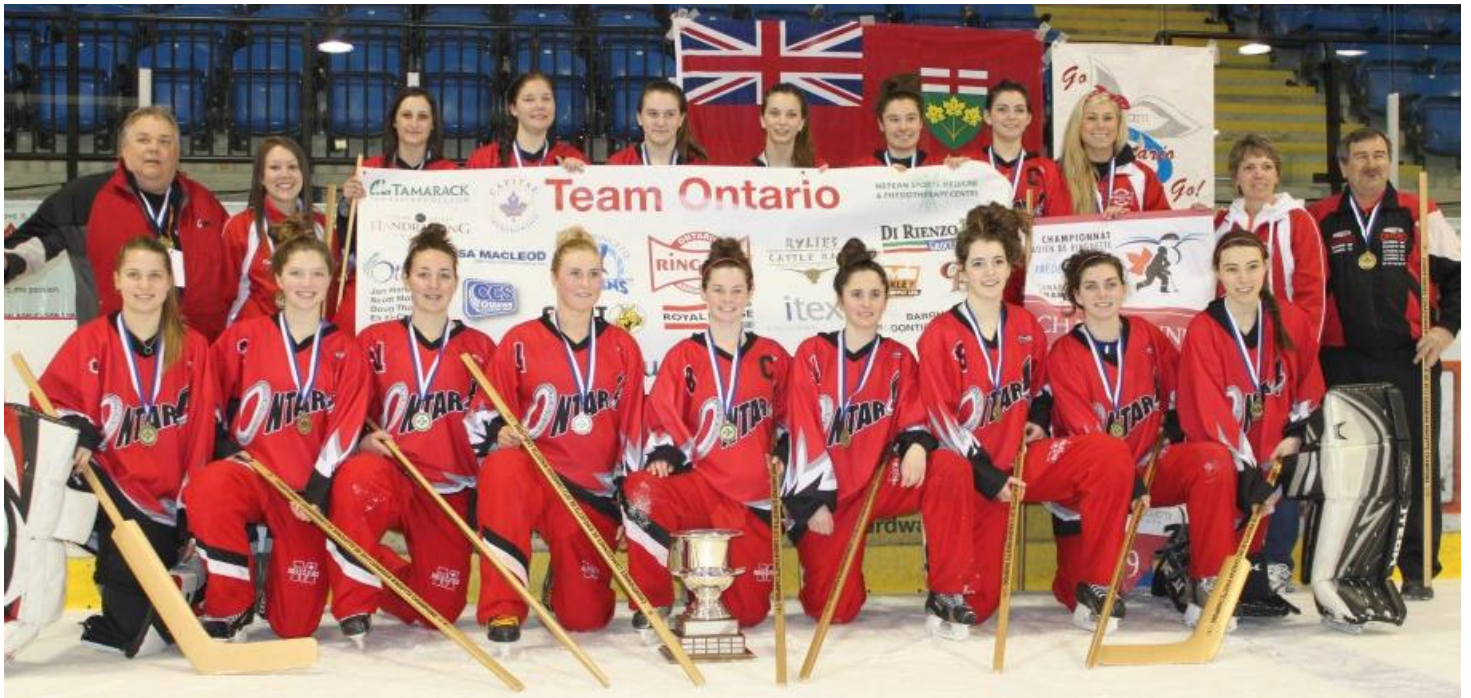


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***U19AA Canadian Ringette Championships Champions  
Team Ontario (Nepean Ravens)***

# **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

## ***Friday, May 31, 2013***

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Association Brainstorming Session
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	President's Reception

## ***Saturday, June 1, 2013***

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Seminar #1 – Social Media with Jean Turner
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Health Break
10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Seminar #2 – U12 Implementation Session
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	AGM Registration
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	AGM Meeting
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Health Break
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Open Forum
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Cocktail (Cash Bar)
6:30 p.m.	Volunteer Recognition Awards Dinner

## ***Sunday, June 2, 2013***

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Socialize
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting





## ***BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA***





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## ***AGENDA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

