



Edmonton Ringette
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
 Google Meet
 6:30 p.m. June 18, 2025

Attendees	Present	Not Present		
Dustin Friel (President)	Kyla Amrhein (1st Vice-President)	Katie Vigen (2nd Vice-President)	Karen Garlitos (Internal Director)	Erin McDonald (Secretary)
Carla Steadman (Registrar)	Jeff Kidd (Treasurer)	<u>Vacant</u> (Active Start Director)	<u>Vacant</u> (U10 S1/2 Director)	Karly Veenstra (U10 S3 Director)
Keely Brown (U12 Co-Director)	Shauna Shaker (U12 Co-Director)	Shawna Davison (U14 Co-Director)	<u>Keith Giese</u> (U14 Co-Director)	Krisy Geiger (U16 Director)
Tyler Crago (U19 Director)	Jody Dansereau (U19 Director)	<u>Sonja Wicentowich</u> (Goalie Director)	<u>Vacant</u> (Inclusion Director)	Marc Martinez (Coaching Director)
<u>Vacant</u> (RFA Director)	<u>Vacant</u> (Silver Ring Director)	<u>Ruth Mullins</u> (Volunteer Coordinator)	Jessie Egger (Player Development)	Tim Mullen (Equipment Director)
Erin Lawson (Evaluations Director)	Amy McKenzie (Evaluations Director-Shadow)	Tracy Cameron (Social Media Coordinator)	Richard Nolan (Fundraising Director)	Lasha Shesky (Recruitment Director)
Kim Patten (Open Director, Referee Director, Ice Allocator)				

Quorum Reached

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Dustin Friel.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **MOTION:** to approve the agenda as written. Motion by Kyla Amrhein and seconded by Kim Patten, carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- **MOTION:** to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Kim Patten and seconded by Kyla, carried.

4. Season Start-up/Evaluations (Update provided by Karen)

- Do we have ice yet for evaluations? Yes... Russ Barns
- Don't sign contract till the middle of July for upcoming seasons ice
- tentative contract has been reached with the city
- Evaluations:
 - Edmonton Ringette Club won't need any ice past the long weekend
 - prep skates start August 23 for U10-14
 - UAA's will run August 24 contracted to Competitive Thread
 - U16/U19 will begin around the Monday of the long weekend
 - Game Skates to follow.
- A meeting date of August 18th has been identified to get together all of the division directors to go over evaluation processes and policies.
 - How the evaluations are going to run
 - organize volunteers
 - Will be looking at registration numbers later in the summer to determine any additional ice needs and set the evaluation schedule

Introductions

Dustin Friel - President - replacing Gord / has a daughter who plays goalie in U19 - started in active start and worked all the way up

Jeff Kidd - treasure / daughter plays second year u14

Carla Steadman - registrar - new to ringette / daughter played U12 last year

Erin McDonald - secretary / two daughters in ringette played U12 and U10 last year

Karen Garlitos - 4th year as Internal Director, has served in other roles on the board / daughter played U16 last year

Katie Vigen - 2nd VP - played ringette herself and has twin daughters who played U19 last season

Keith Giese - was the U14 director (currently in limbo) / has reffed ringette for a long time / daughter in U14 - also coached

Kim Patten - ice allocator, open director and officials coordinator - daughters play in open

Kristy Geiger - U16 director - daughter played U14 last year (previous Silver Ring Director)

Kyla Amrhein- assistant coached, coached, director, now VP, - played as a goalie / daughters play in U10 and U12

Marc Martinez - taking on coaching director /daughter played U10

Ruth Mullins - Volunteer director /daughter played U12

Sonja Wicentowich - Goalie director /daughter played u12

5. Treasurer Update

- Update provided by Jeff Kidd.

- Would like to have a focus on understanding if the money were spending is being utilized to its fullest potential
- cost performance
- Utilizing surplus dollars on jerseys as we don't have the ability to replace all jerseys
- The budget does not have money marked for U10/U12 champions or provincials. This needs to be communicated to teams early on as a cost
- Focus on finding sponsorships opportunities
- Looking for individuals to review the budget, our transactions and keep us accountable/ transparent
- Kim brought up the possibility of including a reffing development into the budget
- MOTION: to approve the budget by Katie seconded by Kim, carried

6. Ice/Facilities Update

- Update provided by Kim Patten.
- Waiting on CAC will find out at the end of June
- Matt (HSL) won't know till closer to the start
- Ice contract should be signed by the end of July
- Send August Ice times to Erin Lawson to create schedule for tryouts
- Loop Jessie and Carla in on ice availability to create development plan for extra ice in September

