



**Pickering Ringette Association
Ajax Ringette Association
Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM)
May 4, 2009**

7:00 pm – O'Brien Room – Pickering Rec. Centre

Executive Members Present:

	<u>ARA</u>	<u>PRA</u>
President	Mark Feher	Al Clark
Past President	Chris Nielsen	Al Hutton
Vice President	Deb Wait	Chris Shaw
Treasurer	Sue Sidaway	Dave Raymond
CORL Rep.	Paul Seeley	absent
OCRRL Rep.	Frank Albert	Bruce Carmichael
Bingo Rep.	NA	Janet Rourke
Fundraising	Vicki Derusha	Rachel Seeley
Coaching Coord.	absent	Bruce Logan
Registrar	absent	absent
Ice Scheduler	absent	Chris Shaw
Publicist	Denise Pontone	Sue Clark
Equipment Mgr.	Jane Pilon	Bruce Logan
Secretary	absent	absent
House League	absent	absent
Tournament	D.Pontone	absent
Player Develop.	absent	absent
Member-at-large	NA	Shannon Kay

Executive Members Absent:

Debbie Bignell – ARA Secretary
 Mary Slavik – ARA Registrar
 Tim Palmeter – ARA Ice Scheduler
 Steve Peters – ARA Coaching Coordinator
 Vito Cerone – ARA Player Development
 Liz Frost – ARA House League
 Julie Gatley – PRA Secretary
 Ann Carmichael – PRA Registrar
 Erica Gaffney – PRA Referee in Chief
 Maddie Snowden – PRA Minor Officials
 Laurence Slavin – PRA Player Development
 Brenda Cowie – PRA House League
 Janet Rourke – PRA Bingo Coordinator
 Tammy Jesson – PRA Tournament Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Attendance of approx 30 people.

Al Clark welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Agenda Additions

Acknowledgements - Vicki Derusha "Volunteer Award for the Town of Ajax" at a ceremony held in April. The Provincial Petite AA team won the sportsmanship award at provincials in March, held in London.

Nicole Bell, player on the Ajax Belle B team - read a written report. Concerns this year regarding the fact that some associations have co-ed teams, Oshawa Belle B team had 3 boys as well as a Belle A & two-way contracted Jr. AA player. Our team this year was very frustrated this year, and feel this should not continue to happen. Al Clark responded to her concerns, would like a copy of her speech to take to Central Region meeting this week. Chris Nielsen (Chair of Central Region) answered her concerns and noted that this issue was part of the discussions at the ORA meetings this past weekend. They will be making changes for the coming year. They thanked Nicole for standing up and giving a voice to her team-mates.

Minutes from the 2008 AGM meeting

Copy of the minutes was emailed prior to the meeting to the membership. Asked if there were any concerns or issues with the minutes - none forwarded. Bruce Carmichael motioned to accept the minutes, Chris Shaw seconded, all in favour.

President's Report - Presentation & Vote on Joint Operating Manual

Mark Feher made presentation to group. Paper copy of powerpoint presentation attached to these minutes. This presentation on the joint venture was prepared by both Presidents. Each association has their own constitutions and decisions will be made on the agreement of both associations in areas like finance, etc. Players will be registered in the association where they live. It is important to be able to give counts to both the City of Pickering and Town of Ajax on numbers of registrations for purchase of ice, etc. Two divisions of responsibility - financial management & operational management - have one President overseeing/supervising each division but both are still accountable to both associations. Need to be proactive in where we want to be. Mark put forth a motion to adapt the document as presented, changes can be made at any time. Shannon Kay motioned to approve, Bruce Carmichael seconded. All in favour.

Elections

Al Clark started with Pickering Association. After two years he is stepping down because of many personal commitments but will still be coaching.

Pickering:

President	Paul Seeley nominated Bruce Carmichael, seconded by Shannon Kay. Bruce agreed to accept, all in favour.
Past President	Al Clark
Vice President	Chris Shaw staying
Treasurer	term finished - no nominations - vacant
CORL Rep.	Mike Snowden staying
OCRRL Rep.	was Bruce Carmichael - vacant - Al Clark nominated Scott Jones, seconded Vicki Derusha. Scott accepted, all in favour
Coaching Coord	Bruce Logan nominated Shannon Kay, seconded Kevin Sweeney. Shannon agreed to accept, all in favour.
Secretary	term finished - no nominations - vacant
Fundraiser(649)	Rachel Seeley staying
Tournament	Bruce Carmichael nominated Ann Carmichael, seconded Bruce Logan. All in favour.
Player Dev.	Laurence Slavin staying

Equipment Mgr. Bruce Logan staying
 Registrar Ann Carmichael staying
 Minor Officials Maddie Snowden staying
 Referee-in-chief Erica Gaffney staying
 House League Brenda Cowie staying
 Communications NA
 Bingo Director Janet Rourke
 Ladies League Sue Clark

Mark Feher discussed Ajax positions. This year he would like the President's position to be a one year position then back to 2 years. Shannon agreed, Bruce Carmichael seconded, all in favour.