1. Formal Opening – Verification of Quorum
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation
4. Reports
  - President
  - Vice-President Administration
  - Vice-President Technical
  - Vice-President Communications
  - Vice-President Finance
  - Regional Chairs
  - Standing Committee Chairs
5. Financial Report
  - Audited Statement
  - Budget for 2013/2014
  - Appointment of Auditors
6. Constitutional Changes – Adoption of Minutes
7. Ratification of Directors Actions  
There will be presentations made at this time
8. Elections – Melinda Suchard – Nominations Committee Chair
9. Adoption of Motion to Install Regional Directors
10. Recess – Directors Caucus for the Purpose of Election of Officers
11. Reconvene – Presentation of 2013-2014 Board of Directors
12. New Business – from the Membership
13. Adjournment



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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION INC. HELD AT THE  
DELTA LONDON ARMOURIES HOTEL, LONDON,  
ONTARIO ON JUNE 2, 2012  
COMMENCING AT 2:00PM HEREIN AFTER CITED AS AGM-12**

1. <u>Roll Call</u>	President	Keith Kaiser
	Vice President Administration	Jo-Ann Wilson
	Vice President Technical	Mike Chaudet
	Vice President Finance	Nick Sirenko
	Vice President Communications	Janet Logan
	Past President	Harry Hirsimaki
	Central Region Director	Jamie Showers (Substitute Delegate)
	Eastern Region Director	Kathy Noxon
	Northeast Region Director	Susan Weiskopf
	Southern Region Director	Robert Crandall
	Western Region Director	Peter Westelaken
Absent	Northwest Region Director	vacant
	Athlete Representative	Kim Noxon
Staff in Attendance	Executive Director	Mike Beaton
	Technical Director	Karla Romphf
	Administrative Coordinator	Stephanie Corrado

Associations: Present - 18 Carried by Region - 47  
Total Votes Present - 65  
Roll call was taken. 18 votes are carried by the membership and 47  
votes are carried by the Regional Directors for a total of 65 votes.  
The Executive Director outlined the business meeting procedures and voting procedures.

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2. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion AGM-12-01**

**"That the agenda be adopted."**

**Moved by Sault Ste. Marie , seconded by Cambridge Carried**

3. Amendments and adoption of previous AGM Meeting Minutes

**Motion AGM-12-02**

**"That the minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation be accepted."**

**Moved by Timmins , seconded by West Ottawa Carried**

4. Reports

**Motion AGM-12-03**

**"That the published reports of the Board of Directors be accepted".**

**Moved by West Ferris, Northeast , seconded by London Carried**

**Motion AGM-12-04**

**"That the ORA distribute to Member Associations \$50,000 apportioned on a per player basis. Monies are to be entered as a credit to Associations."**

**Moved by Cambridge , seconded by Burlington Carried**

5. Financial Report

Nick Sirenko, VP Finance, presented the budget for the 2012-2013 season.

**Motion AGM-12-05**

**"That the 2012-2013 budget as presented be accepted".**

**Moved by Chatham , seconded by Waterloo Carried**

**Motion AGM-12-06**

**"That the Audited Financial Statement of the Ontario Ringette Association for the year ending March 31, 2012 be accepted".**

**Moved by Guelph , seconded by Richmond Hill Carried**

**Motion AGM-12-07**

**"That Lynne Remigio, Chartered Accountant be appointed Auditor of the Corporation for the year ending March 31, 2013".**

**Moved by Sault Ste. Marie , seconded by St. Mary's Carried**

**Motion AGM-12-08 – 1 Abstention - Burlington**

**"That the reports of the Regional Directors and Standing Committee Chairs as published be accepted."**

**Moved by Nepean , seconded by Elora- Fergus Carried**

6. Regulations

**Motion AGM-12-09 – 42 In Favour – 11 Opposed – 5 Abstain**

**"That D5-11-30 be removed from the May Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and brought back to the G&T Committee for review".**

**Moved by Waterloo , seconded by London Carried**



**Motion AGM-12-10**

**"Amended that all regulations enacted 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 Chatham , seconded by Nepean Carried**

7. Constitutional Changes

**Motion AGM-12-11**

**'That Article 23.a of By-Law # 2, Voting of Members be amended to read as follows:**

**Subject to the Provisions of Article 17, each member of the Corporation shall at all meetings of members be entitled to vote and such vote shall be by delegate. Such delegate need be himself a member and before voting shall produce and deposit with the Vice-President Communications sufficient appointment in writing from his constituent or constituents. 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.**

**Member votes will be based upon the number of players (U6 LTS to 30+ Masters) registered with the association in the past season. One (1) vote per hundred (100) registered players or a portion thereof will be awarded. e.g. one (1) to one hundred (100) players, one (1) vote, one hundred and one (101) to two hundred (200) players two (2) votes etc. '**

