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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION INC. HELD AT THE
HILTON GARDEN INN, AJAX, ONTARIO ON JUNE 6, 2009
COMMENCING AT 2:00PM HEREIN AFTER CITED AS AGM-09**

1. <u>Roll Call</u>	President Vice President Administration Vice President Finance Vice President Communications Central Region Director Eastern Region Director Northeast Region Director Southern Region Director Western Region Director	Ellorie Hanson Harry Hirsimaki Scott Blakey Carolyn Mountjoy Chris Nielsen Kathy Noxon Jeff Francom Mike Chaudet Chris Beuglet
Absent	Past President Vice President Technical Northwest Region Director	Terry Watters Vacant Vacant
Staff in Attendance	Executive Director Technical Program Director Administrative Program Director	Mike Beaton Karla Romphf Nicole LaRochelle
Associations:	Present - 25 Carried by Region - 46	Not in Good Standing - 1 Total Votes Present - 76

Roll call was taken. Twenty-five (25) votes are carried by the membership and 46 votes are carried by the Regional Directors for a total of 71 votes. One member was "not in good standing" and four were not represented and , therefore, ineligible to vote. The Executive Director outlined the business meeting procedures and voting procedures.

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2. Adoption of Agenda
Motion AGM-09-01
"That the agenda be adopted."
Moved by Cambridge, seconded by Ajax. Carried
3. Amendments and adoption of previous AGM Meeting Minutes
 The motions AGM-08-09, AGM-08-10, AGM-08-11, AGM-08-12 and AGM-08-13 from the June 2008 (AGM-08) minutes should read Moved by the Nominations Chair.
Motion AGM-09-02
"That the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation be accepted as amended."
Moved by West Ottawa, seconded by Markham Women's. Carried
4. Reports
Motion AGM-09-03
"That the published reports of the Board of Directors be accepted".
Moved by Burlington, seconded by Richmond Hill. Carried
- Motion AGM-09-04**
"That the published reports of the Regional Directors and Standing Committee Chairs be accepted as published."
Moved by Arnprior-McNab, seconded by St. Clements. Carried
5. Financial Report
Motion AGM-09-05
"That The Audited Financial Statement of the Ontario Ringette Association for the year ending March 31, 2009 be accepted".
Moved by Waterloo, seconded by Sault Ste. Marie. Carried
- Motion AGM-09-06**
"That Lynne Remigio, Chartered Accountant be appointed Auditor of the Corporation for the year ending March 31, 2010".
Moved by West Muskoka, seconded by Niagara Falls. Carried
6. Constitutional Changes
Motion AGM-09-07
"That:
 a. **By-Law #7 (Appeals/Complaints – pages 31-34) is removed from the ORA Constitution.**
 b. **Article 10 xii of By-Law #6 at article 10 be amended to read as follows: The Appeal/Complaint Committee and Appeal Board shall be Standing Committees of the Corporation in that their function is ongoing in nature. As conflicts of interest must necessarily be avoided, the membership of these Committees may be varied by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors from and for each case or incident arising or considered.**
 c. **The new Discipline and Complaints Policy and new Appeal Policy are added to the ORA Operating Manual – Sports Administration at Chapter #2."**
Moved by Elora-Fergus, seconded by Northeast Region. Carried.
- Motion AGM-09-08**
"That the wording affiliated Charter Member in constitutional change #2 (Motion AGM-09-09) be changed to corresponding Charter Member."
Moved by Southern Region, seconded by St. Clements.

