



NEPEAN RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

AGM Meeting Held	Monday June 9, 2025, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Nepean Sportsplex, Hall C
Board Members Present	Alysha St. John, James Marcogliese, Lisa Murphy, Paul Schauerte, Crystal Schauerte, Peter Daigle, Craig McIntyre
Board Members Absent	
Agents of the Board Present	Matt Tyrer, Glenn Crites, Elena Pierce, Caroline Mackey, Liam Murphy, Emily Price
Members	Andrea Winter, Ron Park, Chris Gill, Mike Saunders, Fabiola Loggia, Manny Zamani, Geoff Beswick, Danny Young, Mike Flaherty, Genevieve Lehoux, Stephanie Denison, Laid McKinnon, Dan Nielsen, Will Lee-Shanok, Brad Fisk, Tim Huras, Mary Huras, Dominic Teolis, Andrew Bird, Paul Rossolates, Mike Bonden, Janet Becker, Chris Becker, Kim Pescod, Luc Hoang, Kaitline Fournier, Melanie Maclean, Aysia Chu, Brooklyn Mclean, Erin Ramsay, Talia Daigle, Rachel Van Wallegem, Meghan Sarlo, and Julie Paradis

- **Opening Remarks (Alysha St. John):** Alysha commenced the AGM by welcoming all members present and thanked everyone for joining.
- **Call to Order (Alysha St. John):** Brent called the Annual General Meeting for the 2024-25 year to order at 7:16 pm.
- **Establishment of a Quorum (Alysha St. John):**
 - As required by the Nepean Ringette Association Bylaws, at least 10 members need to be present or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum. With over 40 people in attendance, quorum was confirmed.

- **Approval of Agenda (Alysha St. John):**

- MOTION made by Julie Paradis to approve the agenda for the 2025 AGM. Seconded by Emily Price.

32 in favour, 7 abstained, motion carried.

- **Approval of the 2024 AGM minutes (Alysha St. John):**

- MOTION made by Chris Gill to approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM. Seconded by Andrea Winter.

30 in favour, 9 abstained, motion carried.

- **Presentation and Approval of Reports:**

- **President's Report (Alysha St. John):**

- **Total Membership:** Alysha reported that this year we had a total membership of 432, up from 404 the 2023/24 season.

which included:

FUN 1 Bunnies – Friday and Sunday group (63 players)

FUN 2 - 4 Teams (46 players)

FUN 3 - 5 Teams (60 players)

U12 - 6 Teams (81 players - 2 A, 2 B and 2 C)

U14 - 5 Teams (69 players - AA, A, 2 B and C)

U16 - 4 Teams (63 players - AA, A, 2B)

U19 - 3 Teams (50 players - A, 2 B)

Overall, our teams did very well this year, with 36 medals across the Board. Our teams also finished the season strong. Notably the 16AA Price who represented Nepean at the Canadian National Championship as Team Ontario 4. The U14AA Kelly team attended the Eastern Ringette Championship for the second year in a row, attending this year as Team Ontario 2. Both our 19A Cram and 14A Stass teams finished an impressive fourth in the province this year. At the NCRRL Year End Tournament, U12C Jensen and FUN 3 Martin won gold while U16B Kelly, U16B Bonden, U14B Beswick, U14B Kennedy, U12A Laronde, U12B Teolis, FUN 3 Green, FUN 3 Young all won silver. At the U12 Championship event, U12A Piecki won bronze.

Community Engagement

This year we were awarded a \$1000 dollar bursary from Canada Sport Information Resource Centre. This bursary was awarded to us to help run events promoting females in sport. We used these funds to run Come Try Ringette events. We had over 150 kids attend our Come Try

Ringette sessions in September, January, and April events.

The banquet was another successful event and was sold out within two weeks. As the association continues to grow, we recognize the challenge in making sure everyone can attend, while keeping costs reasonable. We have begun to discuss options for next year, to ensure that everyone who wants to attend will be able to attend.

We once again presented our volunteer and coach of the year awards, with Melanie- St Jacques Maclean, winning volunteer of the year. Caroline McKay won regional coach of the year, and Rob Cram won provincial coach of the year.

We participated again this year in the Santa Claus parade, which is always great to see everyone out in our jerseys, promoting our association.

