

Leduc Ringette Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
Legion Room, Leduc Rec Centre @ 6:30PM

1. Call to order: 6:36PM
2. Establishment of quorum: Quorum established
3. Additions to Agenda: None
4. Approval of Agenda: Crystal Kardelis motions, Amy Shipley seconds. Approved.
5. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes: Crystal Kardelis motions, Amy Shipley seconds. Approved.

6. Reports:

a. Presidents Report – Mike Baker

Thank you to all the board members for the hard work, dedication and support through my first season in this position. Also thank you to the membership as well as we continue to work through challenging situations as we push to grow the association.

Congratulations to all teams in their success this past season and special note to our u16 A team as they had the opportunity to compete at the provincial championships winning bronze after securing the Black Gold championship during the regular season. Also, to our Open A team who also had a great season taking home silver at provincials.

This year the Alberta Winter Games were held in Grande Prairie and we had 4 athletes represented from Leduc. Congratulations to Olivia Bearchell, Mia Conn, Josie Hart, Keira Adam's. Also, we had Kennedy Horn attend as a coach, congratulations!!

We also held our Wild Thing Tournament in January which was a big success. Thanks to Erin McCauley and Kari Baker for your hard work in organizing.

We had the opportunity to host the U16A/U19A/open A provincial championships. It was a great weekend of ringette and a big spotlight of our facilities and Ringette Alberta's trust in our associations abilities to put on a great show. Congratulations goes to Tamara Conn for her vision and her commitment and all the other volunteers to make this event a huge success. We were able to raise approx \$4,000 from this event.

We hosted our first Spring Ringette which we had great feedback and will continue to promote and grow this in the future.

We have some exciting things being planned for the summer and for the 2024/2025 season as we continue our push to promote the sport, growth of ringette and our association to the community of Leduc and surrounding area.

b. Vice President – Crystal Kardelis

Was a great year. Pictures went smoothly. We will be looking to schedule pictures earlier this year to try and ensure they are received in time for the holiday season.

c. Treasurer's Report – Chelsea Cameron

- Our closing balance for the 2023/2024 season is: \$109,480.11.
- Active goals for the past season were updating our accounting practices to include EFT payments and automatic direct debit/credits. This is ongoing.
- This position will be vacant after this year, and I will assist with the transition.

d. Ice Allocator's Report – Shauna Paul

- Late June the fall / winter contract was received for 2023-24. Signed contracts are typically due back mid/ late July.
- October 2, 2023, emailed was received to request Spring and summer ice for 2024. Due Oct 16, 2023. At that time U16 Elite / AA was not happening in Leduc. As of May 31, we do not enough ice to host U16AA Tryouts before the Sept long. I am currently working trying to get enough. Both Edmonton and Sherwood Park have confirmed they will host Aug 25 - 29, 2024.

- March 28, 2024, an email was received to submit fall / winter ice for the 24-25 season. This contract should be received no later than July 1, 2024.
- All reschedules must go through LRA Ice Allocator as per BGL rules.
- Only the LRA ice allocator and President can make changes to the LRA contract as per the city rules.
- Teams are not allowed to host Family team skates / games with LRA ice. Should a team wish to have family skate or rent a room at the LRC, they are to contact LRC staff and receive a separate contract. Payment will be made from the team direct to the city.
- Ice Allocator is required to participate in the annual start up meeting in late Aug every year. Every association is required to submit 150% of game ice to BGL by the dates outlined in critical dates. This happens 3 times throughout the season.
- With the returned ice, the practices are created. Only a team manager or head coach should be discussing practices or reschedules.
- Teams should be advising a minimum of 5 days in advance if they can not use the ice. When given full ice a minimum of 50% of the team should be in attendance.
- U16AA skates now scheduled for Aug 25, 27, 29<sup>th</sup>.
- AA evaluations need to be complete by September long weekend as per RAB.

**e. Referee-In-Chief – Kennedy Horn**

- The refs had a great season. Everyone was given development opportunities, and many achieved new carding levels. We had many officials that attended provincials and one who attended Western Canadians (YAY Chelsea!).
- I am predicting good retention this summer; a survey will be going out prior to registration to gauge actual numbers. The number of refs that return after summer break as well as our final number of teams in the fall, will indicate how many refs we can hire.
- If you, or your child, is interested in becoming a ref next season please send me an email before September at [leducringette.refinchief@gmail.com](mailto:leducringette.refinchief@gmail.com) (can also be found on the Leduc Ringette Website). New refs must be at least 14 years old before the day of the clinic. Your reffing "home association" is based on address and not what team you play for. As reffing is a job we will be doing a hiring process, including interviews, around late August/early September. This means: DO NOT register for a level 1 ref course without going through this process. If you do, you will not have an association to ref for and will not get games.
- Question: If a ref lives in Beaumont, can they apply to ref in Leduc?
  - Would need to apply in Beaumont due to paid mileage but we are looking to partner refs with Beaumont.