Motion AGM-09-09

“That:

a. Article 23(a) of By-Law No. 1 be amended to read as follows:

23a) – Subject to the Provisions of Article 17, Registered Members or Associate Registered Members of the Corporation shall at all meetings of member be entitled to a total number of votes calculated by taking the total number of registered members and such vote shall be by delegate. Such delegate need be a member and before voting shall produce and deposit with the Vice President Communications sufficient appointment in writing from their respective Registered Member or Associated Registered Member. No member shall be entitled either in person or by delegate to vote at meetings of the Corporation unless he has paid all dues or fees, if any, payable by him. Where the number of votes is greater than the number of Registered Member or Associate Registered Member in a region, the votes in excess of these members shall be carried by the corresponding Charter Member. Where Registered Member or Associate Registered Member delegates are not present, their vote(s) will be transferred and carried by the corresponding Charter Member.

b. Third sentence of Article 23 (b) of By-Law No. 1 be amended to read as follows:

23 b) Upon a show of hands and unless a poll be demanded, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Corporation shall be admissible in evidence as prima facia proof of the fact without proof of the number of proportion of the votes according in favour of or against such resolution.

c. Article 17 a ii) of By-Law No. 1 be amended to read as follows:

Each Registered Member and Associate Registered Member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question arising at any special or General Meeting of the Members, and shall vote through a duly authorized representative or delegate.”

Moved by Metcalfe, seconded by Gloucester-Cumberland. Defeated

Motion AGM-09-10

“That Article 2 (g) of By-Law #5 be added to read: 2 g) That Board Executive, Region Directors, Committee Chairs and Coordinators can serve a maximum of six (6) consecutive years in the same position with a maximum ten (10) consecutive years on the same Committee/Board. This will be effective at the conclusion of their current term. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on a case by case basis.”

Moved by Markham Women’s, seconded by Pickering. Defeated

7. Ratification of Directors Actions

Motion AGM-09-11

“That all acts, proceedings, contracts, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Corporation since the last Annual General Meeting of the members, as recorded in the Minutes of the Directors or members on the records of the Corporation, be approved and ratified”.

Moved by Whitby, seconded by Sault Ste. Marie. Defeated.

Motion AGM-09-12

“That all acts, proceedings, contracts, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Corporation since the last Annual General Meeting of the members, as recorded in the Minutes of the Directors or members on the records of the Corporation, with the exceptions specified be approved and ratified.”

Moved by Markham Women’s, seconded by Ajax. Carried.

8. Adoption of Motion to Install Regional Directors

Motion AGM-09-13

“That Chris Nielsen (Central Region), Kathy Noxon (Eastern Region), Jeff Francom (Northeast Region), Mike Chaudet (Southern Region), and Peter Westelaken (Western Region) be installed as members of the Board of Directors for 2009-2010”.

Moved by Nominations Chair, seconded by Markham Women’s. Carried

9. Elections

Harry Hirsimaki, Nick Sirenko and Jo-Ann Wilson be elected as Directors-at-Large for 2009-2010; 2010-2011.

The 2009-2010 Board will be: Ellorie Hanson – President; Harry Hirsimaki – Vice President Administration; Jo-Ann Wilson – Vice President Technical; Nick Sirenko – Vice President Finance; and Carolyn Mountjoy – Vice President Communications”.

10. New Business

Motion AGM-09-14

“That Ontario Ringette remain with the traditional age group names and not accept the generic U-type system.”

Moved by Arnprior-McNab, seconded by GCRA. Defeated

Eastern Region is requesting the ORA Board to revisit the AGM voting allocation, and develop a proposal to improve the allocation of votes to have better alignment with the cumulative membership fees paid. All Regions should be consulted.

Motion AGM-09-15

“That the Chosen Association Policy as put forth by the Board be accepted as procedure for a two-year pilot.”

Moved by St. Clements, seconded by Richmond Hill. Defeated

Coaching qualifications for 2009-2010 require that all U9 (Bunny/Novice) to U19 (Belle) “C” level teams have at least one fully-trained CSI female coach/assistant coach, age 18+ on the bench for each game. There is concern from some of the membership is that it will be difficult for them to find females willing to do this. This will be sent back to the Coaching Committee to look at implementation options.

11. Adjournment

Motion AGM-09-16

“That the 2009 Annual General Meeting be adjourned”.

Moved by Whitby, seconded by West Muskoka.

Adjourned at 6:10pm