

Minutes
London Ringette Association – Annual General Meeting
Tuesday May 27, 2025

In Attendance: Shawn Reidy, Randy Leitch, Melinda Suchard, Amanda Somerville, Jenna Sheppard, Sam MacLean, Jackie Westman, John Strong, Scott Borland, Dave MacDonald, Hannah Cuciorean, Matthew Hoffele, Kate Duddy, Laura Shaw, Rachel Norton, Jennifer Coates, Liz Olver Engelhardt, Mike Engelhardt, Rhonda White

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:04pm

2024 AGM minutes *approved* with no corrections

1. Presidential Update - Shawn Reidy

- Overseeing leagues that LRA participates in (LORL, GLRL)
- Pink the Rink tournament was another success this fall
- Ringette lines have been put on all double pad arenas in London
- No major changes coming this season

2. Coaching Coordinator Update - Jackie

- Chairs coaching committee, which selects coaches for the season
- Coaches have been chosen for the upcoming season

3. Player Development Coordinator Update - Amanda

- Works with individual teams to provide development opportunities
- Plans skill-specific clinics (goalie training, shooting, power skating, etc.)

4. GLRL Update (provincial league) - John

- 56 teams (up from 52 last year)
 - 4 of those are part time teams from Sudbury
- League to start season games earlier (Sep start) with 12 games before Christmas - Running hubs where teams will play multiple games in a single day
 - This will accommodate the AAA program happening this year
 - Games will be running on Thanksgiving weekend this year
- GLRL had a loss of \$7000 last year, lots of which was for covering referee mileage costs
 - Hub-style game play will help with this cost
- Team fee will rise to \$760/team next season
- President of GLRL for next season will be Shannon Crinklaw, who has connections to London

5. Registration Update - Jenna

- 2024-2025 season: 241 registered players
- Teams hosted:
 - 3 AA: U14, U16, U19
 - 2 A: U12A, U19A

- 3 R: U12, U14, U16
- 3 FUN 3 (U10)
- FUN 1+2
- Overall, we had an increase in LRA players this past season with many new players
 - FUN 1: 12
 - FUN 2: 21
 - FUN 3: 10
 - U12: 3
 - U16: 1 (from hockey)

6. Vice President - Melinda

- Ran Regional Championship this year, has run Pink the Rink Tournament in the past
- These tournaments earn LRA ~\$25,000 each annually
 - LRA has submitted to host Regionals again this coming season

7. Financial Update - Randy

- *See attached financial update*
- Expenditures increased significantly, mostly due to ice costs (36% of expenses) - Without the income from Pink the Rink and Regionals, LRA would be at a net loss
- Regionals and Pink the Rink generated significantly more income than last year - Many LTA programs are designed to break even; not make money (tryouts, clinics, etc.)
- Looking towards budgeting for new game jerseys in the near future as our current sets are on season 7

8. Marketing/Social Media Update - Sam, on behalf of Monika

- Promotion of equipment swap page

NEW BUSINESS

1. LRA Stick Fundraiser

- Suggestion of looking into collaborating with The Ringette Store to run some sort of stick sale as a potential source of income for LRA

2. FUN 3 Team Division

- Query of dividing the FUN 3 teams based on skill to allow more skilled players to be grouped together and newer players to be grouped together - LORL has stated that FUN 3 teams should be balanced and associations are not to tier or stack teams
 - Associations who tier their teams may face consequences

New Board Member Position Nominations

Matt: equipment manager 1 year

nominated by Jackie

unanimous

Syd: marketing 2 years

Nominated by Jackie

unanimous

Rhonda: secretary

Nominated by Jackie

unanimous

Jenn Cates: Player dev

nominated by Jackie

unanimous

Randy: finance

nominated by Jackie

unanimous

Laura: director at large

nominated by Jackie

unanimous

Jess: Vice president

Nominated by Randy