

Timmins Ringette Association

AGM Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019

6:30 pm at Theriault High School, Music Room



MINUTES

Present: Angie Chartier, Anne Viel, Sue Viel, Yves Viel, Marie-Eve Couture, Linda Dagenais, Éric Létourneau, Pierre Boileau, Nancy Courchesne, Rémi Harvey, Neil Bang, Kristina Morrish, Stéphanie Chamberland, Mike Plouffe, Caryn Smith, Tony Bartolomucci, Chantal Cauchon, Chrystal Landry, Dan Bergeron, Martin Mailloux Ratte, Ben Rafuse, Danya Desjardins, David Laneville, Daphne Brumwell

1. Call to order

Motion to begin meeting

Approved: Yves Viel

Seconded: Linda Dagenais

CARRIED

Additions to the Agenda – none

2. Motion to accept Agenda as presented

Motion Marie-Eve Couture

Seconded : Neil Bangs

CARRIED

3. Motion to approve minutes of Thursday, May 10, 2018

Approved: Yves Viel

Seconded: Ben Rafuse

CARRIED

4. President

- Welcome everyone
- House League Summary: If we want to grow our sport in Timmins, we need to encourage our players to bring a friend, at sign up in September. We also need to encourage our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to volunteer. Without our volunteers such things as our Tornado Cup and Bingos would not be possible.

This Year we were able to have three U7, three U10, three U12, three U14 and four JBO teams.

The Bunny Program will continue to be at offered at a low cost. The Cost for new and returning players will be determined at the next board meeting. TRA is always looking for parents to get involved with our bunny program. We are always looking for volunteers to become part of the coaching staff. Another thing that we must remember is that our Bunny Program is a Learn to Skate program which makes it hard to play games. The first half of the season the bunnies practice on Wednesday and Saturday. These practices were always well attended. For the Second half of the year the bunnies where separated into three teams and played games on Wednesday and practices on Saturdays. The Wednesday games were on a schedule where only two teams played and on the Saturday practice was open to all Bunnies

To begin the Season the U10, U12, U14, U16, U19 and 18+ started with a 3 on 3. The goal of the 3 on 3 is to evaluate the players before the making of the teams. The goal is to try to make equal

calibre teams. Throughout the year some issues occurred but where possible solutions were presented.

All coaches were to encourage to coach with fair play and to promote our motto of Fun Fitness and Friendship. Although it is difficult to make equal strength teams, a greater effort needs to be in place that discourages power lines.

At the coaches meeting after the 3 on 3 we try our best to accommodate the players request, the new players, player advancement request and sibling and coaches. Everyone must keep in mind that in order to accommodate these requests some factors are considered such as the number of players in the division of play

A survey was circulated, and the results are ready, but the board has not had a chance to review. This will be done by the new board during the summer months. Rest assured that if any questions or concerns arise from the survey, they will be looked at with the best interest for our house league. Keep in mind that we received alot of feedback and we do consider them all. If you feel your suggestions or comments, go unnoticed rest assured they do not. We receive a lot of feedback regarding the JBO division. Every year decisions needs to be done on what would be best for the players. For example, this year we made a Junior team with a few belle players and a Bell team with some junior players and two Open teams. The teams seemed to be balanced. This will be reviewed before the new season begins. Other comments that came back many times was the lack of volunteers or new members on the board. TRA is always trying to recruit but now it is up to you the parents or guardians to take a few hours of your time and lend a helping hand.

Fun Day: We had two Fun Day again this year: One in Iroquois Falls in November and the Second was hosted by TRA in Timmins on January 19, 2019. Both days were a success! The players had fun, skated hard and they all had a great big smile on their faces. It was very nice to see.

Sudbury Tournament: TRA sent six teams to Sudbury in November. We had two U10, one U12, two U14 and one U16/19. Timmins was well represented with some teams coming home with medals

Tornado Cup: This year Timmins Ringette Association wanted to try something new to help promote Fun, Fitness and Friendship and to give the older players a chance to know and mentor the younger player and also to give a chance for the younger players to meet and learn from the older players. Since Timmins was not hosting the Regionals this year, we wanted to finish our year with a bang. This is how the First Tornado Cup was created. The players who wanted to participate signed up and six team were made. These teams competed in a series of challenges on ice and off to earn points with the goal of becoming the first Tornado Cup Winner. This year's winning team was the yellow team and the other teams were not far behind. Thanks Marie-Eve and her group of volunteers for all the hours you put it to make this event a success! TRA would like to keep this event going with a few changes thanks to the awesome feedback received from the players and parents. Stay Tune for more details.

This Year the Regional's were held in Sault Ste. Marie. We had 3 teams attend the tournament and the teams competed and came home with two gold medals and one silver. Our U10 and U12 came back with gold and our U14 with silver

Ringette School. In August we hosted another great week of Ringette The kids got to see their friends and make new friends while staying active with lots of skating, exercises and games. This year the Ringette School is schedule the week of August 19 to 23, 2019 with Nadia Dagenais as head Coordinator. This is a great way for our players to start the season or to introduce new players to our great sport.

Competitive Team: Due to our strong house league we were able to house strong competitive teams again this year.