7. Registration

- Updated provided by Carla
- Registration is well underway for the upcoming season. Registration email along with AGM discount code has been sent out to families
- 77 players are registered so far which provides a total 55K, with 38K paid
- 5 new players (1-U14, 2-U12, 2-U10)
- Active start - 9 players
- RFA - 1 player
- 7 out of the 11 RAB casino credits have been used
- AGM code used 9 times

8. Inclusion Director

- Update provided by Karen Garlitos
- No director yet
- How to make ringette accessible to all socioeconomic groups
- Kim- community leagues will offer us to partner with a bingo
- 2 bingos a year could help to fund 2-3 players registration fees
- would require a bingo coordinator if we commit
- finding volunteers is a huge challenge
- Kayla - challenges we could face and the transparency we would need when choosing to cover financial costs
- Dustin - working with existing bingos instead of hosting our own
- Kim - CAC has a whole process and committee set up on those who are unable to fulfill registration requirements, information to be passed on to look at how to implement into Edmonton Ringette.

9. Come Try Ringette

- Update Kayla for Lasha Shesky.
- WEM wasn't as well attended as hoped
- Continue to promote

10. Officials

- Update provided by Kim
- over the age of 18 require a vulnerable sector check this year (maybe 15) waiting to see who will be returning
- Rule Change Year
- first stripes will return - taking on maybe 2 or 3 new refs
- would like to bring back the position of Referee in Chief - the position would be responsible for working with the younger refs, organizing, assigning, development and follow up (100-150 a month in other associations)
- Karen - what would the total cost be to the association?
- Kim - Is there money in the ref development fund? They could also attend U10/U12 practices to explain rules for both players and coaches
- Jeff - can see the value, however we still have many unknowns with ice costs which will affect the budget greatly
- Kim- would like to have this person in place before September to help organize
- Dustin - would be helpful to look at how other associations are implementing RIC's
- Karen - this is something the executive board can vote on in July once we have ice confirmed
- All refs were paid for 3 on 3 and it worked out well

11. Miscellaneous

Alberta Winter Games

- Provided by Karen for Lindsay
- Edmonton Ringette/Zone 6 (Edmonton has its own zone)
- Great opportunity and best way to inform everyone through instagram post and on the website
- important to reference the fees beforehand! \$50 to try out, \$150-250 to be a part of games. There is also swag costs and provide extra on food
- tryouts usually occur in October once the AA teams are formed
- polices you can not try out as a AA and preference is for U16 players
- lots of volunteer opportunities
- held in bonnieville/cold lake area

Active start / U10 changes

- Provided by Dustin
- goal is to try and retain more players
- Step 1 & 2 will be run in house with regular practice times and location based teams. The goal is to provide more development initiatives and allow for money jamboree style game play.
- Step 2 could then evolve through the year into full ice and allow for better growth and experience in Step 3/U12

- games would focus on having first stripe refs out on the ice
- discussion on how to communicate this to parents, how many practices a week, how to keep practices fresh
- MOTION: Put forward by Kim to pull U10 S1&S2 from Blackgold and run in house. Marc Seconds. Motion passed unanimous
- Next step - Creating a committee to put forward and move this motion into action.

BGL update

- provided by Karen and Kyla
- quick decision U16/19 moving to the 4 quarters which require 1h15min ice slots
- Lots of talk about ice, season games, week night ice for games
- Edmonton gives a lot of ice to Blackgold
- exhibitions games must be requested 2 weeks prior
- Silver ring dates were shared in session one (third weekend in November 21,22,23)
- increasing league fees because of the Fort Mac subsidy
- Discussion about U10 S1/S2 leaving BGL
- game sheets need to be filled out correctly, significant fines will occur this year
- Championship coordinator at the BGL Level due to inconsistency
- Need to limit the number of reschedules due to the cost (2 association blackouts, blackout for teams one for each session, one reschedule for the entire season per team, anything over and above is \$250)

12. Director's Round table

- U16 - Is there a night that during the week that ER does not have ice that we can share to allow for outside Powerskating registration
- Open - 2 teams and a new open A team

13. Adjourn Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

Next Meetings:

July Executive meeting

August 18, 2025 Evaluations/Season Start up (Executive, Evaluations Director, Ice Allocator, Division Directors)

August 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting 6:30pm

Items for next meeting:

Season Start-up/Evaluations

Division Directions Evaluation Info Meeting

Coach Selection

Player Development for 2025/26

Goalie Development for 2025/26
Silver Ring
U10 Step 1&2 Changes
Referee in Chief