

**Kitchener Ringette Association
Annual General Meeting
My 25th, 2023 7:30 pm**

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Voting: Peter Johnson, Neil Murray, Kris Lessard, Nancy Holmes, Brian Kettles, Steve Hertz, Simone Buckley, Lee-Ann Hoch, Sam Laban, Kevin Vautour, Chris Sharpe, Stu Saunderson (virtual), Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (virtual), Anne MacDonald, Natalie Piggott

Non Voting: Julie Doherty, Nathan Lorentz

- **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:31pm

- **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** 13 members, so a quorum was reached as bylaws state 10 participants is quorum

- **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**
1st: Simone Buckley, 2nd: Lee-Ann Hoch
All in Favour: Yes, Motion Carried: Yes

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM**
1st: Steve Hertz, 2nd: Kris Lessard
All in Favour: Yes, Motion Carried: Yes

- **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (presented by Nancy Holmes)

- **TREASURER'S REPORT – PRESENTATION OF FINANCIALS** (presented by Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling)

- **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** (as distributed in AGM Report)
 1. PROVINCIAL CONVENOR
 2. REGIONAL CONVENOR
 3. REGISTRAR
 4. COACHING DIRECTOR
 - Question about feedback going to coaches to learn from. Meg planning to get this to coaches in the next month.
 5. EVENTS
 - Lots of catch up still needed for 5 and 10 year pins
 - Ann – Waterloo offers a discount for players who attend both CTR events
 - Natalie – Is the Free To Sport offer still in place?
 - This was paused through COVID due to lost BINGO funds. Looking to restart that now that BINGO is back.
 - Kevin – Thoughts about other fundraisers, like bottle drives?

- Peter – Many endeavours in place, including application to Western Region for free sticks for new players.
- Talked about the electronic 50/50 draws
- Nathan – Talked about corporate sponsorship

6. MARKETING

- Highlighted Social Media presence and engagement with membership and goal to reach new families.
- Social Media position is open to fill. Question about player age vs an adult running it.
- Would like to encourage all teams to provide photos and such to the Social Media Coordinator
- Nathan – Offering to assist with photos for the association

• ELECTION FOR KRA EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

1 year term

- PROVINCIAL CONVENOR – Natalie Piggott

2 year term

- REGIONAL CONVENOR - Kevin Vautour
- COACHING DIRECTOR – Steve Hertz
- PRESIDENT - Brian Kettles

• CALL FOR ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS?

No other nominations

• MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS

1st: Peter Johnson, 2nd: Kevin Vautour

Motion Carried: Yes

• VOTE & RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Motion to accept nominated slate of directors

1st: Simone Buckley; 2nd: Lee-Ann Hoch

Motion Carried:

• PROVINCIAL CONVENOR

- Approved - new Provincial Convenor is Natalie Piggott – Elected May 25th

• REGIONAL CONVENOR

- Approved - new Regional Convenor is Kevin Vautour – Elected May 25th

• COACHING DIRECTOR

- Approved - new Coaching Director is Steve Hertz – Elected May 25th

• PRESIDENT

- Approved - new President is Brian Kettles – Elected May 25th

- **KRA BOARD KEY VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

These positions are appointed by the board. If anyone is interested in a vacant position, please email the President of KRA. Positions will be appointed at a KRA board meeting.

1. Minor Officials Coordinator - **Open**
2. Referee In-Chief - Stu Saunderson
3. Player Development – **Open**
4. Social Media Coordinator – **Open**
5. Bingo Coordinator – Connie McFatridge
6. Equipment Manager – **Open**
7. Golden Ring Chair - **Open** –
8. I.T. - Neil Murray

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chris Sharpe (Western Region Past Chair): Looking from the outside in, Kitchener is very well established. KW and Guelph is one of the strongest in Ontario, along with Ottawa area. Kitchener has a real opportunity to be a leader in the sport. Don't be apologetic about being a strong association with strong processes in place. Having a strong bank account helped us to weather the sport.
We need to focus more on player development. To keep the sport building we need to improve programs such as goalie clinics, power skating, etc.
Keep developing parents as well. Volunteers can be difficult, but they're out there.
2. Ann – Agrees with goalie development. We need to find more goalies. We're seeing older age groups folding due to lack of goalies. Having set goalie processes so that coaches aren't on their own to develop goalies.
This can be a focus for upcoming Player Development individual.
Kevin – Can we let interested goalies focus on their position at a younger age? At U9 it's difficult for a potential goalie to focus on the position when players have to rotate through positions.
Peter – Waterloo hosts goalie clinics earlier in the season and on a monthly basis.
Chris – Is it worth assigning a goalie coach for each team U12 and above?
Chris – Teams should put a line item in their budget to pay for extra goalie training. Goalies often aren't involved in standard practices. This is common for A/AA level hockey goalies.
Kevin – Guelph fees include power skating and goalie clinics.
3. Coaching mentors? A seasoned coach could be used to work with younger coaches to develop their coaching skills.

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE 2022-2023 AGM OF KITCHENER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION INC.**

1st: Stuart Saunderson, 2nd: Peter Johnson

All in Favour: Yes, Motion Carried: Yes
Adjournment Time: 8:44pm