases through the year included new coach equipment bags, rings, magnetic shooting targets, and ice packs. A set of goalie pads and youth goalie sticks were also purchased for use in the R4U program.

For next season, we will look to replace some of the older equipment. While it is difficult to predict demand for goalie equipment in particular, some of the equipment is quite old, in disrepair and will be better off to replace than to try and repair.

Kevin S



**Minor officials: Keith Kaderle**

Minor Officials 2025/2026 BVRA Annual Report

A total number of shifts from BVRA Pre-season tournament, regular season and WRL playoffs are presented below:

- 636 Timekeeping shifts (PY 588)
- 201 Shot clock shifts (PY 191)

Additional shifts for exhibition games were scheduled throughout the year.

BVRA holds a total of seven portable shot clocks. During the year (two clocks needed to be repaired). Currently, an additional two clocks are out for repairs prior to the beginning of the next season.

Inventory: 2 are out with operators, 2 for repairs and 3 at the Dakota BVRA equipment room.

There was a total of 5 missed scheduled shifts this year.

Otherwise, the year was a success and I want to thank all the minor officials for their hard work.

**Social media / Website Master Venessa Hildebrand**

75 posts on Instagram from June to present

Instagram Followers: 1039

Facebook Followers: 439



**2025 AGM Meeting Minutes**

**MINUTES**

**BVRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Winnipeg, MB

**May 28th, 2025 at 6:00PM**

**Attendance:**

President – Lev Kearney	Coaching Director – Tara Gilkes
Vice-President – Vacant	WRL Rep - Yvan Freynet – Regrets
Secretary – Jennifer Nault	AA – Jennifer Daman & Kristin Farkas
Treasurer – Dale Hawthorn	Registrar - Amanda Smeets
Player Development- Deanne Sutherland	Ice Convenor – Kim Sanford
Minor Officials – Keith Kaderle	Equipment Manager – Uri Marchenko
R4U – Kelly House	Age Rep / Member at Large – Luc Lesage
Webmaster / Social Media – Tina Carlson	Age Rep / Member at Large – Shannon Hiebert
Age Rep / Member at Large - Mark Graceffo – Regrets	Age Rep / Member at Large - Erika Bloomfield
Age Rep / Member at Large – Bronwyn Dobson	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
1.	<b>Call to Order at 6:05 pm</b>	
2.	<b>Welcome by President – Lev Kearney</b>	
3.	<b>Voting Procedure Review</b>	
4.	<p><b>Agenda Approval:</b> Approval of Agenda for AGM</p> <p>Motion to accept: Keith Second by: Tara All in favour: 25 Agenda Approved</p>	