Nepean Tournament

We had a very successful tournament with a record number of 127 teams attending with 17 divisions from FUN 2 to 18+A participating this past November. This included 27 Ravens teams as well. We had a team from as far away as Nova Scotia, this year, who spoke highly of their experience and want to come back. We have already had teams from outside of Ottawa reach out and ask to register for November 2025, which really speaks to how well regarded our tournament is and the level of play available. Many thanks to all the volunteers and the entire community of Ravens families for helping. As we begin to plan for November 2025, we are actively seeking tournament committee volunteers, so please reach out to Elena Pierce, at the tournament contact on our website.

Next Gen Skating & Skills Development

We had over 200 Ravens players participate in Next Gen last season (35% Provincial players and 65% Regional players). There was so much demand in the second half of the season that players were waitlisted, and an additional fifth NEXT GEN coach was brought in to accommodate the increase in interest. We will continue our partnership with NEXT GEN into the 2025/26 season.

Goalie Clinics

Close to 40 goalies from FUN 3 to U19 participated in our Stathos Goalie Clinics last season. We are in the process of revamping our goalie program for the 2025/26 season and we are very excited about the option of being able to bring in more high-level ringette goalies, to help facilitate training and support for teams. Final details and planning are still being worked out, but we hope to be able to provide more details in the next couple of weeks.

Summer Ringette Program 2025

Close to 400 players are currently registered for our 10-week program that begins tomorrow. Many of the Groups are waitlisted.

NRL

After being a part of the Nepean association, this upcoming season the NRL team will join the Eastern Region Association, as they seek to align the U19AA program into a pathway for the NRL. They have committed that their athletes and coaches are eager to maintain their involvement at the grassroots level. Whether through guest practices, skill clinics, or mentorship sessions, they want to keep inspiring and supporting the next generation of ringette players. They are committed to remaining an active and visible part of your community—supporting association events, promoting shared initiatives on social media, and contributing to outreach efforts that align with our goals. Last season, close to 200 players in the region participated in our NRL New Years shooting clinic and march break camp. We are eager to maintain our relationship with them, and Nepean will continue to support them through our ice allocations and provide them with their weekly night of ice.

Sponsorship

This year, Glenn Crites took over the role of Sponsorship Coordinator. Thanks to his efforts, Glenn was able to raise \$20,000 in sponsorship money to the association. Again, a massive thank you to our sponsors, Braces Haven, Shaver Financial, PhysioVive, Spark Nutrition, Popeyes, Erin Field Homes, First Aid Plus, LevelScape, and Ringette Life. These funds were used to purchase new and much needed goalie equipment, coaching tools and supplies, practice equipment for players, advertising and promotional materials, scholarship funds. This was a massive endeavor, and the association truly appreciates his work, and the sponsors.

Nepean Sportsplex 2

This summer, we should see all the banners from our teams' success this year be hung up in Nepean Sportsplex 2. We have also been told by the city that after years of asking, they will allow us to have our logos put in at centre ice.

GADAR

This season we signed an agreement with GADAR to be the official supplier of any NEPEAN RAVENS/ Ringette / logo clothing and swag. They have set up a Nepean Ravens store directly on their website. I want to thank all the teams that followed this direction and purchased their team to wear through them. We also received quarterly rebates back from them based on sales and this year we got \$1205.00 back.

This agreement will continue into the next season and for the foreseeable future.

We are also exploring the idea of a standard uniform/ hoodie for our provincial teams, and our competitive director, Julie, is working in consultation with GADAR to look at our options. The reason behind this is that we want to create a unified program within our provincial level teams. Having U14 look the same as the U19 for example, fosters a sense of belonging and cohesion, and more association pride than 5 individual teams. Like when we designed the new pants and logo, we will be seeking player feedback by sending some designs out later, that will allow players to vote on, and we will go with majority.

Coaches

Thank you to all our parent and non-parent coaches for their time and dedication this season. This year we had I believe Nepean has some of the most dedicated coaches. This year we had just over 100 coaches between head coaches and assistants. Additionally, we had over 20 junior coaches as well this year. We want to shout out the two dozen players who also helped out with our FUN 1 program. It is very inspiring to see how much our players give back to their ringette community. I am already getting coaching applicants for the 2025/26 season, which is amazing.

Volunteering

Nepean Ringette cannot run without volunteers and like every year, we want to highlight that we are always seeking people to volunteer with us. At this time, we have many people on our board that will be moving on after the 2025/26 season, so I would encourage anyone interested to reach out. All the positions available are listed on our website, and we are always here to answer any questions.

