

AGM Agenda & Minutes — April 21, 2026

Annual General Meeting of the Lethbridge Ringette Association

1. Call to Order

- Location: Crossings Branch Library
- Time: 6:05 p.m.

Attendance

- Quorum requirement: 20 members
 - Members in attendance: 50
-

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda:
 - Moved by Rob Burton
 - Seconded by Rachel Jones
 - Vote: Carried unanimously
-

3. Adoption of the Previous 2025 AGM Minutes

(Available on the website: 2025 AGM Minutes)

- Motion to adopt the 2025 AGM minutes as presented:
 - Moved by Kurt
 - Seconded by Ben
 - Vote: Carried unanimously
-

4. LRA Awards

- Junior Coach of the Year
- Coach of the Year

- Coaching Team of the Year
 - Junior Player Leadership Award
 - Senior Player Leadership Award
 - Official of the Year
 - Volunteer of the Year
-

5. Officer and Director Reports

- President's Report – Gordon
 - Treasurer's Report – Rachel
 - Registrar's Report – Kaylene
 - Director of Tournaments – Daelynn
 - Director of Officials – Kendra
 - Director of Fundraising – Cristy
 - Director of IT – Max
 - Director of Ice Administration – Ben
 - Director of Player Development – Rob
 - Director of Sport Development – Kurt
 - Director of Coaching – Haley
-

6. Special Resolution Number 1

Under Article 8.1, the bylaws of the Association shall not be altered, amended, added to, or rescinded except by Special Resolution. The Board of Directors proposed a formal update to the governing documents.

Proposed Resolution

“Be it resolved, as a Special Resolution, that the existing Bylaws of the Lethbridge Ringette Association be rescinded and replaced in their entirety with the updated Bylaws as presented to the membership on March 31, 2026.”

- Moved by: Ben Storey
- Seconded by: Rob Burton

Discussion

Gordon opened with a presentation.

Craig M. asked whether the existing bylaws, which allow for nine executive members while additional positions are created through policy, could instead be amended through policy revisions rather than replacing the bylaws.

Gordon clarified that the executive structure is defined within the bylaws and that transitioning to a pillar approach requires bylaw amendments. He added that board size could still be managed through policy. He also noted that nomination policies are contained within the bylaws and would need to be amended there if changes were desired.

Craig M. asked whether it was necessary to rescind the entire bylaws document rather than amend only the affected sections, noting there were not many substantial changes.

Trevor Helwig asked about the proposed minimum of six and maximum of twelve directors, and whether the board could operate with only six members.

Gordon explained that both the current and proposed bylaws require a minimum of five executive members, with additional directors bringing the total to between fifteen and twenty under the current structure. The proposed changes would reduce the maximum to twelve. While technically possible to operate with only five members, he stated that such a structure would not be functional.

Shari Shigehiro raised concerns regarding potential power imbalances between executive members and directors. Rachel commented that, as a first-year board member, meetings were often chaotic and unproductive, with members sometimes weighing in outside their areas of expertise. She stated that the process could be time-consuming and exhausting. Shalane and Haley agreed that meetings frequently felt ineffective.

Gordon stated that the organizational chart presented was conceptual rather than definitive, and that the board would retain flexibility regarding the number of directors.

Craig M. asked whether efforts had been made to review the bylaws thoroughly for revisions and inconsistencies, noting discrepancies relating to majority definitions, executive structure, and board size.

Gordon responded that if the Special Resolution passed, the bylaws would be submitted to the Societies Act for legal review and compliance assessment. He added that amendments could not currently be made until that process occurred.

Gwen asked why the bylaws had only been available for membership review for three weeks prior to the meeting and raised concerns about inconsistencies.

Gordon responded that the organization lacked sufficient volunteers to complete the work and that a board member had stepped forward to lead the process. He stated the board was attempting to create positive change and felt this was the appropriate time to proceed.

Craig M. asked whether there had been sufficient discussion at the board level.

Gordon replied that the matter had been introduced at the February board meeting, that directors had an opportunity to provide feedback, and that the board unanimously voted to proceed.

Gary L. asked whether the board structure would remain unchanged if the Special Resolution failed.

Gordon confirmed that the current structure would remain in place if the motion did not pass.

Shari referred to one of the FAQs regarding transition timelines and asked how the transition between board structures would occur.

Gordon explained that if the motion passed, some existing board members would transition into the newly proposed roles to support continuity.

Shari noted that any transition process should include provisions to address gaps and should be outlined within the Special Resolution.

Discussion also occurred regarding the nomination committee structure. Gordon stated that the committee would likely include two board members and would remain similar to the current structure, though it would need to be formally incorporated into the bylaws.

Vote

Vote conducted by show of hands unless ballot requested.

- In favour: 40
- Opposed: 9

Motion carried.

7. Special Resolution Number 2

Resolution

That the fiscal year-end be changed from July 31 to April 30 to better align with league operations and seasonal activities.

- Moved by: Trish P.
- Seconded by: Rachel

Discussion

No questions were raised from the floor.

Vote

Vote conducted by show of hands.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Nomination and Election of Board Members (If Special Resolution Passes)

VP Operations

- Gordon nominated Shalane Marischuk; nomination accepted.
- Rob Burton was nominated and declined.
- Shalane Marischuk elected.

VP Athletic Development

- Rachel nominated Rob Burton; nomination accepted.
- Rob Burton elected.

Director of Officials

- Kendra nominated by Cara; nomination accepted.
- Kendra elected.

Director of Communications

- Shawn O. nominated Kendra Yoshida; nomination accepted.
 - Kendra Yoshida elected.
-

9. Nomination and Election of Board Members (If Special Resolution Does Not Pass)

- Director of Officials
- Director of Ice Administration
- Director of Player Development

- Director of Equipment
 - Director of Volunteers
 - Director of Promotions (appointable position)
 - Director of IT
-

10. Recognition of Departing Board Members

- Max
 - Ben
 - Kurt
 - Marnie
 - Cristy
-

11. Other New Business

No additional business was raised.

12. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn moved by Kurt at 8:03 p.m.
- Seconded by Rachel
- Meeting adjourned.