



NEPEAN RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Nepean Ringette Association Virtual Annual General Meeting 2022

AGM Meeting Held	Tues May 31 st , 2022 at 7:05 pm Virtual AGM held via Zoom for social distancing due to COVID-19.
Board Members Present	Phil Mechura Brent Dobson, Ryan Tettamanti, Stephanie Barozzi, Alysha St. John, Peter Daigle,
Board Members Absent	James Marcogliese, Laura Ng, Jamie Hayami
Agents of the Board Present	Bobbi MacLeod, Craig McIntyre, Tim Huras, Sarah De Boer, Shannon Bertles, Jack Kwan, Elena Pierce
Members	Liam and Lisa Murphy, Paul Bertels, Stephanie, Andrea Winter, Isabelle Cormier, Dawn, Nia C.

- **Opening Remarks (Phil Mechura):** Phil commenced the AGM with opening remarks, indicating that the ERRA AGM was held the previous night. He also expressed hope that soon we will not need to continue meeting virtually and will be able to return to meeting in person.
- **Call to Order (Phil Mechura):** Phil called the Annual General Meeting for the 2021-22 year to order at 7:05 pm.
- **Establishment of a Quorum (Phil Mechura):**
 - As required by the Nepean Ringette Association Bylaws, at least 10 members need to be present or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. Twenty people were in attendance.

- **Approval of Agenda (Phil Mechura):**

MOTION made by Sarah De Boer to approve the agenda for the 2022 Virtual AGM. Seconded by Alysha.

16 in favour, 4 abstained, motion carried.

- **Approval of the 2021 AGM minutes (Phil Mechura):**

MOTION made by Sarah to adopt the minutes from the 2021 AGM as posted. Seconded by Alysha

16 in favour, 4 abstained, motion carried.

- **Presentation and Approval of Reports:**

- **President’s Report (Phil Mechura):**

- **Total Membership:** Phil reported that the association remained healthy with 361 members in the age groups ranging from FUN 1 to U19 in the 2021/22 Season.

FUN 1 (Bunnies)	71
FUN 2 (U8/U9)	32
FUN 3 (U9/U10)	63
U12	69
U14	59
U16	39
U19	28

- **Increasing Membership:** Phil highlighted that increasing the Association’s membership remains our top priority. We were in the unique position this past season where we were extremely limited in our ice allocations and we had to have larger teams than we normally would have liked.
- Here is a summary of the activities that supported our membership growth mandate:
 - Had a very skilled FUN 1 Instructor (Emily Price) to run the Learn to Skate on-ice program and organize all of the on-ice volunteers.
 - Continued running 2 sessions a week for FUN 1 allowing participants to choose which day of the week is best for them, and also possibly attending both sessions if desired.
 - Hosted 2 “Come Try Ringette” events (September & April)

- We also hosted a few “Bring a friend to Practice” events for the novice aged kids. Lots participated and had a great time! Still a top priority for the association. Did carry some larger teams.
- **Goalie Development:** We created the position of Goalie Development Coordinator in the Association. The inaugural person in this role is Tim Huras. With Tim, we were able to secure Dave Stathos for our goalie development program.
 - Ran a “Come Try Goalie” clinic in September for FUN2, FUN 3 and U12
 - Had 20 participants arrive.
 - Goalies were properly sized for equipment.
 - Goalies were given the option to take the gear home with them if they wanted to continue to pursue goaltending.
 - Ran 12 “Goalie Clinic” sessions with Dave Stathos throughout the season
 - Each Ravens team should have a goalie coach and they were encouraged to attend
 - Averaged 18-24 participants per session
 - Had 30 goalies attend at least 6 sessions each
 - 9 from FUN 3
 - 11 from U12
 - 5 from U14
 - 3 from U16
 - 2 from U19
- **Other highlights:** As this was his first year as the President of the NRA, Phil wanted to ensure that he participated and was involved everywhere he could to help make this association as great as it can be. He highlighted that he had a great cast of Executives to help guide him through the year and together we were able to continue the growth of our program.
 - Partnered with NextGen for our PowerSkating/skills development.
 - Summer program sold out in the first 12 hours that registration was open to the public.
 - Had a successful first year with a Nepean team in the NRL.

NRA Management Committee Recruitment (Phil Mechura):

- Phil highlighted the need for volunteers to join the Nepean Ringette Association executive, and appealed to the membership, applauding them for showing interest.
- He indicated that there were 2 positions open on the Board of Directors, Director of Recreation and Secretary which would be discussed later in the agenda. He also reported that there was a vacancy for Equipment Manager, however if none were interested then Michelle Mechura would be ready to assume the role. Finally, Phil highlighted that the Association also still needed U19 and Bunnies Convenors.

**MOTION made by Sarah to approve the reports presented at the 2022 AGM.
Seconded by Alysha.**

17 in favour, 3 abstained, motion carried.

