



Tillsonburg Ringette Association
March 2025 Meeting Agenda
Date: March 18 at 8:00 pm
Location: Virtual

Members in Attendance (total; voting members): Jason Routley, Matt Freelen, Karyn Latendre, Pam Geerts, Stephanie Heath, Melissa Hughes, Jason Hughes, Scott Heath, Wendy Tupper, Taylor Manary, Vanessa Alton, Jessah Dielman, Amanda Weigel, Alicia Wilson, Dustin Donais, Ashley Jasper, Brad Van Puymbroeck, Rachel Bryan, Amanda Thorpe

Member Regrets: Michelle Morris, Erin Martin

Guests: None

Rules of the Road: One person to speak at a time. Limit side bar conversations. Be open to other's perspectives this means: non-defending; open to learning and being influenced; think short term and long term. Have fun!

1. Welcome/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at: 8:02 pm

First: Ashley

Second: Taylor

2. Review of Previous Minutes and Action Items

Review of complaints policy pending.

Motion to approve January meeting minutes.

First: Pam

Second: Jessah

3. Public Relations

- Come Try Event post is ready – will create a google form for sign up
- From president - consider spot-lighting players, volunteers etc

4. Treasurer

Motion to approve treasurer's report.

First: Rachel

Second: Pam

5. President

- One remote is programmed to both shot clocks (still missing memorial); one remote controls both sides; need to be sure to turn off the shot clocks after each use.
- To replace the memorial remote – need to check Ebay – company doesn't make something compatible anymore
- President will finish lottery license
- President will work on email alias's for new system
- President will send try out dates to GLRL

- 23 players submitted intent for U14A
- 4 practice dates, 2 hours of ice each session (May 12, 14, 20, 21); last 3 try out dates overlaps with Dorchester; consider how many outsiders may try out; Will look at changing dates
- U16 R players next year (talking to Dorchester about possibilities moving forward to ensure everyone has a place to play); Shelly had offered to take our players (?10) for stability; 3 in St. T, 3-4 Dorchester, plus the 14's moving up); we can likely make our own team with our numbers
- Confirming Come Try Event (booked for Sat March 29 FUN3 10am; FUN2 11am)
- Need to book AGM (end of May – 23-25)
- Can get minors the dog tags; need to get something for the majors (Jason will follow up)

6. **Vice President & Risk Management**

- One incident where volunteer has injured themselves on route to scorekeeper box – filled out the incident form and sent it in to the town and RO; not on a TRF so not insured; is this a risk for community centre; requesting feedback; consider drawing up a waiver re: assuming risk for volunteers to sign; consider reaching out to other user groups
- Complaint from a ref about a parent conduct towards a kid; need to be mindful to watch for this;
- Only had 2 complaints about Tillsonburg this year; we should be proud of this
- All 1003 pins picked up and sorted into bags of 15

7. **Webmaster**

- Have posted 3 on 3 – looking for a graphic
- Migrate over to Microsoft alias's - we can set up groups and share via one drive

8. **Registrar**

- 3 on 3; registration goes live on Sunday (from president: should be careful how we word things to encourage program growth; considering limited ice time and spots)
- President – registration package for the next season is available to set up; discussed registration fees

9. **Coaching and Player Development**

- Will send a reminder out to coaches regarding rules for regionals; some teams from provincial events this season received fines and bench penalties for parents conduct

3 on 3

- Brad will order jerseys for 3 on 3 from Herms
- Google form for volunteer for 3 on 3 (will try to allow newcomers the chance to participate – as long as they are already on TRF)
- Vanessa – need to book ref's (1 per game)
- Will have coaches rank their players to help make teams – will also use this to support informing evaluations
- FUN3 x 2, flood, U12/U14/U16 x 2

U14A try outs

- Will need to book a room for parent information meeting before Try Outs (May 8 – 1 hour)
- Coaching application will be posted on website and socials in the next 2 weeks

- Regional coaching application will be prepared before the banquet
- Hoping to host an in person competition introduction clinic in June – recommended for all U12, required for U12A, U14 and U14A; need permission from Ringette Ontario

Camp

- Becky 13/20 fun2; Jessah 16/20 fun3; Melissa u12/u14 full + 8 on waitlist

10. **Scheduler**

- We have spring/summer contracts (Melissa I have inputted them into our schedule on google drive. You can add the teams or let me know the teams/times and I can)
- TRYOUTS: Do we need 2 hours of ice? Do we want to change the dates as they are the same dates as Dorchester
- Fall ice requests need to be submitted by May 31st, 2025
- Need to find an ice time to accommodate FUN1 end of year celebration (last session next Wednesday March 26th) Jason will pick up dog tags for minors and find awards for majors by the 26th)

11. **Referee in Chief**

- Still recruiting refs for high school tournament
- Discussed grant spending
- Discussed ref needs with provincial level play next season

12. **Equipment**

- Ringette pants – need to pick up and get a check from Scott
- Will order 3 on 3 jerseys
- Will look into extension cords for travel shot clock
- Good for rings – have a fresh box with 60 new rings yet

13. **Fundraising**

- Have started Turtlefest submission
- Have started Rafflebox set up for April
- Confirming if we intend to purchase the tent

14. **Banquet**

- Nothing to report
- Need to begin recruiting applications for awards

15. **Sponsorship**

- Frames came in from Amazon (18); will put pictures in and get them out

16. **Tournament & Major Events**

17. **Learn to Skate & Adult League**

- Has reached out to Becky to support end of year event
- Could offer awards at the banquet instead of at the end of year event

18. **WRRRA/WRRL/LORL**

- Nothing to report

19. **New Business**

- Discussed Sponsorship request letter received from 3 past TRA players going to Nationals

Dear Tillsonburg Ringette Association,

We hope this message finds you well. During the weekend of February 27–March 2, the London Lynx U19 AA Ringette team proudly competed in the Ontario AA Provincial Ringette Tournament. This team of 16 dedicated young women includes three talented athletes who got their start as Tillsonburg Twisters—Jillian Hurley, Camryn Stier, and Lainey West. We are incredibly proud of these Tillsonburg athletes and their teammates for their hard work, commitment, and success in securing a spot to represent Ontario at the **Canadian Ringette Championships in Ottawa, March 30–April 5, 2025**.

This national championship brings together the best teams from across Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Competing at this level is an incredible honor, but it also comes with significant costs for accommodations, transportation, additional ice time, nutritious meals, and team gear.

To help make this opportunity possible for our athletes, we are seeking sponsorship support from our community. Your generous contribution would directly assist in offsetting these expenses and ensuring our athletes can focus on their performance while proudly representing Ontario and their hometown roots in Tillsonburg.

We would be grateful for any level of support you can offer and would love to recognize your generosity within our team's social media platform.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. We truly appreciate your support in helping these young athletes achieve their dreams.

Best regards,

Anastasia Hurley, Alycia Stier, and Krystal West

21. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: April 8th at 8:00 (virtual)

AGM end of May 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30

First: Pam

Second: Amanda