**And**

**'That Article 23.b of By-Law # 2, Voting of Members be amended to read as follows:**

**Change the third sentence to read:**

**Upon a show of hands, every member having voting rights shall vote unless a poll be demanded ,...'**

**Moved by Burlington , seconded by SWIRL Carried**

**Motion AGM-12-12**

**"THAT: To amend the motion dealing with Bylaw changes to include those sections of the Bylaws that also refer to the number of votes each Registered Member and Associate Registered Member in good standing shall be entitled to".**

**Moved by Burlington , seconded by SWIRL Carried**

8. Elections

Jeff Francom, Nominations Committee Chair, explained the process for nominations and elections. There were three (3) people nominated for three (3) Director-at-Large positions on the Board.

**Motion AGM-12-13**

**"That Jo-Ann Wilson, Janet Logan and Mike Chaudet be acclaimed as Director- at-Large for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014."**

**Moved by Guelph , seconded by Ayr Carried**

9. Adoption of Motion to Install Regional Directors

**Motion AGM-12-14**

**"That Jamie Showers (Central Region), Kathy Noxon (Eastern Region), Sue Weiskophf (Northeast Region), Rob Crandall (Southern Region), and Peter Westelaken (Western Region) be installed as members of the Board of Directors for 2012-2013".**

**Moved by West Ottawa , seconded by SWIRL Carried**

The Meeting took a break while Jeff Francom, Nominations Committee Chair, convened a Caucus Meeting of the Executive to establish the Executive Committee positions. The meeting was called to order. The roll call was repeated, it was established a quorum was present and the new Executive announced:

President	Keith Kaiser
Vice President Administration	Jo-Ann Wilson
Vice President Technical	Mike Chaudet
Vice President Finance	Nick Sirenko
Vice President Communications	Janet Logan

10. New Business

**Motion AGM-12-15 – Withdrawn**

**"That The ORA draft a clear, concise and transparent policy regarding the reseeding of teams"**

**Moved by , seconded by Carried**

11. Adjournment

**Motion AGM-11-16**

**"That the 2012 Annual General Meeting be adjourned".**

**Moved by Nepean , seconded by West Ottawa Carried**

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

FORUM:

President invites any delegates and guests to stay for an open forum. Several topics were put forth for discussion.





### ***Sam Jacks, Founder***

**S**am Jacks, Director of the North Bay Recreation Department, invented Ringette™ in 1963. Through his insight to develop a winter team sport alternative to boys' hockey, Ringette™ has grown into a world-class amateur sport in just 40 short years.

### ***Agnes Jacks C.M., Ambassador***

**C**ontinuing the work of her late husband, Mrs. Jacks held the esteemed title of “Ringette Grand Dame” for the role she has played out of the goodness of her heart for, shall we say, the thousands of daughters she never had (mother of 3 sons). Agnes attended countless Ringette™ functions and events not only in Ontario, but also across Canada and the World, reminding all of us about the history of Ringette™, its purposes and philosophies.



In 2002 Agnes Jacks was inducted as a member of the Order of Canada. Mrs. Jacks was recognized for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the sport of Ringette™ in Canada and internationally.

## ***REMEMBERING AGNES JACKS C.M.***

A Member of the Order of Canada, Agnes Jacks was the widow of Sam Jacks, who invented the sport of Ringette™ in 1963 in North Bay, Ontario. While the sport lost Mr. Jacks' guiding hand through his untimely passing in 1975, the Ringette™ community continued to benefit greatly from Agnes' dedicated and enthusiastic promotion of the sport both within Canada and around the world.

Over the years, Agnes proved herself to be truly dedicated, not only to the sport but also to the people in Ringette™. She faithfully attended numerous Ringette™ tournaments and championship events and never failed to provide just the right word of enthusiasm or congratulations to players, coaches, officials and spectators. The Ringette™ community appropriately laid claim to Agnes as their very own goodwill ambassador.

"At every opportunity, Agnes told us that we were 'all her girls' and we knew she truly meant that. Every Ringette™ athlete, coach, referee, parent, volunteer and fan, truly was like family to her and if you were in that family, you felt Agnes' love and support," said long-time Ringette™ athlete Laura Warner. "When she told us to 'stay out of the penalty box' we honestly felt a touch more inspired to play Ringette™ in the true spirit of the game. Agnes knew that Ringette™ was a unique sport that offered something invaluable to women. It is a game of unparalleled speed, finesse, and perhaps most importantly, passion. Agnes understood that and did more than anyone I've ever met to further infect us all with the love of the game."

