



**Tillsonburg Ringette Association
September 2025 Meeting Minutes
Date: September 9, 2025, at 7:00
Location: Lion's Den**

Members in Attendance: Matt Freelen, Brad Van Puymbroeck, Jessah Dielman, Karyn Latendre, Pam Geerts, Taylor Manary, Vanessa Alton, Amanda Weigel, Alicia Wilson, Erin Martin, Rachel Bryan, Amanda Thorpe, Wendy Tupper, Kyle Hollister, Lindsay Munroe, Josiah Page, Michelle Morris, Stephanie Heath, Melissa Hughes, Scott Heath

Member Regrets: Dustin Donais, Nicole Harris, Jason Hughes

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: Melissa

Second: Wendy

2. Review of Previous Minutes and Action Items

Motion to approve August 2025 meeting minutes

First: Brad

Second: Scott

3. Registrar

Current Numbers:

FUN1 – 32 (major and minor on same ice)

*discussed recruiting for FUN1 until the end of the week, discussed identifying a max in consult with coach

FUN2 – 31

FUN3 – 35

U12A – 12

U12B – 22

U14A – 13

U14B – 14

U16 – 11

18+/RFA – 7

Total of 177 registrants

4. Coaching and Player Development

Player Development

- Player sort outs continue. We have completed u16, u14, u12. Fun 3 and Fun 2 will hopefully be done Saturday
- Goalie clinic has been rescheduled from sept 21 to November
- Discussed powerskating options. Reached consensus on running an association sponsored session to kick start the year.
- I have shared with all coaches the list of suggested player development options. Each team will continue to get \$300 for player development as well as \$200 for goalie development. Have booked Southridge gym for dryland opportunities. Teams will book through Melissa.

Coach Development

- We have managed to get coaches and trainers for all divisions except FUN2
- It is likely at this point that we will have to go with two FUN2 teams instead of three as we only have one coach for FUN2 at this time (still recruiting). May start with two teams and then at the half if it is really affecting ice time, we can add a third. Maybe by then a parent will feel more comfortable stepping up. Discussed attendance at FUN2 last year being spotty especially for practice. I think that moving forward we could have all fun2 on the ice for each practice. This would make things easier for coaching purposes as well
- Hosted coaches meeting last Monday. Will host another one once we have all bench staff assigned.
- Once teams are made I will assign managers. We do have people that have volunteered that have not yet been placed; still working on this. Managers meeting will be held online once they are assigned.
- Police checks as well as coaching courses have been shared with coaches. Clinics are open right now so I will be hounding coaches to get registered.
- John Mezzenberg is coming to hold a coaches clinic this Sunday from 4-6. TRA will have to cover the cost of the room as well as his fee of \$150. Consensus achieved.

Income	56	Supplies	
Registrations	\$15,400	83.89	Amazon
		99.78	Amazon
		31.99	dollartree
		12.43	walmart
		63	dollarama
Expenses			
Ice/room	5591.59		
Jerseys	1229.44		
Staff	1000		291.09
Junior Staff	300		
Supplies	291.09		
Pizza	243.62		
Total	8655.74		
Profit	6744.26		

4. Treasurer

Please see attached August Treasurers report along with the account balances as of this morning.



TRA - Treasurers
Report August 2025.p

Review account balances:

The screenshot shows the BMO mobile banking app interface. At the top, it says "Good morning, TILLSONBURG RINGETTE". Below that is a "Bank accounts" section. It lists three accounts with their balances:

- Chequing 9048: \$88,624.74
- Other 1 NEVAD 0348: \$5,675.54
- Other 2 RAFFL 5114: \$28,913.94

At the bottom of the list, it shows a total balance of "Total: \$123,214.22 CAD".

Motion to approve treasurer's report.

