

Strathmore Minor Ringette Association  
Minutes from AGM Board Meeting - April 9, 2025

Attendance		
Board Position	Name	Present
President	Martin Croft	Y
Vice President	Brooke Parker	Y
Treasurer	Wendy Bell	Y
Secretary	Kathy Herriot	Y
Registrar	Ardith Lester	N
Coaching Director	Brooke Parker	Y
Director of Officials	Tara Risdon	Y
Equipment Director	Jay Clark	Y
Ice Coordinator	Cory Moore	N
Evaluation Director	Jamie Rainey	N
Fundraising Director/Casino	Brandi Tower	Y
Marketing Director		
Tournament Director		
Manager Coordinator	Claudia Vachon	Y
Director of Player Development	Natasha Lausen	Y
Director of Coordinators	Leanne Mohr	Y
Division Coordinator(U10) Active Start	Kristin Krall	Y
Division Coordinator(U10)	Charlotte Hermann	N
Division Coordinator (U12)	Amanda Gibson	N
Division Coordinator (U14)	Payton Vogelsang-Bundy	Y
Division Coordinator (U16)	Evan Bridger	Y
Division Coordinator (U19)	Fiona Nanke	Y

**Additional Members Present:** Greg Bell, Derek Innes, Kelly Lausen, Dan Lausen, Willie Darago, Cody McDougall, Kevin Krall, Amanda Gauthier, Norman Kruesel, Shanna Kruesel, Tara Harwood, Katie Deeg, Chantelle Woodson, Andrew Gibson, Christine Bateman

**Meeting Items:**

1. **Call meeting to order:** President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** motion made by Payton to adopt the minutes from March 25, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Andrew. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **View and adopt the agenda:** motion made by Fiona to amend the agenda as presented. Amendments include correcting 11 teams to 10 teams hosted by SMRA and adding adoption of By-Laws as posted July 2024. Seconded by Payton. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Elections:** The following positions were up for election for the 2025-2026 season:
  - a. **Secretary:** Fiona Nanke self-nominated. Brandi seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - b. **Registrar:** Brooke nominated Jay Clark. Natasha seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - c. **Director of Evaluations:** Natasha Lausen self-nominated. Payton seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - d. **Ice Scheduler:** Cory Moore let his name stand for a one year term. Leanne seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - e. **Director of Officials:** Tara Risdon let her name stand. Natasha seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - f. **Director of Tournaments:** Fiona nominated Payton Vogelsang-Bundy. Leanne seconded. No other nominees were presented. Nomination carried - elected.
  - g. **Director of Marketing:** Payton nominated Kristin Krall. Fiona seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - h. **Director of Fundraising:** Leanne nominated Charlotte Hermann for a one year term. Payton seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.
  - i. **Director of Equipment:** Payton nominated Evan Bridger. Jay seconded. No other nominees were presented. All in favour - elected.

- j. **Division Coordinators:** Chad Monner, Samantha Ford, Kevin Krall, Amanda Gibson, Norm Kruesel and Cody McDougall. No other names were presented. All in favour - elected. The board will appoint divisions at the April meeting.

5. **Around the Table Check In – See board reports** Martin welcomed everyone and reviewed board member expectations. It is important to be able to commit to attending meetings as a board member. Confidential information is shared and discussed. Our by-laws state that missing three consecutive meetings will result in stepping down from the board. He also wanted to mention that four recently graduated players stepped up to coach this year. He wanted to thank Dez Atkinson for all that she has done for the association, as she will be moving on to Lethbridge for the upcoming season. The recent vote for collaboration with Indus was passed for U12-U19.

6. **New Business; Membership Questions:**

- i. **Officials:** Martin wanted to ensure that all players, parents and coaches treat officials with respect. They are here to keep our sport going and we should all adhere to the 24 hour rule consistently.
- ii. **Collaboration:** Martin commended Natasha's efforts to grow our association and sport through Come Try Its, interviews, etc.. The results from the recent survey were in favour of collaboration with IRA. We will move forward with the intent to do so, but we will have some non-negotiables. The Indus board is fairly new and Martin is in talks with the President at this time. There will be a committee formed. There may also be another survey.

**Q: Will there be a timeline set before the registration date of June 1?** A: We will work towards this.

**Q: What are our non-negotiables?** A: This will still be discussed, but some examples are: no parent evaluators/bench helpers of the division in which your child is evaluating; the Laurie Morton Ruppe Tournament will still be hosted.

**Q: Is there an option to pay for jerseys?** A: This may be discussed.

**Q: Will the early bird rate apply to all teams?** A: U10 will remain the same. Martin mentioned that we should discuss keeping the early bird rate for Strathmore athletes. There will be no try out fee this year.

**Q: Will ice still be equitable? Can we use Gleichen ice?** A: This will also be discussed and worked through at a committee level. Game ice is decided by the CRL.

**Q: How will we know our pilot is a success?** Previously we were able to declare B/C. Now we will have to evaluate all players. This will ensure the most equitable teams. It won't be about wins/banners. It will be how we coincide. There will be a survey in January and possibly a Q and A session to bring up concerns. It is for the athletes. Division Coordinators will be heavily involved with teams to ensure all concerns are being addressed in a timely manner. We've also looked into Dare to Care. This will be explored further. An early tournament or team bonding experience is essential.

**Q: How will coaches be picked?** A: The same as RISE. There will be a coaching survey coming out soon and this will continue. Coaches will be given feedback from these surveys.

**Q: How do we get everyone involved?** A: One association will host a kick-off and one will host a wind-up.

**Q: Whose policies will we follow?** A: This will be discussed. Volunteering will be a big part of this discussion.

- iii. **By-Laws Update 2024:** Fiona created a committee to update our by-laws from 2008. They are aligned with St.Albert's and Lethbridge's. They have been posted since July 2024. Most of the changes are in the wording, but the biggest change is to our Grievance Policy. Previously it was in our policies and procedures. We have now added it to our by-laws and increased the amount from \$200-\$1500, due to increased legal costs.

7. **Meeting adjourned:** motion made by Payton to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Seconded by Andrew. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Motions**

Aside from the regular meeting motions (adopting the agenda, adopting the old minutes, elections, closing the meeting), the following motions were passed during this meeting.

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<b>Motion</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Made By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>All in Favor</b>
Motion made to adopt the updated By-Laws.	6. iii.	Fiona	Payton	Yes