In 1998, Agnes Jacks proudly lent her name to a scholarship to recognize Ringette™ players, coaches and officials who demonstrate strong academic performance and a commitment to the sport of Ringette™. The scholarships are awarded annually during the closing ceremonies of the Canadian Ringette™ Championships.

Sadly, the Ringette™ community lost their goodwill ambassador on April 1, 2005, when Agnes Jacks passed away in her hometown of North Bay, Ontario. The Agnes Jacks Scholarship Awards continue to live on and while recipients continue to achieve academic excellence and commitment to the sport, they also honour her memory and carry forward her dedication and love of Ringette™.

In the years prior to her passing, Agnes had worked very hard lobbying various levels of government to put up signs in North Bay to recognize the town as the birthplace of Ringette™. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the vision of Agnes and Sam Jacks was realized when the signs became a reality.

Agnes will be dearly missed and never replaced, but she will always be remembered.

"Those of us who were lucky enough to meet Agnes and be touched by her wonderful soul will now take on the responsibility of ensuring that her message and her spirit are carried on in the way they deserve to be," added Warner.

More information on Ringette Canada and its programs can be obtained at [www.ringette.ca](http://www.ringette.ca)





**E**stablished in 1969, the Ontario Ringette Association is a non-profit amateur sport organization for individuals who wish to partake in a winter team sport primarily, but not limited to, females. The current 12,490 registered affiliate members come from more than 75 registered associations within six (6) regions.

The Ontario Ringette Association (ORA) is comprised solely of the membership of the 76 Local Associations throughout Ontario. Local Associations are Registered Members of the ORA and vote on matters pertaining to the ORA at specified meetings or forums (AGM). A Board of Directors is elected by the membership to manage the affairs of the ORA. Standing Committees have been established to administer and review the policies and programs of the ORA and to recommend pertinent changes as necessary. All Standing Committees are responsible to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approves all ORA policies, which in turn are ratified by the Membership at the Annual General Meetings.

The ORA office is responsible to the Board of Directors, performing administrative and financial management functions for the Board and Membership. These functions include accounting and bookkeeping and maintaining and updating a variety of records pertaining to registration, clinics, camps, championships and other programs for Ringette™ in Ontario. Decisions and direction given by the office are based entirely on policies and procedures already in place. Board of Directors approval is required in order to deal with matters that do not fall within established policies.

Office hours are 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Monday to Friday. During the months of June, July and August – Friday office hours are 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

### **RINGETTE™ FOR LIFE!**

**The Ontario Ringette Association pledges its effort to promote fun, fitness and friendship in a safe play environment and is dedicated to quality performance and fair play opportunity for all ages.**



***U19A Eastern Bronze Medal Winners Team Ontario (Ottawa Ice)***

## ***2012-2013 MANAGEMENT TEAM***

### **Executive**

President • Keith Kaiser  
Vice-President Administration • Jo-Ann Wilson  
Vice-President Technical • Mike Chaudet  
Vice-President Finance • Nick Sirenko  
Vice-President Communications • Janet Logan  
Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors • Kim Noxon  
Past President • Vacant

### **Regional Chairs**

Central • Jamie Showers  
Eastern • Kathy Noxon  
Northeastern • Susan Weiskopf  
Northwestern • Vacant  
Southern • Robert Crandall  
Western • Peter Westelaken

### **Standing Committee Chairs**

Adult Development • Lori Pasanen  
Sport Development • Kevin Hanlon  
Coaching Development • Kathy McCaw  
Elite Development • Mary Kaiser  
Games and Tournaments • Yvan Belanger  
Membership Services • Cathy Nie  
Officiating Development • Karen Meek  
Rules Development • Rob Evans

### **Office Staff**

Executive Director • Mike Beaton  
Technical Director • Karla Xavier  
Administrative Coordinator • Stephanie Corrado





***U16A Eastern Gold Medal Winners Kitchener Rangers***



## ***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS***



## ***Keith Kaiser, President***

What a wonderful privilege we all share to be deeply involved in a Sport we love on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation. To see the sport in its present form and to have watched and participated –in my case – in over 30 years of its growth is a unique experience. From sweat suit uniforms and red, blue and white coloured hockey sticks to shot clocks, any three in, Ringette face masks and ribbed tipped Ringette sticks. What a ride.

