

Kelowna Ringette Association

Board Meeting

6:30pm - Zoom Meeting

Dec 2, 2025

Attendees:

Pres: Bob Somerville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Dir-FUN-U12: Leah Tainaka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice President: Aaron Heck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Dir-Club-U14-Open: Andrea Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registrar: Janet Reiter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Divisional Dir-Zone-U14-U19: Jackie Nilsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer: Tracie Koebel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dir Managers and Jerseys: Tracy Allan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary: Dina Fiset-Kinzel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator-Social Media: Linette Sandor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coordinator- Equipment: Graham French	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinator-Ice Scheduler: Jenni Duff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Events Coordinator- Brooklyn Allan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Agenda Item		
1	Call to Order	6:45PM	
2	Additions to Agenda & approve Agenda \ 	-paid evaluators for next year? (Aaron) Motion to approve agenda: Aaron, 2nd by Linette - Passed Motion to approve Nov 4, 2025 Minutes: Aaron, 2nd by Janet - Passed	

	President report Bob	Absent	
	Vice-President Report Aaron	Nothing to Report	
	Treasurer report Tracie K	<p>Sweetheart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 50/50 for Sweetheart is ready to go ● Draw will be on February 2nd, the Monday after Sweetheart. Date required to ensure that the correct people were in town to do the draw. <p>Zone registration fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collected zone tryout fees at beginning of season at \$100/athlete ● Funds are supposed to cover ice and evaluators ● However, we pay for these out of reg fees ● Should we: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ be refunding the athletes the money ○ be refunding those athletes that didn't make zone ● Zone fees from previous years, 2021, 2022, 2023 - we charged athletes \$20 to try out ● We now have some funds and are open to ideas as to what we should do with those funds. Athlete development, or ? ● What does TORL have to say about it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They haven't requested the fees, not certain if TORL has input on it ○ We don't have specific guidance at this time on what the fees were intended to cover ● When this was established to zone, it was intended to ensure that the athletes that were trying out for zone are serious about trying out for zone. Also, at the time, zone had paid evaluators. Over the past few years, our club evaluators are also paid. ● There's been some discussion over the past couple years about looking into hiring somebody to do the evaluations so we get consistency 	

- If we return the funds, it negates the reason for requiring the funds in the first place
- In 2024, GVRA collected the fee and not sure where those fees ended up.
- FVR was charging similar back in 2024
- For next season, if there's going to be a fee for trying out for zone, we should know what that fee is
- Saskatchewan charges TeamBC \$50 to try out
- Should we be providing some of the funds back to home associations for teams that came to zone from other associations
- Evaluators need to come from outside of the KRA to avoid potential conflicts of interest
- Zone evaluations should be done at the end of August, if possible, so that September could be Club and Open evaluations. That opens up more people to do Club evaluations.
 - We would want to let the membership know as soon as possible so they can plan
 - And we would need TORL to agree to it
 - We do generally have ice at the end of August for conditioning

Options

1. Return the funds to the athletes who tried out
2. Returning the funds to the teams in the proportions of the athletes who were unsuccessful
3. Paid qualified outside evaluators for at least Zone if not also Club
4. General revenue

Actions

1. Check with TORL to see if the funds are earmarked for anything - what was their reasoning for \$100, was there any talk about how it was supposed to be utilized. [Tracie]
2. Investigate the possibility of professional paid evaluators. [Aaron]
 - a. Check with Michelle MacRae - Elevated Evaluations. [See link.](#)

3. Explore the possibility of running Zone tryouts in August. [Check with Jenni to see if she will do this, or can recommend somebody who can]

KRA Apparel

- Arrived, distributed. Just Open B 1 waiting to pick up.
- More was purchased this year than last year.
- There wasn't a lot of uptake on the Lululemon apparel.
- We as a board should have a policy around the purchase of KRA apparel through KRAs approved purchasing process. This is to ensure that teams are not going rogue and buying their own thing. Our brand needs consistency. The plan is to get started on this in the summer so that, come September, we're ready to go and release.
- There's been an unwritten rule that said this in the past, but it's important now to formalize it as a policy.
- Folks were hoping for stuff to arrive in time for the Autumn Blast tournament.
- There was one team this year where the whole team bought something.

Actions

1. Should we have an apparel policy, and what would be in it? What do we as a board want to see inside the policy? Create a brief policy draft and email out to the executive for review.

[Aaron]

Survey

- Did we do a year-end survey last year?
- It's something we should probably start thinking about. For Zone and Open A, their seasons were ending quite a few weeks sooner than normal because provincials are so early.
- Should get a survey out in January.
- Birgitta would have a survey that we've utilized from previous years that we've sent out that

		<p>gives us a starting point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That can help us plan for the next season. • We could use some funds to provide a incentive to fill out the survey. Eg: Hoodie, ringette stick, etc. <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Get Birgitta to send out the previous survey to the executive. [Tracie] 2. Add to agenda item for January for exec to review and update questions as needed. [Dina] <p>Michelle Ryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has sadly passed away. • KRA should recognize her for the contributions to ringette in Kelowna. <p>Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will see if we can get some information about Michelle and do a social media post in memorium. [Tracy and Linette] 	
	Registrar Report Janet	<p>Following up w/Coaches Re: Coach Certifications</p> <p>U12 Coaches were waiting on CSI Course - RBC to offer another one in Jan 2026</p>	
	Secretary Report Dina	Absent	
	Managers and Jerseys Report Tracy A	<p>Association Photo's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some athletes from U16 Zone stuck in Edmonton - trying to find another option to have their photo's done • Pictures in lobby worked well - especially for younger groups. Worked better not taking up ice time. 	
	Ice scheduling Report Jenni	<p>Absent</p> <p>First draft of SH Schedule is done and will have to RBC</p>	

		by end of week.	
	Social Media Report Linette	Nothing to Report	
	Director Fun-U12 Report Leah	New Player at U12 who wants to play at U10 - waiting to hear back from RBC. PMC needs to review and TORL to approve. Then would need to determine which U10 team to play on.	
	Director U14-Open Report Andrea	Absent	
	Zone co-ordinator Report Jackie	Nothing to Report	
	Events Co-ordinator Brooklyn Allan	<p>Santa Skate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Found Santa for Santa Skate ● Hot Chocolate <p>Family Day - Linette to send info to Brooklyn Come Try Budget</p>	
	Old Business	None	
	Next Meeting	Jan 6 2026 @ 6:30pm	
	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn at 8:24pm: Aaron, 2nd Janet - Passed	
	Sweetheart Notes	<p>Volunteer requirements - teams not in Sweetheart still have to fulfill their Sweetheart hours. Need to send a reminder to teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicate to the teams not attending the tournament (U14Zone, U16 Zone & Open A) <p>Dina & Tracy A to meet with FUN's, U10 and U12 to discuss volunteer requirements.</p>	

