

Chatham Ringette Association
Monthly Meeting- Tuesday, November 12th, 2024- 7:00PM
BLUE LINE ROOM- THAMES CAMPUS

Attendees: Eric Vandermeer, Paul Norris, Paul Vilaranda, Krissy Crow, Kara Jenner, Tonya Cumminings, Nadeane Brull, Marty Wysman, Amanda Willemsma, Blair Charlton, Jenn Bonvarlez, Bobbi-Jo Ferren, Amy McLellan

Call to Order- Krissy Crow- 7:03AM

Approval of minutes- MOTION TO APPROVE- Paul Vilaranda, **SECOND-** Marty Wysman

A) Chair- Krissy Crow

- a) Overview of Ringette Ontario Meeting- 2025/2026 Proposed formation attached- DRAFT- intent to host, tryout timeline, 12 skaters 1 goalie in order to be viable, coaching standards adding in keeping girls in sports as part of coaching certification, etc.
 - i) Eric Vandermeer- while this is a working draft, RO is accepting constructive feedback- limiting discussion or feedback. Great Lakes Ringette is raising a concern with the tryout timeline versus season timeline.
- b) RO Annual General Meeting- November 28th
- c) Ringette Banquet- Sunday, April 27th, 2025
- d) Burlington Tournament- waiting on schedules for the tournament.
- e) Santa Claus Parade- Friday, November 15th, 2024
- f) CRA December Meeting-
- g) Covering Regional/Provincial/Championship registration fees- as of right now we now annually cover \$975- going to continue this same motion.

B) Vice- Chair- Eric Vandermeer

- a) Website- Looking for feedback, to review each clickable option on our platform to see what could be missing or could be changed in order to make it more transparent and accessible.
- b) Ice Schedule- city now has discounted ice up- \$106.29/hr + HST PER hour. Call 519-360-1998 to book. Updated MONDAY MORNINGS! Extra Insurance- Extra \$1
- c) November 30th, 2024- 8:00am-5pm Ridgeway Arena- Photo Retakes

C) Registrar- Jenn Bonvarlez

- a) Player Discount- FUN3 player looking for goalie discount code since player is now going to be playing goalie full time
 - i) Eric Vandermeer- We have always encouraged FUN3 to rotate and try it out. U12 and up are provided the goalie discount.
 - ii) **MOTION-** Jenn Bonvarlez- to allow the FUN3 travel goalie to have the half price goalie discount- **SECOND-** Kara Jenner- 12 in favor, 1 abstained.

- b) Recent Refunds of Registration- lost two LTS/FUN1 players
- c) Respect in Sport- asked for an October 31st deadline of all players to have it completed. Jenn pushed the date but we still have so many who have not completed it. As outlined, it is mandatory to be completed as per RO or registration can be altered. An email is to be sent directly to each parent, to indicate a deadline to complete.
 - i) MOTION- Jenn Bonvarlez- to be completed by all outstanding players as of Sunday, November 17th, 2024- end of Sunday- SECOND- Amanda Willemsma- All in favor.

D) Treasurer- Tonya Cummings

- a) Treasurer report
 - i) MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPORT- Paul Vilaranda- SECOND- Nadeane Brull

E) Ice scheduler- Paul Vilaranda

- a) Second Half Season Scheduling: We provided the second half of our ice-schedule on deadline. Waiting on the schedule for the second half of season as many associations are adding divisions/teams.

F) Public Relations- Lisa Lumley

- a) Haunted House Report- \$434 made- good feedback, looking to build publicity next year by incorporating flyers and players to assist with advertising.
- b) Home ice 2025- older teams play first- looking to adjust second half of ice scheduling
- c) AP Package- some coaches invite AP players to their travel practice the week that they play, some coaches indicate they want AP players at all practices. Normally this is to the discretion of the coach of the team receiving an AP player.
 - i) We are encouraging the U12 AP Player- the LORL standard- 5 games and a tournament. If a player is looking to continue in the New Year, they will be encouraged to pay the half season registration fee.
- d) Custom Jersey Order
 - i) MOTION- to allow players to purchase their own jersey in a number 20 and above in red and white to own their own jersey. MOTION- waved/denied.
- e) Letterhead
 - i) MOTION- Lisa Lumley-to use new letterhead- SECOND- Amy McLellan

G) Sponsorship & Fundraising- Amy McLellan

- a) Screenart.ca- clothing fundraiser- LIVE NOW- \$5 kick-back for every item sold.
 - i) Asking for RED,WHITE, BLACK colour options- remove NAVY, add RED. Considering adding a VEST option.

H) Equipment Manager- Marty Wysman

- a) RINGS?- still waiting to hear if there are more rings.

I) Coaching Coordinator- Paul Norris

- a) Qualifications Updates- linking respectful sport to their locker.
- b) Coaches Meeting- met at the beginning of the season, now meeting for the second time. The meeting is met to discuss things that are and are not going well- looking for ways to boost and assist others.

J) Referee in Chief- Amanda Willemsma

- a) Needing to seek out assistance outside of our registration on Sundays so that the same 2 referees are not handling all four games - will need to cover mileage for referees.

K) Risk Manager- Paul Volaranda

- a) Ice Conditions

L) Player Representative- Kara Jenner

- a) Bullying Committee Update- Four emails from 3 families. We brought in two non-associated members of Chatham Ringette. We sent off emails to have them viewed with names removed. We sent the policy, our steps so far and our next set of steps for them to review. We are looking to discuss via email to those that expressed concerns about the outcome of our investigation. We are aiming to discuss face-to-face conversations concerning the bully and their family to discuss the results of the investigation and outline what actions are deemed bullying. Committee members talked with U12/FUN3 players on the ice- led a team building exercise, and also had an off-ice opportunity. We also want to address the issue of the inconsistencies with the house league structure of making sure that specific teams are in their specific rooms. That there is a den mother in place to ensure consistency and behaviour. Heading out to have their skates tied.
- b) New Bullying Policy- The intent is that it is posted to the website and to be signed off on immediately by players, parents, coaches, on/off-ice volunteers and board members. Similar to Respect in Sport- this will also be tied to specific registration every season.
 - i) MOTION- Kara Jenner to approve the policy and have sent out to all members of the association- SECOND- Amanda Willemsma

M) Health and Safety- Nadeane Brull

- a) Med alert/allergy forms- putting these online

N) New Business

- a) Paul Vilaranda- U16 age house league player- late registrant, not having completed try-outs, she is interested in playing again, committed to other sports outside of ringette so may not need a full registration but instead

looking to see if she can be added to the roster and play for the U16 division.

- i) MOTION- Paul Vilaranda- to add KV U16 player to our U16 divisional roster full-time- SECOND- Nadeane Brull

O) Next Meeting- Tuesday December 10th, 2024- Location TBD

MOTION TO ADJOURN- Paul Norris- SECOND- Marty Wysman