5.	<p><b>2024 AGM Meeting Minutes Approval:</b></p> <p>Motion to accept: Bronwyn          Second by: Shannon          All in favour: 25          Minutes Approved</p>	
6.	<p><b>Executive Reports:</b></p> <p><b>President:</b>          Report as submitted in AGM package</p> <p><b>Vice President:</b>          Vacant – no report submitted</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profit and Loss             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revenue somewhat flat year over year with \$554,000 in revenue, which was roughly \$14,000 ahead of last year</li> <li>○ Expenses were higher than prior year with the following being the largest drivers:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ice - cost per sheet at various arena has increased</li> <li>▪ Fees - WRL/RM/HP were all higher than prior years</li> <li>▪ Officials - Timekeepers, shotclock operators, referees were all higher than prior year due to fee increases</li> <li>▪ Player subsidies and refunds - while a great thing to do, does cost the organization money</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Net loss of roughly \$24,000 was experienced this year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Balance Sheet             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total assets of ~\$129,000 with total liabilities of ~\$80,000</li> <li>○ Current ratio, which is a measure of liquidity of an organization sits at 2.03:1, which is very good. The benchmark for this ratio is 1:1, where we are higher than that which shows a strong balance sheet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statement of Cash Flows             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shows how cash was utilized by the organization</li> <li>○ Begins with the Net Loss experienced, then changes in assets and liabilities</li> <li>○ Net change is effectively flat with \$180 being the net change in cash year over year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Forward Looking             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The financial results give rise to the need for proper budgeting and oversight of our various programs that we operate under BVRA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will work with various board members over the summer to put this together for the upcoming season</li> <li>○ Will also work towards more timely financial reporting for the Board to make effective decisions</li> <li>○ Cash management is key. Continuing to focus on this on a go-forward basis</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Items:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BVRA incorporation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continuing to do our homework on this and seek guidance from Ringette Manitoba</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Directors and Officers Insurance               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More of the cover your buns stuff. Important to consider the incorporation decision in tandem</li> <li>▪ Decisions would impact potential coverages, premiums, etc.</li> <li>▪ Would look to seek legal counsel on the topic to ensure we are structuring this all properly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>WRL:</b> Report as submitted in AGM package</p> <p><b>AA:</b> Report as submitted in AGM package</p> <p><b>Registrar:</b> Report as submitted in AGM package</p> <p><b>Player Development:</b> Report as submitted in AGM package</p> <p><b>Coaching:</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>R4U:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year R4U had 54 registrants (down from 61 in 2023/2024)       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 29 returning players,</li> <li>○ 26 first time players (down from 35 in 2023/2024)</li> <li>○ 0 subsidized players</li> </ul> </li> <li>• During the regular season players were divided into 4 teams (13/14/14/13)       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due to the reduced number of new participants after our come try in September team</li> <li>○ sizes ended up being smaller than expected (2023/2024 had 2 or 3, 2023/2024 had 10)</li> <li>○ Re-evaluate this for the coming year to go back to sizes of 18-20 with only 3 teams.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Practice ice was shared (2 teams per ice time), resulted in ice time costs being reduced from 2023/2024 by aprox \$4,000</li> <li>○ 2-3 RM instructors were supplied per ice time.</li> <li>● 2 Come Try's       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each session hosted 12-15 new skaters. Participating families were engaged and appreciated the opportunity for their players to get on the ice and engage with the volunteers and coaches</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Family Skate       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One ice time, was not able to coordinate Santa and Mrs Claus to attend so was promoted as a family skate.</li> <li>○ significantly fewer participants than in the past (20 in 2024/2025 vs 45-50 in 2023/2024)</li> <li>○ presented a great opportunity for U14AA and U16AA players to give back to community initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>● "Junior Coaches"       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This year each team had 1-2 junior coaches on the ice supporting the coaches.</li> <li>○ These were players from our U14-U19 age groups.</li> <li>○ This added 8 new opportunities for building leadership and supporting our youngest players to engage in the sport of Ringette.</li> <li>○ Great feedback from both coaches, players and families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Grad Games       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8 teams were formed by combining registrants from various associations – BVRA (20), SJRA (2), TRA (8), NWRA (4), Interlake (4), MacDonald (15), Steinbach (10), Beausejour (6), Red River (8), Oakbank (6), Lorette (18)</li> <li>○ RM provided instructors, positive feedback from parents and players.</li> <li>○ Made a couple of hundred dollars off of grad games</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Points to Consider       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ U10 became a 3 year age category in 2024/2025 season</li> <li>○ 35 players were eligible to move into the U10 age loop this coming season, 21 of those were born in 2017 which would have previously had another year in R4U</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Financials       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approved Budget \$4,000 for PR.</li> <li>○ Actual PR cost \$ with recuperated costs of \$3,300.00 for grad games for a total Net Cost of \$1,030</li> <li>○ R4U subsidized cost \$5,580 down from aprox \$10,000 in 2023/2024, this is largely due to reduced ice costs</li> <li>○ Recommendations           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2025/2026 PR Budget \$4,000 to allow for room for expansion of grad games, instructors, additional come try events.</li> <li>▪ Continue to subsidize RAMP costs for teams</li> <li>▪ Continue to subsidize 1<sup>st</sup> year player registration costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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7.	<p><b>Club Reports</b></p> <p><b>U10</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>U12</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>U14</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>U16</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>U19</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>Ice</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still have gear outstanding sent out an email to have everything in by June 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Need to do a full inventory and see what is needed</li> <li>• Focus this past year was to get a coaches package including ice packs etc – well received</li> <li>• List of duties has been sent to Lev</li> </ul> <p><b>Minor Officials / U14</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p> <p><b>Webmaster/Social Media</b> Report as submitted in AGM Package</p>	
8.	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p>All voters have received log in information in order to vote via email</p> <p>Positions up for election this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President</li> <li>- Vice President</li> <li>- Secretary</li> <li>- WRL Rep</li> <li>- Coaching Director</li> <li>- Webmaster / Social Media</li> <li>- R4U</li> <li>- Age Loop Rep #1</li> <li>- Age Loop Rep #2</li> <li>- Equipment Manager</li> </ul>	



<p>- Ice Convenor</p> <p><b>President –</b> Lev Kearney put name forward In Favour – 21 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 5 Approved</p> <p><b>Vice President</b> No one has put their name forward for this position Asked for nominations from the floor x3 Position will remain vacant</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Christine Heise put name forward In Favour – 22 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 4 Approved</p> <p><b>WRL Rep</b> Jeff Herkimer put name forward In Favour – 22 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 4 Approved</p> <p><b>Coaching Director</b> Tara Gilkes put name forward In Favour – 24 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 2 Approved</p> <p><b>WebMaster/Social Media</b> Venessa Hildebrand put name forward In Favour – 25 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 1 Approved</p> <p><b>R4U</b> Kelly House &amp; Kim Radford put name forward In Favour – 23 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 3 Approved</p>	
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	<p><b>Age Loop #1</b> Gus Castaneda put name forward In Favour – 23 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 3 Approved</p> <p><b>Age Loop #2</b> No one has put their name forward for this position Asked for nominations from the floor x3 Position will remain vacant</p> <p><b>Equipment Manager</b> Kevin Sim put name forward In Favour – 24 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 2 Approved</p> <p><b>Ice Convenor</b> Kim Sandford put name forward In Favour – 21 Opposed - 0 Abstention - 5 Approved</p>	
9.	<p><b>Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>WRL structure next season</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breaking into 3 categories youth, HP &amp; adult</li> <li>- Not much change to season for the youth division</li> <li>- HP may be longer, increase opt outs and more games increasing to 20 games starting in end of September beg of October</li> <li>- No change to WRL playoffs</li> <li>- No impact on BVRA tournament</li> <li>- Lots of planning and details to work out</li> <li>- Due to minimal teams as AA allows for more games and helps with scheduling due to cross over games.</li> <li>- More updates over the summer</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Q. Do we usually operate at a loss</b> A. Not normally this year was unique</p> <p><b>Q. Incorporation do we have our own insurance</b></p>	



	<p>A. No we don't, for liability, working with RM to acquire director's insurance for liability. Ringette activities are sanctioned so we are covered under RM</p>	
9.	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 7:02PM</b> Motion by Dale to Adjourn Second by Kelly All in favour</p>	