

Chatham Ringette Association

MONTHLY MEETING – FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday February 18, 2025 - 7:00 pm – Blue Line Room – Thames Campus

Attendees: Eric Vandermeer, Amy McLellan, Paul Norris, Paul Vilaranda, Krissy Crow, Kara Jenner, Marty Wysman, Lisa Lumley, Amanda Willemsma, Blair Charlton, Kelly Ladd, Bobbi-jo Ferren

Absent: Jenn Bonvarlez, Tonya Cummings, Nadeane Brull

Call to Order: Krissy Crow- 7:08pm

Approval of the Last Minutes-MOTION- Amanda Willemsma- **SECOND-** Paul Vilaranda

Committee Reports

1. **Chair – Krissy Crow**

- a. Chatham Ringette Night with the Maroons- Nothing available for the 2024/2025 season.
- b. Banquet date/time - banquet committee- Sunday, April 13th, 2025- Boston Pizza and Lisa Lester to be contacted
- c. Injury Reporting – Ringette Ontario- Eric and Krissy reached out to Josh Hamilton to submit some injury reports, there is a flaw with how injury reports are handled, conducted and corresponded on concerning submitted reports.

MOTION- Amanda Willemsma- When an injury occurs trainer is to submit an injury form to Ringette Ontario; as well as, copy of the form and a notification email sent to the Risk Manager- **SECOND-** Paul Norris- **ALL IN FAVOUR- 10**

- d. Board roles- Amanda Willemsma- providing board member role overview for all association members to find information about members and their specific roles/duties. Eric- creating a separate page that indicates the name, title, job description for individuals to view and read through so that people know where to direct their questions and concerns.

- e. Next season discussion- Focus on the current year, as board members, trying to establish conversations surrounding the current year and toning down what next year could look like.
- 2. Vice Chair – Eric Vandermeer
 - a. LiveBarn Update/Schedule- It is LIVE and active. Working on separating control of the cameras for permissions to be given from ourselves rather than asking KMH to turn cameras on. A dual control permission.
 - b. Player intent form for next season- LIVE on Western Region Website. Gathered emails from U14, U16, U19 eligible players to indicate their intention for playing at what level and location.
 - c. Team Photos- emails sent to coaches indicating digital photos of teams to thank sponsors. Amy- has a Thank you email drafted and available for teams to provide.
- 3. Registration- Jenn Bonvarlez- Krissy Crow
 - a. Tabling discussion concerning registration fees, raising costs, restructuring costs for travel vs. house-league teams. Waiting to have a discussion once the season is over.
- 4. Treasurer – Tonya Cummings
 - a. League Fees- we need to create some consistency between LORL and Great Lakes-

MOTION- Eric Vandermeer- to provide funds for year-end-tournament fees for the 2024/2025 season in lue of not qualifying for provincials-

SECOND- Kara Jenner- ALL IN FAVOUR- 9, 1 abstained

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT- APPROVAL BASED ON NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT- GLRL fees to \$555- Kara Jenner- SECOND- Paul Vilaranda- ALL IN FAVOUR- 10

- 5. Ice Scheduler – Paul Vilaranda
 - a. Scheduling a practice at the end of our Sunday games to provide room for game play.
 - b. U12 team- requested 3 additional practices- March 23, 29, 30- Association to cover the cost of practices.
- 6. Sponsorship & Fundraising – Amy McLellan
 - a. Letters Sent to Corporate Sponsors- Asking if Eric Vandermeer can follow-up with those corporations he was included in on the original email sent. Kinsman- Eric will reach out.
 - b. Power Skating- ice booked for Springette, Summer ice request form is already out for June and July. NRL camp for August is booked. Use of ice, mid-late August.

7. **Public Relations – Lisa Lumley**

- a. In season vs. off season BINGO slot idea- To help boost potential volunteers, during the summer, if someone does a slot above what is needed could it go towards someone's registration- BINGO is to stay as an association fundraiser to put money back into the association.

MOTION- Amanda Willemsma- for the 2025/2026 season to bring back the \$100 fundraising fee additional on registration fees with the use of paper tickets - SECOND- Amy McLellan- All in Favour- 10

- b. Springette registration and promotion

MOTION- Lisa Lumley- for the registration cost of Springette to be \$150- SECOND- Amanda Willemsma- All in favour- 10

- c. NRS information- August- 11TH-15TH- Registration goes LIVE Feb. 20th, Lisa to create socials and communication for managers to send to teams and increase the amount of players eligible to register to 30.
- d. Feedback form- End of season feedback form **NOT anonymous**. To add information to the Ringette Board to email general inquiries. .
- e. University game showcase- Discussion on bringing in University teams to come and play and allow our players to come and watch a game or to have the option to learn from University level players.
- f. Ringette lines at all arenas- Cost of putting Ringette lines in at all arenas- \$300. If we look to pick up ice and go to another arena outside the norm, how can we ensure that all arenas have the lines?
- g. March 15th- U14's play at 12pm- to encourage the Learn-to-Skate players to stay and watch.

8. **Equipment – Marty Wyman**

- a. State- Equipment room checks at the beginning and the ending of the season. There seems to be a lot of additional things. Too many individuals have access.
- b. Paul Volaranda to Inquiry about the condition of our equipment room with the city.
- c. Blair and Jenn have indicated interest to go through the room and inventory/catalogue everything.

9. **Coaching Coordinator – Paul Norris**

- a. Coaching Applications 2025-2026- Provincial coach applications first. Regional applications later date. To be held separately.
- 10. **Webmaster** – Eric Vandermeer
 - a. Uploaded travel photos to each teams' site
 - b. Uploading sponsorship logos potentially online
- 11. **Referee in Chief** – Amanda Willemsma- N/A
- 12. **Risk Manager** – Paul Vilaranda- N/A
- 13. **Player Representative** – Kara Jenner- N/A
- 14. **Health and Safety** – Nadeane Brull- N/A
- 15. **New Business**
 - a. Fun2 plans for next season – proposal from Kyle Goldsmith – see below:

Create a "Fun 2" program to promote and grow ringette in Chatham-Kent. I believe a program with 20 to 24 children would be a sufficient starting point.

To fund this initiative, I propose a \$35 or \$45 increase to our registration fee. With 125 children currently registered, this would generate an additional \$4,375 or \$5,625 annually, allowing us to add extra ice time to the season.

My proposal is to add a 9:00 AM Saturday morning ice time slot.

*This would result in the following schedule for next year: * Monday:*

** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Fun 1 / Learn to Skate*

** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Fun 2 Game Night (half ice) / Fun 3 Practice*

** 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: U12/U14 House League Game*

** 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Open League*

** Thursday:*

** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Travel Practice*

** Saturday:*

** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Fun 2 Practice/games*

** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Learn to Skate (to leave at the 11am timeslot)*

** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Fun 3 / U12/U14 Practice/Games (switch with the 10:00am)*

- Kelly Ladd- Expressed frustrations with having two drastically different age groups on the ice at the same time. Looking to help develop each division on their own. She would like to see kids build their ability to play ringette at the FUN2 level while FUN3 is engaging more into game play and drill based learning.
- Tabling this idea, utilizing what we see above and the points made at the meeting to consider how to create these divisions. The idea is to consider the numbers and have ideas already generated from a committee to consider how to factor these in.
- Potential Committee- Treasurer, Ice Scheduler, Convenor of the Division.
- Idea of creating an infographic or email to outline to LTS players what opportunities exist after LTS and what the FUN2 division is like.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 18th – Thames Campus BLUE LINE ROOM

MOTION- Adjournment- Kara Jenner- SECOND- Paul Norris- 9:23pm