Having had the unique experience over the last two years of watching my granddaughters come into the sport and attend the World U19 Championships, to be intensely involved in a year end Regional B/C tournament with players from U7 to 18+ and to enjoy as many as 11 games in one day at the Canadian Ringette Championships – can it get any better?

Two very distinct thoughts occurred, for me, early in the season. First the very obvious that I am not only seeing and enjoying great Ringette but also I am seeing and enjoying the best Ringette that has ever been played at any point in time anywhere. I am not talking just the Worlds and the CRC's but also the learn-to-skate through the Masters C level. No matter when you glance at the ice Ringette is better than it has ever been.

My second thought was that most of the active players today will get to see the sport, and enjoy the sport when it celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In fact I hate to admit it but the minor players will be younger than I am now when this happens. Can we even imagine how great, how enjoyable and how talented the players and Ringette will be in 2063.

One challenge I pass on to all of the players who we enjoy watching today – the growth and the future of the sport is in your hands. Ringette will only continue to grow and to improve with the support of the off-ice parents, coaches and volunteers. As your parents, your coaches and the volunteers, who have made this sport what it is today, fade into spectators you have to pick up the ring. If each of you does their part Ringette will grow in greatness. Part of the burden of being on the Ontario Ringette Board of Directors is the tremendous amount of time we spend dealing with the administrative and the day to day operation of Ringette. Everything that happens during the year takes time to monitor and manage and this is time that is not contributing to the growth and change of our sport. Fortunately we have dedicated volunteers who find time to squeeze in changes and improvements. From steadfast standing committee members to board members the support provided is phenomenal. I will not try and itemize all that has been accomplished but I look back on the past two years with a sense that the sport has accomplished much. On the competitions side we have successfully, under London Ringette and Ringette Canada's management, not only hosted a World U19 Championship but Canada East was successful. Our Long Term Athlete Development program has grown and succeeded in its first major implementation including providing skill videos and matrices to monitor and track improvement. Our U12PP program has grown and its year end events are setting new standards. We have successfully created and implemented a new Administrative Review Policy to insure fairness of opportunity for resolving all decisions if required. We have implemented now through all of minor Ringette the use of shoulder pads and while not loved by all we have added to the safety of our sport. These are just a few of the many steps forward that have occurred behind the scenes.

Underway as we move into the next year of Ringette we have three exciting projects spawned by this administration and carrying forward. A long overdue review is being

conducted of the complete committee structure supporting Ringette. This is stepping into our sport at the Bylaw level and will be taking the lessons of the last 50 years and putting in place the mechanisms for the committee process to manage and grow the next 50 years. This is a big task and will not be a smooth road but it will get accomplished.

Using the talents that exist within our volunteer pool we are taking a firm look at the Information Technology used in our sport at the Provincial Level and hopefully will combine it into a cohesive multi-layered structure that will take us into the future. Not just a revamp of a registration system but a total computerized shell to allow Ringette to take advantage of all the technology available now and into the future.

Finally we are addressing the Elephant that has always been in the room. We are putting together a committee to guide us into gender equity for Ringette. We do not know where this will take us, we do not understand the needs we will have to meet but we do know that we cannot hide from it we must address it and encompass it into our future.

Looming on the horizon is the Ontario Non-Profit Corporations act. This will be significant change to the underlying core of our business. From our definitions of membership to the make-up of the Board of Directors, from bylaws to regulations all will have to be reviewed and in many cases changed. Ringette Canada is going through this now with the Canadian Non-Profit Corporations act and we are watching that unfold. As a sport and as a Board we have much on our plate.

Significant changes are also taking place at the ORA. We have to say good bye for a while to some of the major strength that has guided us to where we are today. Hopefully in all cases this is a temporary break from our rigors and we will see each of these individuals return to the Provincial level. For the most part they are not leaving the sport just stepping back to accomplish goals and aims at different levels.

Stephanie Corrado has only been with Ontario Ringette for a short period as administrative support but she brought with her not only the tools necessary to do the job but a warm smiling personality and a level of dedication to her work that added to the strength of our sport. Stephanie has moved on but is continuing to support Ringette, as she is able, until we get past this busy period. Our thanks to you Stephanie, best of luck in your ongoing professional and personal life.