- **Approval of reports presented (Alysha St. John):**
- MOTION made by Peter Daigle to approve the reports presented at the 2025 AGM. Seconded by Liam Murphy.

40 in favour, 6 abstained, motion carried.

Report of Auditors (Paul Schauerte):

- No Audit Report prepared for the previous four years, including 2024-2025
 - Not-for-profit audit requirements changed in 2024. An organization of our size now only requires a “review engagement”, which is less onerous than an audit but still costs between \$3-10K per review.
 - An organization can waive the review engagement requirement with a membership vote of 80% in support required to pass.
 - The board recommends putting forth a motion to waive review engagement and invest funds into NRA programs.
- **Approval to waive the review engagement requirement for 2025-26 (Paul Schauerte):**
 - MOTION made by Julie Paradis to approve the reports presented at the 2025 AGM. Seconded by Matt Tyrer.

42 in favour, 4 abstained, motion carried.

Presentation of Budget Information Including Treasurer’s Report and Estimates for 2025-26 (Paul Schauerte):

- Net gain for the year was \$20,348 compared to net loss in 2023-2024 of \$598. The

- Association currently has \$128k in cash reserve for 2025-26.
- Main reason for the gain this year was the \$21k in sponsorship funding (vs \$4k planned).
 - Overall revenues were \$51.6k higher than planned but were offset by a \$33.8k increase in expenditures (equal increases on both sides minus the increase in sponsorship funding).
 - 2024-2025 early registration fees were: \$250 FUN1; \$550 FUN2; \$750 FUN3 to U19; [additional regular \$25 fee added for all levels and age groups except FUN1 after June 30th].
 - NextGen skating development program ran 18 sessions (paid by participants at \$360 (Fun 3 to U16B/C) and \$410 for (U14 & U16 A/AA)).
 - Goalie clinics, offered to all NRA goalies, led by Dave Stathos Goalie Performance Centre (with goalie coaching support from Katrine Gagnier and Talia Daigle), returned for a third season at an expense of \$9,440 plus ice costs.
 - Goalie rebate paid to U12 and above full-time goalies \$200 each for a total of \$3,000.
 - Key purchases included: \$6.4k in new jerseys, \$6.8k in practice jerseys, and \$12.8k in equipment (e.g., sticks, rings, goalie gear, etc.).
 - City of Ottawa ice rental currently at \$230.53/hr. Increases to \$236.41/hr on Jan 1, 2026.
 - 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.
 - Projected net income for the 2025-2026 year is -\$2,036.
 - The 2025 summer ringette program will run for 10 weeks from June to August 2025.
- **Approval of 2025-26 Membership dues and related fees (Paul Schauerte)**
 - Registration for 2025-2026 is open in RAMP and fees must be paid at registration by credit card.
 - An option to pay for registration in two installments has been added.
 - Registration fees for 2025-2026 are as follows:
 - FUN1: \$250 Regular fee [no change]
 - FUN2: \$550 Early fee (to June 30, 2024) / Regular fee \$600 [\$25 increase to reg fee]
 - FUN3 to U19: \$750 Early fee (to June 30, 2024) / Regular fee \$800 [\$25 increase to reg fee]
- **Approval to approve the above stated fee structure for the 2025-26 season (Paul Schauerte):**
 - MOTION made by Crystal Schauerte to approve the reports presented at the 2025 AGM. Seconded by Glenn Crites.

38 in favour, 8 abstained, motion carried.

- **Election of New Directors (Alysha St. John):**

- Alysha introduced the Election of New Directors to the AGM;

POSITION	CANDIDATE
President	Alysha St. John
VP of Operations	James Marcogliese
VP of Player Development	Emily Price (NEW)
Secretary	Lisa Murphy
Treasurer	Paul Schauerte
Director Competitive	Julie Paradis (NEW)
Director Recreation	Craig MacIntyre
Director-at-Large	Peter Daigle
Player Advocate	Crystal Schauerte

- **Approval to elect Directors for the 2025-26 season (Alysha St. John):**

- MOTION made by Lisa Murphy to nominate Emily Price to the position of VP of Player Development. Seconded by Matt Tyrer.

36 in favour, 10 abstained, motion carried.

- MOTION made by Lisa Murphy to nominate Julie Paradis to the position of Director Competitive. Seconded by Peter Daigle.

35 in favour, 11 abstained, motion carried.

MOTION made by Crystal Schauerte to adjourn the 2025 AGM. Seconded by Glenn Crites

41 in favour, 5 abstained, motion carried.