Ajax:

President Chris Nielsen nominated Denise Pontone, declined. Sue Clark nominated Frank Albert, Kim Savage seconded. Frank agreed to accept. All in favour.

Vice President Deb Wait resigned. 1 year term. No nominations. Vacant

Treasurer term finished. Proposal - has a daughter in commerce at university would like to take on the position under the direction of Sue Sidaway. Clarrisa Sidaway. Motioned by Sue, seconded by Bruce Logan, all in favour.

Secretary term finished. 2 year position - vacant

Registrar Mary Slavik - one year term. Vacant. Chris nominated Rachel Seeley, seconded by Vicki, all in favour. Rachel will also continue looking after the 649.

Ice Scheduler Tim Palmeter has stepped down - one year term left.

Ref-in-Chief 2 year term. Possibly Emma Braggsmith. Sam Campbell nominated Emma, seconded Kevin Sweeney. We will need to speak with her.

CORL Rep. Paul Seeley still has one year.

OCRRL Rep. Chris Shaw volunteered to be rep.

Coaching Coord Steve Peters has one year left in term - due to personal issues he may not be able to continue. Need to speak with him. Scott Summer would be interested if it is vacant, nominated Shannon Kay, seconded by Sam Campbell.

Player Dev. Vito Cerone has one year left.

House League Liz Frost leaving - one year term left. Al nominated Christine Jones, will think about it.

Fundraising Vicki Derusha stepping down. Vacant

Communication Denise Pontone staying on.

Equipment Jane Pilon staying on.

Tournament Vacant

Vicki Derusha agreed to stay on to work with Trillium Grant and insure all our requirements are met.

Lindsay will continue working with United Way to help our associations set up nominating committees, how to fill executive positions.

Treasurer Report - Dave Raymond & Sue Sidaway

Presented an overview of combined revenues/expenses for both associations. Both associations have separate books. Reported on combined books.

Good news is we have a lot of kids that want to play ringette but we need to accumulate revenues to provide a quality product. We are in the hole approx. \$6000 compared to last year we were \$30,000 in the hole. Feeling is that another year like this past year could put us above, and let us show a positive financial report.

Clinic ice - we did manage to cover the cost of ice and the instructors.

Dance - even though we lost money this year it is worthwhile and could be a money maker - issues that hindered the event was scheduling and little time to prepare.

Corporate sponsors - we need to bring in more sponsors so that we do not need to be spending money out of our pockets by holding dances, etc. Books still in progress, some of the costs may be covered under the Trillium Grant so we may not be in the hole.

Ladies League Report - Sue Clark

Reported the women's league had 26 new players, 72 in total. Key to our success is that we play on the same night at the same arena and enables the league to grow. Enabling ladies to work around business schedules. Held a successful fundraiser event. Large percentage of players involved in other areas of ringette, coaching, on executive, etc. For the new season looking at hosting 6 teams (same of this past season).

House League - Vicki Derusha

Since the representatives could not be here Vicki offered to report. This year had 6 teams, 77 players of which 43 were new players. Come try-ringette skates really helped us bring in those new players. Lindsay Collicott was busy all summer promoting. Need a sponsor for house league jerseys this coming year. Structure of house league was revisited but it comes down to numbers, until we hit something like 120 we cannot do much more. Equipment loan had 27 sets of equipment and we loaned out 19 sets.

Fundraising - Vicki Derusha

Trillium Grant was all consuming, very little time to actually enjoy it, hiring business manager and assistant, purchasing equipment to loan. Oshawa General game was a good fundraiser. On going with Boston Pizza. Ajax Lions Club donated \$2000.

Ice Scheduling - Chris Shaw

We only had 2 hours of ice that did not get used last year, huge improvement from last year. Thoughts for next year - need to move around some bunny practices to early weekday practices; clinics only to run on weekdays, weekends not working. But overall it was very efficient this past year.

Promotional video - Lindsay Collicott

Reported that we now have a promotional video, two versions, different lengths. Working on updating the websites. Working on stepping up on-line registration. On-going in progress in all our promotional elements.

Central Region - Chris Nielsen

Chris reported on some issues from Central Region meetings, he is currently the Central Region Chair. We will be seeing changes coming down from Ringette Canada, a 10 year plan. We will be seeing some big changes, long term sports development and it involves all sports directed from Sports Canada. Eliminating some competitiveness, not recording scores in Bunny level games; eliminating provincial petites, etc.

Adult Program - Kevin Sweeney

Working on a development plan for Opens. Goes hand in hand with what Chris was speaking to regarding long term sport development, as well Sue Clark's report. Long term adult development...ringette for life...to keep women in sport.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Shannon Kay, seconded Bruce Carmichael, all in favour.
Meeting closed at 9:45 pm.