TRA is always looking to make communications with our members a priority. All information where possible was posted on Facebook or the website. In other cases, information was shared through the coaches. TRA will keep looking for ways to improve how the information is shared.

This year TRA attended many events to Market our Sports. We had booths at the Fall Fair, Kids Sports and Welcome to Timmins. We also hosted a Kids Day in partnership with Neo Laser Tag. The Kids Day was a great success. It gave us the opportunity to Market the sport and fundraise at the same time. I would like to finish with stay tune for our "NEW WEBSITE and NEW LOGO"

5. Financial Report (Anne Viel)

- Anne presented the Comparative Summary of Profit and Loss (see attached)

6. Appointment of the Auditors

- A verification of the books was done by Alana Cain, Lynn Breton and Nancy Verreault And they agreed to verify the books for the season ending May 2019

7. Registrars Report

- 206 players were registered for this past season

8. Other Board of Directors and Committee Reports

- Referee In Chief (Ben Rafuse)
 - The season went well. We got three new refs this season
 - TRA might need to look at increasing ref pays
 - Will try to get a ref clinic before the season starts
 - Mark Desgagne is now a level 3 ref
 - Ben will be looking for a replacement. He is retiring from the position of Referee in Chief
- Equipment Manager (Mike Plouffe)
 - It went well. No major issues
- Timekeeper/Scorekeeper (Penny Barrette)
 - Penny was not able to join us tonight but TRA would like to extend a Big Thank you for taking on this task
 - According to Penny everything went relatively well. It was much easier to get someone to work at the Sportsplex then the Whitney. Most wanted to work in Timmins. It is hard to get someone to do scorekeeper for just one game. Penny stepped down from her position This position will be available, and we have someone who is interested in the position.
- A teams
 - U19 A won Bronze from Trainer Linda Dagenais

9. Constitution and By-Laws Amendments – No changes were done to the Constitution and/or By-Laws

10. Election of New Board of Directors

- MOTION TO OPEN THE ELECTIONS

Moved: Chrystal Landry

Seconded: Linda Dagenais

CARRIED

- **MOTION TO ELECT SUE VIEL AS PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTIONS**
Moved: Nancy Courchesne **Seconded: Anne Viel** **CARRIED**
- Sue Viel opened the nominations for:

Executives:

- President
Angie Chartier was nominated and accepted
Moved: Anne Viel **Seconded: Yves Viel** **CARRIED**
- Vice President
Marie-Eve Couture was nominated and accepted
Moved: Linda Dagenais **Seconded: Yves Viel** **CARRIED**
- Past President
Yves Viel was nominated and accepted
Moved: Stephanie Chamberland **Seconded: Nancy Courchesne** **CARRIED**
- Secretary
Sue Viel was nominated and accepted
Moved: Angie Chartier **Seconded: Linda Dagenais** **CARRIED**
- Treasurer: this position is elected at the first board meeting

TRA. 12 VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS

1. **Remi Harvey was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Yves Viel **Seconded: Tony Bartolomucci** **CARRIED**
2. **Neil Bangs was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Marie-Eve Couture **Seconded: Yves Viel** **CARRIED**
3. **Caryn Smith was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Chrystal Landry **Seconded: Yves Viel** **CARRIED**
4. **Nancy Courchesne was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Neil Bangs **Seconded: Marie-Eve Couture** **CARRIED**
5. **Danya Desjardins was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Eric Letourneau **Seconded: Remi Harvey** **CARRIED**
6. **Mike Plouffe was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Yves Viel **Seconded: Nancy Courchesne** **CARRIED**
7. **Pierre Boileau was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Anne Viel **Seconded: Neil Bangs** **CARRIED**
8. **Stephanie Chamberland was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Marie-Eve Couture **Seconded: Chantal Cauchon** **CARRIED**
9. **Linda Dagenais was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Yves Viel **Seconded: Chantal Cauchon** **CARRIED**

10. **Eric Letourneau was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Danya Desjardin **Seconded: Remi Harvey** **CARRIED**
11. **Chrystal Landry was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Chantal Cauchon **Seconded: Daphne Brumwell** **CARRIED**
12. **Anne Viel was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Yves Viel **Seconded: Chrystal Landry** **CARRIED**

TRA NON-VOTING MEMBERS

1. **Tony Bartolomucci was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Anne Viel **Seconded: Angie Chartier** **CARRIED**
2. **Chantal Cauchon was nominated and accepted**
Moved: Yves Viel **Seconded: Remi Harvey** **CARRIED**

Motion to close election
Motion: Chantal Cauchon **Seconded: Neil Bangs** **CARRIED**

The Following positions will be assigned at the first board meeting

Scheduler:
Publicity Director:
Registrar:
Player Development:
Competitive Convenor:
Coach Development:
Fundraising:
Power Skating:
Tournament Director:
House league Director:
Regional Tournament Director:
Volunteers Director:

11. New Business

- Ontario Ringette Association AGM will be June 8-9, 2019 in Toronto
- Northeast Ringette Association AGM will be May 25, 2019 in Sudbury

12. Adjournment/Next meeting Date

- Next meeting date is June 13, 2019 location to be confirmed
- Motion to adjourn meeting
Motion: Chantal Cauchon **Seconded: Marie-Eve Couture** **CARRIED**