Kevin Hanlon picked up the Athlete Development Committee grew it into the Sport Development Committee and has led us through the complications and mazes of LTAD while keeping the committee focused on the big picture. Kevin has had to step back due to family commitments but we know he will return. All players in Ringette today within Ontario are much better off because of the efforts of Kevin and the leadership he brought to the growth of Ringette. Thank you Kevin we await your return.

Cathy Nie has stepped down as chair of Membership Services. Cathy has been involved at the Provincial Level for many years and under her contributions, first as a coordinator and then as committee chair, the rules and fairness and the implementation methods for all the tricky membership issues have become defined and firm. Cathy has had to be the lead support for growth and improvements with our registration system. This is a momentous task which contributes to Ringette at all levels. Under Cathy's guidance the sport has grown in safety for all participants and Cathy had to take most of the reaction to shoulder pads and turn the movement into a positive step. Also during her chairmanship we have continued to

clarify and improve the volunteer recognition program. Cathy is stepping back to her first love the association level and is not leaving Ringette. Thank you Cathy for all you have and will do.

A large loss to our sport and a large loss to me personally is the dropping back from the Provincial stage by Janet Logan. I have watched Janet work miracles at the association level and leave them with strong footing. I then watched Janet come to the Region level and work miracles within Western Region to bring the G&T support and wisdom to new heights. I then watched Janet come to the Board Committee level and again work miracles and through her skill, set the G&T Committee on a new course that improved and grew our Provincial level of sport. I then watched Janet come to the board table and the miracles continued to happen. At this level not only was her impact on the board immense she then started to back feed to the committee level and share her expertise across multiple committees being an active participant in G&T, Sport Development, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to mention a few. Janet is not stepping down she is stepping back. Janet your contributions on a daily basis to Ringette will be sorely missed and we know the sport at the Provincial level will be calling on your expertise.

There have been many other changes in our volunteer base this year but I felt these merited special mention because of the significant impact they have brought to Ringette.

A year ago I stood on the podium of the Annual General Meeting and predicted that this past year would be my last year. For many reasons I have changed direction and let my name stand for re-election. As I have tried to highlight in my report the trip has been exciting and the doors have just opened on new accomplishment that are both needed and motivating. Personally I want to help Ringette stay on its present course and see some of these changes reach implementation.

I want to sincerely thank all of Ontario Ringette for the support I have had over the past two years. I also want to specially thank the Board of Directors, the Standing Committee's and their chairs and Mike, Karla and Stephanie for the jobs they do so well.

Keith Kaiser  
ORA President

### ***Nick Sirenko, Vice-President Finance***

Will be presented during the Annual General Meeting.

## ***Jo-Ann Wilson, Vice-President Administration***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for allowing me to participate as VP Administration again this season. It has been my privilege to serve the membership in this capacity.

Another grueling season has gone by and preparation to go forward is well under way. We all know that we are involved in a fantastic sport and are all working towards making it even better. I have to thank the office staff Mike, Karla, and Stephanie for all of their hard work in assisting the Board and the committees with whatever they ask.

Membership Services continues to move forward with the registration process, award recognition, and their handbook. Their 3 year plan is ongoing.

Officiating is a very efficient program. Using non-committee members works very well and their reporting systems are under review to ensure that everyone has current information. The ref-o-gram continues to be a valuable tool for relaying information to referees. Next season is a rule change year so will require coaches and referees to get educated on them.

Coaching has been evaluating their clinics and the coaching requirements to meet the needs of the membership. The database is a major issue that we hope to find some solution in order to improve their tracking of qualifications.

Rules Development committee is not required to meet at this time.

I want to thank Cathy Nie, Karen Meek, Kathy McCaw, and Rob Evans for leading their committees forward and as well the committee members. All of these volunteers give up their time to ensure that our sport is moving forward.

Jo-Ann Wilson  
O.R.A. VP Administration

## ***Mike Chaudet, Vice-President Technical***

Another season done and we try to repair the few mistakes that pop up from time to time. Overall a good season.

G&T: Have made changes to make tournaments all over Ontario to run in a similar fashion. All Provincial events were a success. Next season should be just as good.

Adult: Lori and the Adult committee have done a lot of work and made changes to forms in the adult program. These changes should make registration of a team easier and more concise.

