



Tillsonburg Ringette Association
October 2025 Meeting Minutes
Date: October 14, 2025, at 7:00
Location: Lion's Den

Members in Attendance: Matt Freelen, Brad Van Puymbroeck, Jessah Dielman, Pam Geerts, Vanessa Alton, Amanda Weigel, Alicia Wilson, Erin Martin, Rachel Bryan, Amanda Thorpe, Wendy Tupper, Lindsay Munroe, Michelle Morris, Stephanie Heath, Melissa Hughes, Dustin Donais, Nicole Harris, Jason Hughes

Member Regrets: Josiah Page, Scott Heath, Karyn Latendre, Taylor Manary, Kyle Hollister

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: 7:03 pm

First: Jessah

Second: Jason

2. Review of Previous Minutes and Action Items

Motion to approve September 2025 meeting minutes emailed September 10th

First: Rachel

Second: Vanessa

3. Registrar

Nothing to report.

4. Coaching and Player Development

Working on scheduling Kait Buchner powerskating and Goalie Clinic with Cam.

Discussed some shifts in bench staff to comply with Ringette Ontario female on the bench rule.

Bench staff have been encouraged to complete courses with an email reminder.

5. Treasurer

Reviewed September Treasurers report along with the account balances as of this morning.

Motion to approve treasurer's report.

First: Amanda

Second: Erin

6. Scheduler

PRACTICES

Current first half practice totals

Fun 2 - Dieleman 22

Fun 2 - Hollister - 22
Fun 2 - Martens - 21
Fun 3 - Jacko - 21
Fun 3 - Balcomb - 23
Fun 3 - Bond - 22
U12 - VanPuymbroeck - 25
U12 - Ashbury - 23
U12 - Wray - 22
U14 Balazs - 25
U14A - Hughes - 24
U16 - Howse - 25

Teams with lower numbers will be prioritized should extra practices become available. FUN 2 is feeling like it's getting a bit much to have all three teams on the ice at a time. In January this will not continue which puts us at 2 teams per week not practicing on weekday ice.

ICE SHORTAGE

Someone had contacted me about not getting ice two weeks in a row. Here is the reason: When we have a holiday (Thanksgiving, family day, Christmas) we lose ice those days. So this week 5 teams don't have ice instead of just 1 team not having ice. Next week is u12 as hurts skip week so they are missing two weeks unfortunately. What I promised her is that for family day, all of the teams who didn't get practice for Thanksgiving week will be prioritized for family day week so it doesn't happen again to the same teams.

PHOTODAY

I have attached the revised photo day schedule.

LANGTON

A few Langton games had to occur... sorry Vanessa... I will try my best not to use those times moving forward.

EXTRA GOALIE PRACTICE

When fun 2 is playing a game at home, all goalies are welcome to come and get extra ice on the other half as long as they have a coach with them. They are expected to be respectful to the fun 2 teams playing as they are the priority on that ice.

GAMES

Some have been rescheduled. All is going well so far on my end in that sense.

7. Referee in Chief

Email is going out shortly to recruit officials for Tillsonburg tournament.

Aware that U14A shotclock is booked and paid by TRA. Discussed booking and paying shot clock for 12A. Motion approved. Vanessa will add U12A to the ref schedule.

Regional teams will continue to have parent volunteers for bond hours.

Waiting for Arbiter registration, as all officials are to be booked and confirmed through this app.

8. President

Discussed R-zone policy. An email will be sent out to clarify and remind parents/non bench staff to stay out of the dressing room hallways.

Discussed an incident reported to the executive via email from 8:45 pm to 9:25 pm.

9. Vice President & Risk Management

Photo day envelopes in ringette room for managers.

The Source team wear online store is live. Karen will add to the website.

10. Equipment

Team rings ready at the source.

11. Webmaster

Regrets. No report.

12. Fundraising

Discussed bottle drive: bins confirmed, food discussed, flyers to be distributed by teams.

Discussed recruiting donation baskets for the Tillsonburg Tournament from teams. Not mandatory.

13. Sponsorship

- Bunnies Jerseys have the iron-on logo applied and completed at no cost (used the remainder of a sponsor from last year)
- We ended up with 2 sponsors per team (besides the u16, they requested and paid additional for their additional sponsor bars). Some new sponsors who are likely to continue.
- All new Sponsor Bars have been distributed to teams.
- Discussed how to manage sponsor bars. Some reportedly were not returned at the end of last season. Discussed possible fee to the team. Decided to have teams return unused bars promptly at the beginning of the season to avoid unused bars ending up lost/behind cages/in jersey bags. Decided not to instill a fee at this time.

14. Tournament & Major Events

- Registration closes on Oct 19 but we don't anticipate any additions at this point. We did not get enough registrations to run U16, U14B or U12A.
- Draft schedule has been created. Games will be starting at 1pm on Friday. All games will be done by 5pm on Sunday.
- There are a few hours of ice proposed to be returned, discussed keeping it for practices.
- Service Master will be sponsoring the tournament medals. Medals will be ordered tomorrow. Confirm order for FUN1 (50- to be paid by TRA)
- discussed \$400 prize for 1st place in 18+C rather than medals
- We will be allowed to sell food in the Lion's Den
- Budget looks good - expecting to turn a small profit overall.
- Last year's U12A were given \$350 for team volunteer efforts. The budget could accommodate extending the same offer to our U16, U14B and U12A teams this year if they volunteer - all of

these teams would have participated in our tournament if there had been enough registrants.
Motion passed to offer \$200 per team towards another tournament.

15. Banquet

Nothing to report.

16. Learn to Skate & Adult League

Learn to skate:

- Discussed recruiting for this position and importance of that board member being available and at the arena during the bunny ice time for ease of communication and to support the program.

Adult League:

- First game this Sunday at 4 pm in Langton. Hoping to get 15 people out (10 on the email list). I will be trying to get those in attendance to join the email list so it is easier to keep people up to date. If anyone else wants to join there is still time to get on the list. Hoping to see some of the executive out. The rest of my report was sent out in an email last week which I will attach here again.

Email distributed:

Thanks for your interest in joining the league. We are just a couple weeks away from our first week and I just wanted to share the information with you. If you know anyone who also might be interested in joining please feel free to share this email. Our first week is going to be October 19th from 4 to 5 pm at the langton arena. (30 Albert st langton) We are going to run the league 2 times a month for the first half of the year to see how it goes:

October 19,26

November 16,30

December 7,21

We are going to start the first week at \$10 dollars and see how many people we can get to come out. You can either bring cash or etransfer on the date.

This is an all levels drop in meaning even if your new to the game or don't know it at all we want you to come out and have some fun. A stick, skates and helmet are mandatory but we do recommend wearing whatever makes you feel comfortable on the ice.

We will require a release form to be signed prior to joining on the ice.

If you have any questions please feel free to reachout at anytime.

Thanks and have a great day

17. Public Relations

Nothing to report.

18. GRLR

RO reviewing how A teams are formed. Some associations have voiced concern that there are too many A teams (more A than B).

19. WRRR/WRRL

WRRR slowly shutting down.

20. LORL

LORL back on base camp. RAMP issues resolved. Webmaster now connected.

21. New Business

22. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Nov 11 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 pm

First: Jessah

Second: Amanda