Report of Auditors (Stephanie Barozzi):

- No Audit Report prepared for previous three years, including 2021-2022.
- Auditor to be appointed in 2022-2023 to cover previous three years.
- Audit fee accrual as at April 30, 2022 remained the same as previous year due to write off of \$4,000 of older year audit fees, which offset accrual for 2021-2022 audit fees expense.
- It was assessed that no Vote was required for this item this year.

**Presentation of Budget Information (Treasurer's Report and Estimates for 2022-23)
(Stephanie Barozzi):**

- Net loss for the year was \$165 compared to a budgeted gain of \$205.
- Registration fees for the year remained as budgeted and no adjustments were made due to program changes required per public health requirements of the pandemic. 2021-2022 registration fees were: \$225 FUN1 (Bunnies); \$515 FUN2 (U8); \$665 FUN3 (U10) to U19; and \$565 U19B [late fee for all levels and age groups except FUN1 was \$40].
- 2021 NRA tournament was cancelled. There was no Summer 2021 Ringette Program.
- NextGen skating development program was offered to FUN3 and above levels (paid by participants at \$325 for 16 sessions; \$165 for 8 sessions).
- 12 goalie clinics, led by Dave Stathos Goalie Performance Centre, was paid by NRA for all interested goalies FUN2 and above at an expense of \$3,277 plus ice costs of \$2,539.
- Goalie rebate paid to all U12 and above full-time goalies was \$200 each for a total expense of \$2,800.
- New game jerseys were not purchased this season but it is being considered possibly for 2023-2024.
- City of Ottawa ice rental is \$213.70 per hour to Dec 2022 and an increase is expected Jan 1, 2023.
- Revenue and expenses have been budgeted based on the expected number of players and teams for next season as well as expected increases in costs.
- NRA tournament is planned for the weekend of November 18, 2022.

- Projected net income for the year is \$3,131, which will be used towards future programming.
- Registration fees for 2022-2023 are proposed to increase (see next slide) to cover increasing costs. The 2022 summer ringette program has been organized for 10 weeks from June to August 2022.
- The jersey replacement fund will continue: U12 teams and higher contribute \$250 per year. (Balance available to invest in new jerseys is \$14,500 as at end of 2021-2022 season).
- NRA golf tournament is planned for August 2022; proceeds to be used towards player post-secondary scholarships.
- **Approval of 2022-23 Membership dues and related fees (Stephanie Barozzi)**
 - Although programming appears stable at the moment, the 2022-2023 season still has some uncertainty and adjustments will be made as required to comply with public health and Ringette Ontario mandates.
 - Registration will begin July 1, 2022 in RAMP and fees must be paid upon registration to secure spots.
 - Registration fees are budgeted to increase for 2022-2023 as follows:
 - FUN1 (Bunnies): \$250 Regular fee
 - FUN2 (U8): \$550 Regular fee / \$590 Late fee (as of August 29)
 - U19B: \$600 Regular fee / \$640 Late fee (as of August 29)
 - FUN3 (U10) to U19(A/AA): \$700 Regular fee / \$740 Late fee (as of August 29)
 - An 'Early Bird Fee' has not been included as registration in the RAMP portal will not be opened by Ringette Ontario until July 1, 2022.
 - Motion and Vote required – "To approve the above stated fee structure for the 2022-2023 season"

MOTION made by Stephanie Barozzi to approve the above stated fee structure for the 2022-23 season. Seconded by Lisa Murphy.

15 in favour, 5 abstained, motion carried.

- **Election of New Directors (Phil Mechura & Ryan Tettamanti):**
 - Phil introduced the Election of New Directors to the AGM;

Position	Candidate
President	Phil Mechura
VP Player Development	Brent Dobson

VP Operations	James Marcogliese
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Stephanie Barozzi
Director Competitive	Jamie Hayami
Director Recreation	Vacant
Director at Large	Peter Daigle
Player Advocate	Alysha St. John

- Ryan provided the membership with a background on the process for the selection of Directors as per the Nepean Ringette Association Bylaws. Given that there was only one candidate for the role of Director Recreation, it would be resolved through an ordinary resolution vote. For the role of Secretary, given that there were two volunteers who came forward, the process required a vote by the membership to select the candidate.

MOTION made by Ryan Tettamanti to nominate Craig McIntyre to the position of Director Recreation. Seconded by Sarah de Boer.

18 in favour, 2 abstained, motion carried.

- For the position of Secretary, Ryan provided a quick synopsis of the qualifications of each of the candidates, Lisa Murphy and Sarah de Boer, and held the vote. When the vote resulted in a tie, Sarah withdrew her name from contention and the membership proceed to vote Lisa Murphy into the role through ordinary resolution.

ELECTION held for the position of Secretary, with 2 nominees of Lisa Murphy and Sarah DeBoer.

Election results were a tie. Prior to a recount being held, Sara de Boer withdrew her nomination for the position.

MOTION made by Ryan Tettamanti to nominate Lisa Murphy to the position of Secretary. Seconded by Elena.

17 in favour, 3 abstained, motion carried.

- **Adjournment of meeting:**

**MOTION made by Sarah de Boer to adjourn the 2022 Virtual AGM.
Seconded by Craig**

17 in favour, 3 abstained, motion carried.