



President's Report for MDRA AGM – June 7, 2022

The Metcalfe & District Ringette Association (MDRA) had a great 2021-22 ringette season with continued re-growth of the sport in the Metcalfe area and the development of the players within MDRA at both the regional and competitive levels.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with the success of this association. The board members spend a great deal of time with the day to day operations of the association and a number of board members have taken on various roles in the association which is appreciated. We have had a number of new bench staff and hope to have more people become involved with the board and/or teams in the years ahead. Thank you again to all the volunteers. Without them we would not have an association. I would also like to thank all the referees in Metcalfe. Without them we would not be able to play the game.

Registration

MDRA held a Come Try Ringette event in September 2021 and we welcomed more new players to our association in Fun1 and up bringing our total registration numbers to 183 players. We had 21 players in our Fun1 program, almost all of which were new ringette players. We were unable to host a Fun2 program due to low registration numbers which were a direct result of being unable to host Fun1 during COVID. We do remain hopeful as we rebuild, to offer all levels in the coming season. We continue to have great success again with offering lower registration fees to first-time ringette players. Goalie rebates were also offered again this season and very well received. We were able to host 12 teams overall (Fun 3 - U19) including 3 competitive teams at U14A, U16A and U19A. The presence of a U19A team shows just how much growth has been in Metcalfe over the last 10 years. We hope to model/reproduce this type of growth again as we work to build up the numbers in our Fundamentals program yet again.

Player Development

Despite some COVID challenges and a shut down midway through the year, MDRA players enjoyed a great year of development from Fun1 and up. The Fun1 program again this season included skating instruction from an instructor formerly with the Metcalfe Skating Club which was very well received. U12 development clinics were run every second week by Allie Marcotte and

were a great success. MDRA also offered power skating sessions run by some coaches within the association. These sessions are always well attended and appreciated by our members. We hope to continue with more player development skills sessions next season including a focus on Goalie clinics and development.

Fun 3 Gagne – Gold NCRRL Championships

U12 C Vandermeulen – Silver NCRRL Championships

U12 A George – Silver NCRRL Championships

U16 B Macdonald – Silver NCRRL Championships

U16 A Dubue - 4th in Provincial Championships

U19 B Bickmore – Silver NCRRL Championships

U19 A - Silver in Provincial Championships

MDRA Board of Directors

The MDRA executive welcomed some new people to the board this season and continues to try and maintain a balance of new and experienced board members. The board continues to encourage volunteers from the younger age divisions.

One of the main focuses for this past season was to redo the association's bylaws and policies with a look towards incorporation. The bylaws were completed and accepted by the membership in September. The board has revisited and approved many policies. Incorporation is right around the corner and should be completed in the next week or so.

Looking forward, the main objectives for the board continue to be growing the sport, ice allocation, as well as both player and coach development.

Next Season

While we are thrilled to have gotten back to a semi-normal ringette season, there were still plenty of things we were unable to offer due to COVID restrictions. Looking forward, we hope to get back to hosting some of our annual events: Hallowe'en party, NRL game, attending the 67s game as well as hosting the MDRA tournament in November.

We look forward to a focus on recruitment throughout the summer and into early fall when we will host another Come Try Ringette event.

MDRA just completed spring tryouts for U14 and U16 forming three competitive teams at the U16A, U14AA and U14A divisions. U19 tryouts will start shortly where MDRA is looking at hosting a U19A team. We are anticipating 13 teams next season which could include 4 competitive teams. MDRA looks forward to maintaining the positive relationships and open lines

of communication it has had with associations in the region, as well as the region itself, and helping out when we can in the future.

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