



NEPEAN RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Nepean Ringette Association Virtual Annual General Meeting 2024

AGM Meeting Held	Monday June 3, 2024, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Nepean Sportsplex, Hall C
Board Members Present	Brent Dobson, James Marcogliese, Lisa Murphy, Stephanie Barozzi, Jamie Hayami, Alysha St. John, Peter Daigle
Board Members Absent	Craig McIntyre
Agents of the Board Present	Liam Murphy, Tim Huras, Marie Beaudin, Jack Kwan, Caroline Mackay, Chris Gill, Elena Pierce
Members	Andrew Bird, Matt Tyrer, Jessica Jamer, Isabelle Cormier Richard, Kathy McIntyre, Glenn Crites, Dan Nielson, Mackenzie Pescod, Mary Huras, Jason Henderson, Paul Schauerte, Crystal Schauerte, Laird McKinnon, Stephanie Denison, Genevieve Lehoux., Mike Bonden, Meghan Sarlo, Fabiola Loggie, Jessica Beswick, Luke Piecki, Kevin Baker, Karla Baker, Paul Rossolatos, Joanne Frolek, Brad Fisk, Luc Hoang

- **Opening Remarks (Brent Dobson):** Brent commenced the AGM by welcoming all members present and thanked everyone for joining.
- **Call to Order (Brent Dobson):** Brent called the Annual General Meeting for the 2024-25 year to order at 7:34 pm.
- **Establishment of a Quorum (Brent Dobson):**
 - As required by the Nepean Ringette Association Bylaws, at least 10 members need to be present or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. With 40 people in attendance, quorum was confirmed.

- **Approval of Agenda (Brent Dobson):**

MOTION made by Brent Dobson to approve the agenda for the 2024 AGM. Seconded by Alysha St. John.

28 in favour, 10 abstained, motion carried.

- **Approval of the 2023 AGM minutes (Brent Dobson):**

MOTION made by Brent Dobson to adopt the minutes from the 2024 AGM as posted. Seconded by Jamie Hayami

25 in favour, 12 abstained, motion carried.

- **Presentation and Approval of Reports:**

- **President’s Report (Brent Dobson):**

Total Membership: Brent reported that Membership has grown slightly from last season (367 to 404, increase of 37).

- We can see a slight dip in numbers at our lower ages (post-Covid new membership affect)
- We continue to see some growth with new skaters at U14 and U16 this past season
- A priority is consistently how to continue to grow our sport and then manage the accompanying challenges of ice time to match any growth.
- We hosted 2 “Come Try Ringette” events (September & April) with over 100 participants. These events continue to help attract new members.
- We continue to receive very positive feedback regarding our FUN 1 “Learn to Skate” Program and Instructors
 - It is this type of feedback that will encourage others to participate - through reputation, positive experiences, word of mouth, so we are grateful
 - And it was great to see some of them at the Barrhaven Christmas parade as well, which is a fun experience for the players and a good way to promote our Association and sport

	2022/23	2023/24
FUN 1 (Bunnies)	66	63
FUN 2 (U8/U9)	40	36
FUN 3 (U9/U10)	64	61
U12	64	81
U14	59	71
U16	59	57
U19	15	35
TOTAL	367	404