**f. Registrar's Report – JoAnn Stempien**

**The 2023/24 Season Summary:**

- 134 players registered in 10 teams.
- 37 team staff members.

**For the 2024/25 Season preliminary (eligible to register from the past season) numbers include:**

- U10 ~ 19 players
- U12 ~ 9 players
- U14 ~ 12 players
- U16 ~ 25 players
- U19 ~ 9 players\*

#### Fee Change for the 2024/25 Season

Division	Birth Year	NEW Fee 24/25
Active Start	2020, 2019, 2018*	\$99 (\$10 + \$89)
U10	2018*, 2017, 2016, 2015	\$583 (\$484 + \$99)
U12	2014, 2013	\$833 (\$734 + \$99)
U14	2012, 2011	\$883 (\$784 + \$99)
U16	2010, 2009	\$883 (\$784 + \$99)
U19	2008, 2007, 2006	\$883 (\$784 + \$99)
Open	2006+ (Open 18+)	\$589 (\$500 + \$89)

U16AA is \$1,000 registration fee plus tryout fee.

Registration now open. \$50 discount if registered by June 12<sup>th</sup>. June 30<sup>th</sup> fee goes up by \$200.

**g. Secretary – Jared Derouin**

This was my first year as a member of the board and it was enjoyable. I have a newfound appreciation for the work that goes into ensuring the LRA runs as smoothly as possible; it is truly a collective effort. I would strongly encourage anyone that has an interest to get involved to put their name forward for one of the open positions.

**h. BGL Rep. Report – Amy Shipley**

- Please reinforce teams / parents

**i. Equipment Manager's Report – Alicia Kardelis**

Overall, everything ran smoothly throughout the season. The locker was organized at the beginning of the year and jerseys were inventoried. We purchased new ring bags for each team in September as well as new jerseys for active start in November that they got to keep. It seemed like everyone enjoyed the new ring bags and active start enjoyed their jerseys. For the upcoming season we will order more active start jerseys again as well as more youth small jerseys for the U10 & U12 divisions.

**j. Fundraising Coordinator Report – Open**

**k. Manager Coordinator's Report – Nicole Liddle**

Thanks to all of our managers for a successful season!

**l. Coach Coordinator's Report – Jovan Painchaud**

We had a pretty successful season when it comes to the coaching staff. We have a great pool of dedicated coaches with a lot of ringette experience. We also have a good number of female coaches and we would love to see that number grow for next season.

This past season we had:

- 23 coaches.
- 2 junior coaches.
- Everyone except 1 coach completed the necessary training by Dec 15.
- We had a few coaches that failed to supply a RCMP Criminal Record Check by Dec 15.
- A coach survey was sent out after the season ended and we had 29 responses. Thank you to everyone who submitted a response.
- Next season I want to work on being more involved with every team, being better prepared, and communicating better with everyone.

**m. Player Development's Report – Kevin Paul**

- UAA and evaluations went well. No issues.
- Tried power skating with Mel Thomas, session 1 worked but dates and schedules for session 2 we couldn't make any dates work for both parties. Looking into other options.
- Leduc hosted a 5 count goalie clinic. Very successful and thank you for the shooters that volunteered.

**n. Social Media's Report – Amy Murnaghan**

**Facebook:**

- 467 Followers
- 155 Posts
- 36,564 Impressions
- 30,983 Reached

**Instagram:**

- 841 Followers
- 91 Posts
- 16,054 Reached
- 1,059 Engaged

**X:**

- 510 Followers
- 9 Posts
- 394 Impressions
- 26 Engaged

**o. Tournament Coordinator's Report – Erin McAuley & Kari Baker**

The 2024 Wild Thing Tournament was very successful. With the support of 40+ volunteers we were able to host 60 teams across 14 divisions. The tournament made \$10,831.92 for the association.

**p. Webmaster's Report – Amy Lackie**

Throughout this past year the Webmaster role included keeping the website up to date, highlighting our teams' successes, promoting the LRA events, promoting RAB events, and going through the back end of RAMP to update documents and ensure relevant information/ links are working.

