

# Moncton Ringette Association Annual General Meeting



June 15, 2023, 7pm  
In person and Video

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## **Attendees:**

Julie Schofield Simard	President	Present
Katelyn Leaman	Vice-President	Present
Allison MacIntyre	Treasurer / Scheduler	Present
Deanna LeBlanc	Dir. Player Development	Present
Jodie Hambrook	Director of Communications	Present
Melissa Keith	Dir. of Equipment	Regrets
Andrew Thomas	Dir. of Coaching	Present
Jackie Melanson	Alumni Coordinator	Present
Chris Aylward	Member	Present
Mike Smith	Member	Present
Yanick Soucy	Member	Present
Serge Boudreau	Member	Present
Dana Russell / Barb Russell	Member	Present
Marisol Beaudry	Member	Present
Tina Baird	Member	Present
Lisa Griffin Ndour	Member	Present

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## **Minutes**

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### **Agenda item: Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

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### **Agenda item: Establishment of quorum**

Julie

Quorum for this meeting is 10 members.

Confirmed that we have 15 members in attendance.

8 votes will constitute the majority vote.

Quorum is established

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### **Agenda item: Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2022**

Julie

Andrew Thomas - motions to approve the minutes of the last AGM

Deanna Leblanc seconds the motion

ALL in favor

Motion passed

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### **Agenda item: President's Report**

Julie

What a season it's been! The 2022-2023 season was the first in 4 seasons that was not impacted by the pandemic. For many, it was the first time they had a full season without any restrictions or scheduling issues due to Covid-19.

Just to make things interesting, we took on the additional challenge of hosting the Jamboree and Provincial championship. Such a big undertaking that was successful only because of the countless hours our volunteers put forward.

Administratively this season was the first with the new RAMP system. Though it came with its own set of challenges and certainly learning curve, we are starting to see the benefits of it allowing connectivity with Ringette New Brunswick as well as the other associations within the province.

From a competition perspective, we have collected several banners that will be hung at the Superior Propane Centre this season. The U10 Storm Troopers took home the banner in the Riverview-Dieppe Tournament in March. The real story on the ice this season however came from our Open Team. They came out on top at the Early Bird Tournament in November, the Shediac Cap Pele Tournament, the Kent Sud Tournament and finally the Provincials on home ice.

Other notable events and accomplishments this season include:

- Continued partnership with Riverview Ringette for U12 Tier 1 and U12 Community Teams – Storm Devils
- New partnership with Riverview and Dieppe associations to create the U14 Tier 1 Codiac Cyclones.
- Continued collaboration with Riverview and Dieppe in running Springette which grew even bigger in 2023.
- Power Skating sessions and one goalie clinic were held.

As important as it is to acknowledge the success we've had, it's also important to note the areas that need improvement.

- Our Children's ringette program requires a reorganization and structure to attract and retain our players. This will require experienced volunteers to take on the coaching responsibilities and more focus on developing the athletes and fostering their love of the sport.
- Board oversight of Divisions with more than 1 team to ensure players within a division have a similar experience regardless of their team. It's also important for teams to work together rather than against each other within a division and the association.
- Division of labor. Though we have a group of dedicated volunteers who gave up countless hours towards the association, we need more. The load must be shared across more volunteers, and everyone has a responsibility to contribute. Too often a call for volunteers is met with little to no response and the same people are left feeling responsible to do it all. In order to have a successful association and successful seasons year after year, we need people to step forward and get involved.

On that note, we have three of our most dedicated volunteers stepping down from board positions. This season would not have been possible without these 3 ladies giving up so much of their personal time.

Deanna Leblanc, Director of Player Development

Melissa Keith, Director of Equipment

Allison McIntyre, Treasurer, scheduler, and unofficial manager of managers.

Every Storm and Storm Devil and Cyclone player owes you a debt of gratitude for your commitment to the sport and the association. You leave big shoes to fill, and we are all better for having worked alongside you over the last several years.

With so much success and a roadmap for improving, I'm confident the 2023-2024 season will be our best one yet! Go Storm!

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**Agenda item: Provincials Report**

Julie

MRA hosted the 2023 RNB Provincial Jamboree and Tournament

- Major Sponsor – Greater Moncton & Sussex McDonald's Restaurants
- 70 Teams, 1000 athletes over 3 days
- Exceeded the financial benefits that were budgeted thanks to sponsorships and significant fundraising through several Tournament Experiences (Lego, fastest shot, raffle and 50/50).

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**Agenda item: Presentation and approval of Financial Reports**

Allison

Allison McIntyre motions to approve the Financial Reports

Julie Schofield Simard seconds

All in favor

Reports approved

**Agenda item: Presentation of Budget** Allison

Allison McIntyre motions to approve the Financial Reports

Julie Schofield Simard seconds

All in favor

Budget approved

**Agenda item: Ringette New Brunswick Update** Julie

RNB's AGM date has not yet been set.