First: Amanda T

Second: Amanda W

5. **Scheduler**

- Blackout ice is due Sept 15
- Schedule will be released from LORL Sept 29, from there I will finish up the practice schedule and get it out as soon as I can
- Games start Oct 4 for all except u14A which already started
- Second half of games begin Jan 3

SEPT ice TOTALS

Fun 2 burgundy - 4 + 2 sort outs

Fun 2 blue -4 + 2 sort outs

Fun 2 white -4 + 2 sort outs

Fun 3 Bond -4 + 2 sort outs

Fun 3 Jacko -5 + 2 sort outs

Fun 3 Balcomb -4 + 2 sort outs

U12 A vanpuymbroeck -7

U12 white -7

U12 burgundy -7

U14A Hughes -9

U14B Balazs -9

U16 Howse -8

- Discussed ice schedule for Wednesdays. Consensus achieved: Option 3.

Option 1 (accommodates 5 teams)

Give back 4:45-5:15 and just run 5:15-8:15

Option 2 - (accommodates 7 teams - ?not enough floods)

4:45-5:30 fun 1 (no flood after)

5:30-6:15 fun 2 or 3 (no flood after)

6:15-7:15 - any teams (flood after)

7:15-8:15 - any teams (flood after)

Option 3 (accommodates 5 teams, gives 2 teams 1.5 hour practice)

4:45-5:45- fun 1

5:45-6:45- any

6:45-8:15 - any

- Discussed entering the mixed loop for LORL at older divisions. Will discuss with coaches of those teams.

6. **Referee in Chief**

- This is a rule change year, so refresher course required for all officials.
- 6 officials confirmed at this point, waiting to hear back from a few.
- Level 1 clinic being offered Sep 20th in London
- Discussed scheduling in new ref's to FUN2 games (coaches would remain on ice); consider offering to players that are interested in learning to ref with a social media post.
- Once tournament schedule is finalized, will be reaching out to source officials at that point.
- Discussed scheduling shot clock officials for 14A. Consensus achieved with cap budget of \$200 paid by TRA.

7. President

- Discussed jersey number consistency as players grow up through the association, barriers given jersey lots ordered in previous years. Numbers align with size lots in many cases. Will work together to try and keep jersey lots together so teams can whenever possible keep their number lots for the two seasons.
- Live Barn: installed at our arena. We've been asked to decide whether we want all of our ice times broadcasted or not all. Landed on yes with consensus.
- Consensus on reimbursing registration fee for an injured player. Jason H will complete the reimbursement.

8. Vice President & Risk Management

- Currently in discussion with Source for Sports on team wear store
- feedback@tillsonburgringette.com has been setup. Emails that are sent to that address will be forwarded to President and VP
- October 25th Photo Day. Will need a team list and schedule to send to Shooter Bob
- Discussed on ice injury during practice. Coach filled out Ringette Ontario concussion form.

9. Equipment

- Interior door ringette room lock change. Keys are being engraved. Then they will be ready to sign out.
- Discussed not using the Ringette room as a coach change room. Boys will be using the alternate changeroom (notify Jessah for scheduling). Will use the referee room for coaches.

10. Webmaster

The following teams have been created in both the RAMP Registration and CMS websites:

- U16B
- U14B
- U14A
- U12A

Team & Staff Updates

- All players have been successfully added to their respective teams.

- Some staff members have been assigned; however, additional staff still need to register in RAMP as “Staff” before they can be added to their teams.

League Tie-In

- Manual league tie-ins have been completed for two teams.
- Once all coaches are submitted to LORL, they will provide us with the list of tie-in codes to complete the process.

Email Addresses

- Email accounts have been set up for three of the above teams. The remaining accounts will be completed once all staff assignments are finalized.

Website Updates

- The 2025 Tillsonburg Tournament page and related information have been published.
- Sponsors from 2024 who have not renewed have been removed from the rotating homepage banner.

