



## Waterloo Ringette Association Annual General Meeting

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Location RIM Room 104



### Agenda

1. Preliminary Matters
  - a. Confirm attendance  
The meeting commenced at 7:12pm, without quorum. Quorum was met at 7:34pm, following discussion on the President's Report and Registrar's Report.
  - b. Approve Minutes of Annual General Meeting, May 15, 2018  
Motion to approve the minutes of the prior AGM. Moved by Janet. Seconded by Greg. Carried.
  - c. Introduction of City of Waterloo Representative – Darren Carter  
Thanks and welcome to Darren Carter
2. President's Report  
Mark provided comments to accompany his President's Report.

Welcome to the AGM. It's been a great year. A great memory comes to mind from January when Jack retired - Jack is the father of Waterloo ringette with 51 years of service. Registration this past season was around 300. There continues to be challenges to form certain teams, both regional and provincial, which has led to working more closely with Kitchener and other neighbouring associations. We had over 100 volunteers on the bench and working as managers. The equipment program is going well - 25 families were loaned equipment which is a valuable program augmenting the first year free ringette registration. David cleaned out and organized the equipment rooms. The skills clinics were again a cornerstone - skating, goalie and NRL clinics on which we received great feedback. A donation last year from the KW Chippers was allocated to regional skills development via our NRL players. The Bunny program was helped out by provincial teams, providing mentoring to the Bunnies. We fell short in a couple areas like marketing. Social media exposure is increasing, though behind Guelph. Social media is proving to be a great way to connect with membership. Waterloo Ringette hosted the 42nd Winterfest and also hosted the First Provincial event, both of which went well. The Board agenda had mainly an operational focus. We want to expand governance and process and need volunteers. Looking ahead, there are five areas. (1) Expand coaches and refs. The Come Try Ref event was the biggest program of its kind that has been run. We now need to focus on getting the refs into higher levels. (2) Complete a governance review on the tryout and player selection process after the coach selection process was updated this past year. We need to document what we do for the benefit of current and future boards. (3) Expand collaboration with Kitchener and Guelph. (4) Modernize the by-laws. They have served us well but need to be updated. (5) Find ways to lighten the volunteer load by balancing the load/ and automating.

A question was asked about Kitchener -- heard they are aggressively trying to attract players. Mark explained the home association rules and past practices. We do what we can to keep.

3. Registrar's Report  
Janet provided an update on registration from this past season. The registration levels were close to the same level as the last few years but down from 2013/2014, which was the high water mark. We need to get numbers up at the younger ages. We register about

### Upcoming Events/Dates

#### **June**

- 1 - RO Assoc Annual Dues
- 1 - RO Membership App Due
- 2 - Summer Ringette Start
- 8 - ORA AGM
- TBD - Open Registration*

#### **July**

- 15 - Summer Ringette End

#### **Aug**

- Rest and Enjoy Summer

#### **Sept**

- Sept 7 - Come Try Ringette*

400 in total, between players, coaches and referees.

A question was asked about opportunities to get older players. We have tried to do so. Need to balance impact on other players. There may be opportunities to target a pathway for older players. In the past we have handed out flyers to softball / soccer.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bobbi-Jo provided the treasurer's report, indicating we did well with Provincials and Winterfest. We ran our programs to break-even. Overall we achieved a \$9000 income. This gives us flexibility to invest in programs such as waiving first year registration. In years where we do not host provincials, we run break even. Our cash is down a bit due to the timing of summer ringette. There is little in the way of liabilities. One year of operating expenses is recommended as surplus.

5. Executive Reports

- a. **Vice President**
- b. Past President
- c. **Provincial Convenor**
- d. **Regional Convenor**
- e. **Ice Scheduler**
- f. Director of Coaching Development
- g. Director of Player Development
- h. **Referee in Chief**
- i. **Director of Minor Officials**
- j. Webmaster
- k. **Equipment Manager**
- l. **Winterfest Chair**

6. Resolution for Approval: That the Executive Reports for the 2018–19 Season be Approved:

Motion to approve. Ben. Seconded Markus. Carried.

7. Nominations / Election of Executive Positions – chaired by Darren Carter

- a. Player Development  
Denise Totzke is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor.  
Denise acclaimed.
- b. Fundraising  
This position is currently vacant and no names were put forward in advance of the meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Fundraising will remain vacant.
- c. Director at Large  
This position is currently vacant and no names were put forward in advance of the meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Director at Large will remain vacant.
- d. Coach Development  
Jason Nyman is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor.  
Jason acclaimed.
- e. Webmaster  
This position is currently vacant and no names were put forward in advance of the meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Webmaster will remain vacant.
- f. Publicity and Marketing  
Carolyn Baltaz is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor.  
Carolyn acclaimed.

- g. Treasurer  
Bobbi-Jo Schweitzer is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Bobbi-Jo acclaimed.
- h. Secretary  
Paul Fryer is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Paul acclaimed.
- i. Regional Convenor  
Neil Henderson is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Neil acclaimed.
- j. Winterfest Chair  
Maureen is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Maureen acclaimed.
- k. Equipment Manager  
Roland Lynn is willing to take the position. There were no nominations from the floor. Roland acclaimed.
- l. Registrar  
Janet Lanteigne is willing to stand. There were no nominations from the floor. Janet acclaimed.

8. Motion to Destroy the Ballots:  
No ballots were cast.

9. Motion to amend bylaw:  
**WHEREAS** paragraph 10.2.1.1 of the Waterloo Ringette Association bylaws now provides as follows:

10.2.1.1 Shall consist of the President, Vice President, Director of Coaching Development and either the Provincial or Regional Team Convenor (depending on what division is being selected)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** paragraph 10.2.1.1 of the bylaws shall be deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with the following:

10.2.1.1 The Director of Coaching Development shall recommend to the Executive for approval the members of the Coaching Selection Committee. The Executive may approve different Coaching Selection Committees for different teams.

Mark put forth a motion to amend the by-law as noted here. Seconded: Greg. No questions were raised. Carried unanimously.

10. Other Business  
David clarified that the policy regarding the coach selection process was also changed. Mark indicated that the policy didn't need a vote at the AGM.

11. The Date of the next board meeting: June 18/2019 (propose)  
June 18/2019 was agreed to for the next meeting.

12. Motion to Adjourn: Markus. Seconded: Greg  
Meeting ended at 8:06.