Presidents Report Highlights

- Our Tournament continues to be one of the biggest and most popular in the Province. Congratulations to all those who make this happen.
 - Planning for next year will no doubt feature some Taylor Swift themes as our dates will cross over her tour in Toronto.
- We had over 400 attend our Year-End Banquet, with all but 1 team participating. This is a very high mark, so congratulations and thank you to Lisa for leading this.
- We had teams participate in Ringette For All sessions, which is an “all ability” program hosted by CORA. For those who have had a chance to see an “all abilities” program, they are heartwarming and inspirational and help us remember why we all volunteer and how sport can contribute to society.
- We hosted 2 successful holiday ringette camps and attracted over 150 athletes
 - These are organized by the NRL Head Coach (who is also a U18 Team Canada Coach) and supported by the NRL players, and some Association volunteers
 - This is a great partnership with the Nepean NRL Team, as it supports them with fundraising as the NRL is an expensive program and also markets the sport and provides young players some visibility on who the NRL players and team are.
 - The camp is open to players from any Association, and has been seen as a positive marketing and promotion for Nepean
- Volunteer recognition - I am very pleased we were able to launch our first year of Volunteer recognition and hope we can continue to develop these efforts to celebrate and recognize our many volunteers. Congratulations to Shannon Bertels, Emily Price and Geoff Beswick.
- We regularly meet with and continue to work with the ERRA and NCRRL on ongoing challenges and proposals. Coming up for discussion will be a working group to look at possible changes to U16 Regional Groupings and possible changes to FUN 2-3 programming.
- With Ringette Ontario, we receive some direct communication from them on programming and other issues. But generally, many of those communications come directly to all members as well.
 - I’m happy to say that Nepean enjoys good relations with RO, ERRA and NCRRL, as well as many Associations across the Province
- We had many team and player achievements to be proud of this season. Just a few notables:
 - Our U14 AA Team was golden in several tournaments, Provincial Champions, Eastern Canadian Silver Medalists.
 - This is a significant achievement, and something not only should players and coaches involved be proud of, but the entire Association should be proud of.
 - At the NCRRL Year-end tournament, we had two FUN3 teams earn silver: Leclerc and Lee-Shannock
 - At Nepean tournament, we had U12B Laronde with gold and Crites with silver, and Fun3 Lee-Shanok Silver
 - For the NCRRL Regular season, U12A Stass finished in 2nd place overall and U12B Black Laronde finished in 1st place

- Individually, we had 3 players and 1 coach participate in the RO AAA High Performance Program and the Ontario Winter Games in Thunder Bay. 2 players were on the gold medal winning team (Team Green), and we had 1 player get an invitation to Ringette Canada's La Releve program this summer. Congrats to all.
- Player Development:
 - Our partnership with NextGen for our Skating/skills development continues to evolve
 - Coach and member feedback process has been incorporated to ensure the program continues to meet the needs and expectations of coaches, players and parents. NextGen has been responsive to working with us to always improve and adding female and ringette trained coaches will continue to be a request
- Goalie Development:
 - Nepean continues to prioritize and support goalie development
 - There is lots of enthusiasm for our program
 - We had over 50 goalies attend at least one of our goalie clinics throughout the year with 38 regular participants.
 - We hosted a "Come Try Goalie" clinic in September for FUN2, FUN 3 and U12
 - Properly equipping goalies will continue to be a priority investment
 - Continue to emphasize the importance for each team to have a goalie coach and they were encouraged to attend any clinics
- Ravens Merchandise
 - As announced at the Banquet, we have finalized an agreement with Gadar to provide Ravens merchandise. We are excited to get this going very soon.
- Promotion, Fundraising and Sponsorship:
 - On the Promotion side, we are looking forward to seeing some Ravens branding at Sportsplex 2 in the Fall, if everything goes well. We may have ice markings and/or logos in the arena.
 - Fundraising and Sponsorship:
 - Glenn Crites has recently joined the Board in this role and has some exciting ideas for Fundraising and Sponsorship, which he will brief the members on after our formal meeting concludes.
- Snapshot of our Volunteers
 - We have over 100 Coaches and over 100 other volunteers, such as Trainers, Managers, etc.
 - Our Junior coach program included 18 fully qualified youth in the program who were assigned to teams to support them and gain experience. They all completed mandatory RO training and participated in our in-house Workshop with Paul Youldon.
 - Officials - 5 new officials, and 16 of current players are officials, plus 5 adults.
 - The Association truly does run on volunteers, so a big thank you to everyone.

MOTION made by Brent Dobson to approve the reports presented at the 2024 AGM. Seconded by Matt Tyrer

33 in favour, 5 abstained, motion carried.

Report of Auditors (Stephanie Barozzi):

- No Audit Report prepared for the previous four years, including 2023-2024.
- Auditor to be appointed in 2024-2025 to cover the previous four years.
- Audit fee accrual as of April 30, 2024, remained the same as previous year due to write off of older year audit fees, which offset accrual for 2023-2024 audit fees expense.