Open positions include

President (1 nomination to date)

VP Finance (1 nomination to date)

Director at large – 2 positions (5 nominations to date)

Committee structure will change as per existing bylaws a board director cannot also be a part of a committee (HP or Community Committee).

Executive Director resigned and the board is currently reviewing applications to fill the role

**Agenda item: Policy and Bylaw update** Julie

Proposal: Policy 3.3 Non-Parent Coach

Coaches who do not have children playing on the team may be given a \$200 stipend annually by MRA to defray the cost of travel. Coaches who do not have children playing on the team, who are required to provide their own transportation and accommodations for tournaments, may be compensated for travel expenses (gas and hotel) by MRA. Advance approval from the MRA Treasurer is mandatory. Travel is limited to 2 tournaments and Provincials. Travel expenses (gas) may also be paid for travel to games more than 30kms from Moncton and shall be compensated at the standard RNB rate. The request for stipend and travel expense reimbursement must be submitted to the MRA Treasurer **in advance of the events.**

**For teams that are composed of players from other associations, the reimbursements to non-parent coaches will be based on the percentage of MRA players**

Proposed by: Allison McIntyre

Seconded by: Deanna Leblanc

In favor: 13 Motion passed

Proposal: Policy 3.5 Rebate for Goaltender position

This policy is to help offset the added costs often associated with the goalie position. Applicability: This policy applies to Moncton Ringette Members playing house league ringette at the **U10** level and above. Teams below the U10 level are not eligible for rebates given that there is a focus on development and teams are strongly encouraged to rotate through the goalie position at those age levels. This is as recommended in Ringette Canada LTAD guidelines. Policy: **MRA will provide a 60% rebate of the players registration fee** to Players who play at least 50% of season games in the goaltender position. The rebate will be provided in the form of a refund. The MRA Board may award the rebate to Players who play less than 50% of season games in the goaltender position in certain circumstances. Each request for exemption will be reviewed by the MRA Board on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed by: Jackie Pellerin

Seconded by: Serge Boudreau

In favor: ALL Motion passed

Proposal: Policy 4.1 Registration Process and Forms

The MRA Board establishes the timelines for registration and payment on an annual basis. The registration and payment deadline enables MRA to organize teams and coaching staff and schedule ice times on a timely basis. The MRA Board will notify past MRA Members via email to announce the timelines for registration and payment. The formal registration process is online at [www.monctonringette.com](http://www.monctonringette.com). Registration is required by all athletes (house league and those trying out for provincial level ringette) before a Player may participate in any MRA activity, with the exception of "come try ringette":

- a Player Registration Form must be completed;
- the minimum registration fee of **\$100 (was \$150)** must be received; and
- all relevant waiver forms must be completed and returned to the Director of Registrations. After the registration and payment deadline, registration is subject to availability. No Player registrations will be accepted after registration is closed. The MRA Board may allow a Player to register after registration is closed if team registration is not at capacity. Each request for exemption will be reviewed by the MRA Board on a case by case basis. Players must register in their respective age groups. Requests to play in a different age group must be done in writing at time of registration.

Proposed by: Allison McIntyre

Seconded by: Deanna Leblanc

In favor: ALL Motion passed

**Secretary**

Nominated Lisa Griffin Ndour

No other nominations

Elected by Acclamation.

**Treasurer**

Nominated Tina Baird

No other nominations

Elected by Acclamation.

**Director of Player Development**

Nominated Marisol Beaudry

No other nominations

Elected by Acclamation.

**Director of Equipment**

Nominated Jackie Melanson

No other nominations

Elected by Acclamation.

Existing Executive and Directors and terms

<b>President</b>	Julie Schofield Simard	Elected AGM 2022 1 <sup>st</sup> term ending AGM 2024 Final term AGM 2026
<b>Vice President</b>	Katelyn Leaman	Elected AGM 2022 1 <sup>st</sup> term ending AGM 2024 Final term AGM 2026
<b>Director of Communication</b>	Jodie Hambrook	Elected AGM 2022

**Director of Coaching**      Andrew Thomas

1<sup>st</sup> term ending AGM 2024

Final term AGM 2026

Elected AGM 2022

1<sup>st</sup> term ending AGM 2024

Final term AGM 2026

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**Agenda item:    New Business**

No new business was raised

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**Agenda item:                    Adjournment**

Julie

Adjournment of the meeting at \_8:02 pm\_

Proposed by: \_Deanna Leblanc\_

Seconded by: \_Jackie Pellerin\_

In favor: \_ALL\_\_    Motion Passed