**q. PR & Marketing Report- Open**

**r. Team reports**

- Active Start – So many parent helpers!!**
- U10-S1 - girls improved a lot, parents were great.**
- U10-S2 - Great year. 2 tournaments and went well. Affiliated from S1 as small team.**
- U12B – Fell short on championship weekend. Range of skill levels on the team. Lots of fun.**
- U14B - Fantastic start in C, moved to B was challenging. Lost players to U16 which resulted us starting in C. Lost almost every game in B. Kids became deflated. Thanks for the goalie sessions.**

**Mike - noted changes are coming to mid season tiering process.**

**Chelsea – BGL needs to stop impacting small associations like Leduc and reassess their approach. Should see improvements going forward.**

**Shauna – noted she voiced her concerns at the BGL AGM.**

- vi. U16B – Good Season. Had to move players up from U14 to form a team. 3-way tie to make provincials but 1 goal short.
- vii. U16A – Won westerns. Bronze in provincials. Sent 4 kids to winter games. 2 got gold medal.
- viii. Open C - Great year. Looking for a goalie this season.
- ix. Open B – Re-pooling in Open B, 22 teams.  
  
Chelsea – Top of bottom pool, then bottom of top pool. Eliminated out of finals on penalty minutes.
- x. Open A – Been together for 25 years. Undefeated during season then lost in finals to a Calgary team.

## 7. New Business

- a. Beaumont Partnership discussion.
  - i. Partnering, not merging. Goal to get players in the right team / tier.
  - ii. Team will be a mix of Beaumont and Leduc players, teams will be in both Beaumont and Leduc depending on evaluations.
  - iii. Applicable to all teams.
  - iv. Players will not be forced to play in other association team, but encouraged.
  - v. Minor difference in fees between the 2 associations.
  - vi. Beaumont Ringette Association spoke in support of the partnership.
  - vii. Crystal – we will finally see a U10 Step 3 team availability for Leduc players. Great for development.
  - viii. Mike – now that both Beaumont and Leduc AGMs are complete, partnership will be socialized via email, social media. Evaluations will be run jointly, September 7/8<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- b. Request for 2 Members to Audit the books (Books are to be audited and returned with a complete report within 30 days of AGM.)  
Member #1: Karla Millar  
Member #2: Jody Melin

## 8. Final Call/Election of Board

Members of the LRA Board may be nominated or may volunteer. Members may not hold more than one Executive position and may not hold more than two positions total within the Association (this includes Board positions and Team Staff positions). Board approval may be granted for those seeking more than two positions if the positions are deemed manageable for the individual.

### Vice President

Position up for renewal this year.

Nominations: None. Crystal said she would stay on.

Unanimous vote:

### Treasurer

Position up for renewal this year.

Nominations: Shauna Paul is nominated, she accepts.

Unanimous vote:

### Ice Allocator

Position became open with Shauna moving to Treasurer.

Nominations: Alicia Kardelis is nominated, she accepts.

Unanimous vote:

### Referee-In-Chief

Kennedy Horn lets her name stand.

### Black Gold League Representative

Amy Shipley lets her name stand.

### Equipment Manager

Position became open with Alicia moving to Ice Allocator.

Nominations: None. Open position.

Fundraising Coordinator

Nominations: None. Open position.

Manager Coordinator

Nicole Liddle lets her name stand.

Coach Coordinator

Jovan Painchuaud lets his name stand.

Player Development

Kevin Paul lets his name stand.

Social Media Director

Amy Murnaghan lets her name stand.

Tournament Coordinator

Erin McAuley lets her name stand.

Webmaster

Amy Lackie lets her name stand.

Marketing Director

Nominations: None. Open position.

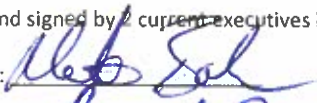
It is noted at the conclusion of voting/nominations, that we must note that our past signing authority must be updated with the new executive.

It is here by noted that Chelsea Cameron is to be **removed** from signing authority on the Leduc Ringette bank account held at CIBC in Leduc, AB.

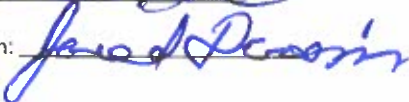
It is here by noted that Shauna Paul is to be added to the signing authority on the Leduc Ringette bank account held at CIBC in Leduc, AB.

Accepted and signed by 2 current executives holding signing authority:

Mike Baker:



Jared Derouin:



9. **Draw for Free Registration**

Draw #1 Winner: Maren Muri

Draw #2 Winner: Alicia Kardelis

Draw #3 Winner: Erica Engel

10. **Motion to Adjourn: Jared motions. 7:52PM**