MOTION made by Stephanie Barozzi to approve the reports presented at the 2024 AGM. Seconded by Glenn Crites

27 in favour, 11 abstained, motion carried.

**Presentation of Budget Information (Treasurer's Report and Estimates for 2024-25)
(Stephanie Barozzi):**

- Net loss for the year was \$598 compared to net income in 2022-2023 of \$215.
- Main reasons for loss this year are credit card transaction fees (new this year); and loss on disposal of old game jerseys, offset by gains from 2023 summer ringette program, 2023 tournament, and Holiday/March break camps.
- 2023-2024 registration fees were: \$250 FUN1; \$550 FUN2; \$700 FUN3 to U19; [additional regular \$25 fee added for all levels and age groups except FUN1 after June 30th].
- NextGen skating development program was offered to FUN3 and above levels (paid by participants at \$310 for 15 sessions and \$285 for 12 sessions).
- Goalie clinics, offered to all NRA goalies, led by Dave Stathos Goalie Performance Centre, returned for a third season at an expense of \$7,910 plus ice costs.
- Goalie rebate paid to all U12 and above full-time goalies was \$200 each for a total expense of \$2,800.
- New jerseys were purchased at a cost of \$45K – depreciated over 6 years starting in 2023-2024.
- Three-year Myers sponsorship revenue for 2022-2023 to 2024-2025 is \$3,000 per year.
- City of Ottawa ice rental is \$223.71 per hour and increased on May 1, 2024, to \$224.80.
- Revenue and expenses have been budgeted based on the expected number of players and teams for next season as well as expected increases in costs.

- Projected net income for 2024-2025 year is \$1,514.
- The 2024 summer ringette program will run for 10 weeks from June to August 2024.

Approval of 2024-25 Membership dues and related fees (Stephanie Barozzi)

- Registration for 2024-2025 is open in RAMP and fees must be paid at registration by credit card.
- Registration fees for 2024-2025 are as follows:
 - FUN1: \$250 Regular fee [no change]
 - FUN2: \$550 early fee (to June 30, 2024) / Regular fee \$575 [no change]
 - FUN3 to U19: \$750 early fee (to June 30, 2024) / Regular fee \$775 [increase of \$50].
- Motion and Vote required – “To approve the above stated fee structure for the 2024-2025 season”

MOTION made by Stephanie Barozzi to approve the above stated fee structure for the 2024-25 season. Seconded by Kathy McIntyre.

25 in favour, 15 abstained, motion carried.

- **Election of New Directors (Brent Dobson):**

- Brent advised that two directors stepped down this year, creating a vacancy for President and Treasurer roles. As the president roles comes with a pre-requisite of the successor having been required to serve as a board member or agent of the board for at least one (1) year, Alysha St. John put forth her interest in the President role, Paul Schauerte put forth his interest in the Treasurer role, and Crystal Schauerte put forth interest in filling the vacancy created by Alysha in the Player Advocate role.

No additional nominations of interest to act as director were received, therefore the following represent the candidates of the Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 season:

POSITION	CANDIDATE
President	Alysha St. John (NEW)
VP of Operations	James Marcogliese
VP of Player Development	Brent Dobson
Secretary	Lisa Murphy
Treasurer	Paul Schauerte (NEW)
Director Competitive	Jamie Hayami
Director Recreation	Craig McIntyre
Director-at-Large	Peter Daigle
Player Advocate	Crystal Schauerte (NEW)

ELECTION held for the position of President, Treasurer, and Player Advocate, with 1 nominee brought forward for each role.

MOTION made by Brent Dobson to nominate Alysha St. John to the position of President, Paul Schauerte to the position of Treasurer, and Crystal Schauerte to the position of Player Advocate.

23 in favour, 17 abstained, motion carried.

**MOTION made by Brent Dobson to adjourn the 2024 AGM.
Seconded by Liam Murphy**

30 in favour, 10 abstained, motion carried.

