

Chatham Ringette Association
MONTHLY MEETING – FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday February 10, 2026 - 7:00 pm – Blue Line Room – Thames Campus

Attendees: Eric Vandermeer, Paul Vilaranda, Krissy Crow, Tonya Cummings, Amanda Willemsma, Blair Charlton, Jenn Bonvarlez, Kelly Ladd, Lindsey Arnold, Donna Holly, Kyle Goldsmith, Kristyn Jackson, Carri Chapple

Division Convenors/Coaches: Bobbi-Jo Ferren, Shane McDowell

Regrets: Blair Charlton, Kristyn Jackson, Paul Vilaranda, Donna Holly

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting - motion to approve: Lindsey A., seconded by: Kyle G.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. **Chair** – Krissy Crow
 - i. **Welcome to the Board Carri!**
 - ii. **Ringette Banquet** – Sunday April 26th – sign-up out to families on March 1
 - iii. **Team Formation Document** – next year plans → player intent form opens February 23 and closes March 16. A few issues with this policy including the minimum number of players for each age level (12 players + goalie). Also rules of underage players and overage players – will not be allowed if there is a viable team for that age group. B/C level teams can have 10 players plus 1 goalie.
 - b. **Vice Chair/Webmaster** – Eric Vandermeer → social media has all permissions out to those who need it. Still require a list of sponsors to update the website and remove those who are not sponsoring anymore/add in those who are not posted on the website. Break out the sponsors into each team and association on the website.
 - c. **Registrar/Equipment** – Jenn Bonvarlez → change over of rings for some teams that need new ones, and old ones can be used for house league (shared house league loop of rings).
 - d. **Secretary/Player Representative** – Blair Charlton

e. **Treasurer** – Tonya Cummings → quite month for items coming in and payments going out. Ice expense only goes up until the end of January. Looking to break even at the end of the season. Eric checking in to outstanding balances and sending reminders for families to go in and pay those as soon as possible. Motion to approve – Amanda W., seconded by: Jenn B. – All in favour

f. **Ice Scheduler** – Paul Vilaranda

i. Springette Ice → Eric worked with Nate with the municipality, and Friday ice time is open for Springette at 7:30pm and 8:30pm. Adults will be Monday's 8:30pm. Will start the second week of April (avoiding Good Friday the first week) for the total of 7 weeks.

g. **Sponsorship & Fundraising** – Kelly Ladd → looking at grants for the association and determining when those need to be applied to during the year. We have applied to Walmart for \$1000. Kelly will continue applying for grants with various companies across various profiles (ie. Ford, Sobey's, etc.)

h. **Bingo Report** – Donna Holly → Nothing to report

i. **Public Relations/Social Media** – Kyle Goldsmith/Kristyn Jackson

i. Showcase Game → Universities teams are unable to participate, so back to finding teams to participate. Potentially looking at NRL teams to play in a showcase game. The drive is the biggest restriction as they want their purpose of coming here to work with players and then play a game. Potentially looking at a 3 vs. 3 type tournaments with the NRL players running the benches. September 19th and 26th are potential dates for this event. Will look at ice allocation in May – can request a one day tournament for this event.

ii. 3 vs 3 → see above item

iii. Boston Pizza → lock down a date for the association to do this fundraiser potentially in March (March 25th ideally).

iv. Pictures for Social Media → want to post more but need photos from all of the teams to be able to share equally. Also looking to post digital photos of each team. Jenn will look at anyone who has checked off that their photo cannot be shared. Also bingo posts will be sent to the social media email so we can properly post for Riverview Gaming.

v. NRS Registration → currently 4 players registered.

j. Coaching Coordinator – Lindsey Arnold

i. Youldon Group Seminar Follow-up → went very well and had amazing feedback from coaches. Would like to do this again in the future and coordinate it so that it focuses a little on each age level where we host a team.

Lindsey is in the final stages of a coaching handbook and is now looking for someone outside of our current coaches to review the document and provide feedback. Potentially going to hand the document over to Kara J. to see if she will look at it as a former ringette player and see if she could start a season with it.

ii. Coaches Corner → February 25th which would align with the U16A Boston Pizza fundraiser event.

k. **Referee in Chief** – Amanda Willemsma → Amanda created a document for an official's policy – please read it over and send her any feedback. We will look at the document in the March meeting to approve and post to our association members.

l. **Risk Manager** – Carri Chapple → will get a handle on this role

4. New Business

i. Sponsorship of a Chatham Youth Soccer team(s) → Kyle is going to use PR funds to sponsor a youth soccer team(s) to put the association logo out into a Spring/Summer environment.

MOTION: To sponsor two teams for a total of \$700 for the Chatham Soccer Club youth division with the Chatham Thunder logo and jersey colour – female division age group 5-6 year olds and U10.

Motioned by: Kyle Goldsmith, seconded by: Amanda Willemsma - CARRIED

5. Next Meeting – **Tuesday March 10, 2026** – 7:00pm Thames Campus Blue Line Room

6. Adjournment – Motion: Kelly L, Seconded by: Amanda W.