11. Fundraising

- Bottle Drive – sorting out team areas; discussed having a group of volunteers from the team near the beer store to host a drop off at Peavey Mart (consider out front of the beer store as an option). Wendy/Michelle will follow up regarding permissions needed.
- Lottery license has been submitted
- Discussed tournament tables charging a vendor fee: water bottle guy, face painting by donation, ?TKO/source, jibbitz, ringette store, TRA jibbitz and pins and bumper stickers and hats and jerseys, dominos etc.
- Requesting a Santa Claus Parade Committee: November 15th, Taylor

13. Sponsorship

- Continue to recruit. 4 more sponsors would allow for 2 sponsors per team
- Have located iron ons for the bunny sponsor

16. Tournament & Major Events

- Come Try event was held on Aug 13 - had approx 10 kids come out.
- Tournament registrations to-date:

Divisions	Team #	Team
18+C/CC (mixed)	1	Southern Ontario Fury
	2	Flocking Flamingos Mitchell
	3	
	4	
U19B/C (mixed)	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
U16B/C (female)	1	Tillsonburg U16B
	2	
	3	
	4	
U14A	1	Hamilton U14A
	2	Tillsonburg U14A
	3	
	4	
	5	
U14B/C (female)	1	Tillsonburg U14B
	2	
	3	
	4	
U12A (mixed)	1	Tillsonburg U12A
	2	
	3	
	4	
U12B/C	1	Tillsonburg U12B - Ashbury
	2	Tillsonburg U12B - Wray
	3	Etobicoke Stinglers U12B
	4	
FUN3	1	Tillsonburg FUN3 - Balcomb
	2	Tillsonburg FUN3 - Bond
	3	Tillsonburg FUN3 - Jacko
	4	Fun3 - Dorchester Dragons - Brown
	5	Waterloo Wildfire FUN3 - Thorndyke
	6	
FUN2	1	Tillsonburg FUN2 - coach1
	2	Tillsonburg FUN2 - coach2
	3	Tillsonburg FUN2 - coach3
	4	

- Registration closes Oct 19
- We will be hosting an NRL showcase game on the Saturday (Nov 22) at 1pm featuring Cambridge Turbos NRL team vs. a Cambridge 18+ AA tournament team. We will provide ice, shot clock, time & score keepers, Turbos will provide the refs. There will be a \$5/person cost to attend but kids wearing team jerseys get in free.
 - Turbos would sign autographs after the game if we request it
 - They are open to having players come on-ice for the warm up and pre-game talk (up to 4-6 players per team)
- Attempted to invite the UWO Mustangs initially but their program is in flux at the moment - head coach position was canceled by the university due to budget cutbacks and they are looking for a new coach and are not in a position to commit to engagements/clinics at this time

17. Banquet

- Nothing to report

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

Learn to Skate

- Communicating with Becky about on ice helpers and a manager position for this group.

Adult League:

- We have 12 ice times for Mondays at 9:15 and potential sponsor in the copper mug
- At current rate for ice if we can get 15 players cost would be \$190 plus insurance fees (apprx. \$60 per player) At 10 players \$285 plus insurance. Not sure we will get that many people given the time and cost. Currently works out to between about \$21 - 30 per ice per player without the extra insurance fee
- Still waiting to see if we can get ice from Norfolk at a different time
- Discussed drop in fee and trial a drop in once a month/adult come try - “bring a parent”
- Discussed hosting a Parents versus Parents game

19. **Public Relations**

- All information that has been provided or requested to be posted on social media so far has been completed.
- Additional information has been shared from RO regarding the equipment changes as well as play changes for this season. Recommend that the rules changes for ring in crease and delay of penalty/goalie pull be watched by all coaches to be aware of this
- Information has been shared on TRA page regarding free / discounted coaching sessions that are required for coaching during Coach week. This could assist with cost for coaches and anyone potentially interested in coaching
- Looking at what other associations are posting regularly to gain ideas and increase engagement
- Many teams now have their own instagram pages so will be looking to gather their page info / encouraging that it is shared across to the association page as well to build the community.
- Will be encouraging more shared photos of the games/teams
- Currently in process of updating the ringette display case outside the lounge. Has been stripped down and will be refreshed this month (all old trophies/items have been added to storage)
- Next step will be working with website to update the photos on the page to more current player photos

20. **GRLR**

- Discipline committee, team changes to Sudbury teams, scheduling – hub weekends, league convenors, coaches understanding rules, game change request form, coaches listing directory.

21. **WRRA/WRRL**

22. **LORL**

- Important dates shared
- Next LORL Rep Meeting: Thursday Sept 18th

23. New Business

24. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 7th

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 pm

First: Amanda T

Second: Wendy