Elite: The Elite handbook has been redone. This should make it easier to understand and to follow.

All my committee's have done a lot of hard work this season, and will continue in to the future to bring the fastest game on ice to the forefront in sport.



## ***Kim Noxon, Athlete Representative on the Board***

What an exciting season for ringette in Ontario! This past year, I have had the opportunity to be present at many amazing ringette events across the province including tournaments in several different regions as well as both the “A” Provincial Championships and the U12 Provincial Event. It is really incredible to see the enthusiasm that ringette players bring to these events both on and off the ice. I feel honoured to be able to represent such an inspiring group of athletes.

One of my favourite aspects of ringette is that it creates such a community for those involved. There is a special bond that ringette players share across the province, country, and even around the world. I would like to thank all of the volunteers and officials who make it possible for all of us to be able to play the sport we love!

Outside of the arena, I have had the opportunity to work with the Sport Development Committee as they strive to improve our sport for future generations. Their willingness to take on the huge task of implementing the Long Term Athlete Development ideals while preserving the aspects of the sport that the athletes love the most is awe-inspiring. As we continue with LTAD Implementation at the U12 division in Fall 2013, I look forward to continuing to work with this committee through the challenges that lie ahead.

When I was preparing my report for the 2012 AGM, our first-ever Leadership Camp was just around the corner. I am thrilled to say that it was an absolute success!

We hosted 24 girls from across the province in a weekend filled with opportunities to learn activities that improve communication, enhance team-working capabilities, and test each participant's stress management skills.

I believe that each girl was able to take back ideas to her team that would help all of them to be more successful both on and off of the ice. I can't wait for this year's camp, coming up on May 24-26. This year we will be 48 participants from all over Ontario! I can't wait to be inspired by each of these extraordinary athletes, as I know I am sure to be!





As this season draws to a close, I can't help but feel lucky to be a part of the wonderful community that is ringette in Ontario. Thank you to everyone I had the chance to meet and work with this year. You are all such amazing people who make our sport what it is – the best sport on ice... and off!

Have a wonderful summer everyone and I'll see you around the arenas next season!

Kim Noxon  
Athlete Representative  
Ontario Ringette Association



***U14AA Easterns Bronze Medalist Team Ontario (Ottawa Ice)***



***18+A Easterns Silver Medal Winners Team Ontario (Toronto)***



## ***REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORTS***





Jamie Showers  
***Central Region Director***

As Central Region closes the 2012/13 season, I look back at an exciting, action packed and sometimes difficult year. The transition to Central Region Chair was and still is a work in progress. Thank you to all for your assistance when leaned upon.

Central Region looks forward to new additions to our board for the upcoming 13/14 season. Central Region will be hosting our AGM late this year (June 4) as we had decided to make dramatic changes to our spring tryouts late. That being said with great cooperation from all of our associations, guidance from the Central Region Board, we have been able to mature our tryout process to a level that all can buy into.

Oshawa Ringette Association is to be congratulated on a superb representation of Central Region with hosting the U12 Provincial. I would like to thank Colin Deans for his devotion to our great sport of Ringette and his group of volunteers is top notch. I would like to personally thank Kathy Noxon and Yvan Belanger for their assistance throughout the year.

Congratulations to Colin Deans from Central Region on receiving his ORA award for his contributions to Ringette.

Central Region has chosen the AAA team for the 13/14 season with coaching staff and personal in place. Good Luck ladies.

Central Region teams across the region represented themselves well throughout the season. Thank you to Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby and Ajax for hosting their sanctioned events. These events are run by our volunteer base. Thank you to all.

Looking forward to the upcoming season and the new challenges that lie ahead.

Jamie Showers  
Regional Chair  
Central Region Ringette Association



Kathy Noxon  
***Eastern Region Director***



This has been another insanely busy, but truly rewarding year in Eastern Region! We look forward to welcoming two new coordinators to the Regional Board: Sean Burrows and Fred Black – actual positions yet to be determined.

Nepean Ringette Association is to be congratulated on a job well done in hosting the 2013 A Provincials. As always, many members of the Region came forward to assist in the running of the event. The sense of community and dedication demonstrated by the members of the Region is always greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Nepean, City of Ottawa, Arnprior, Gloucester-Cumberland, Kingston, West Ottawa and GAARA for hosting awesome tournaments, yet again! The League Championships hosted in Arnprior was a highlight for many of the local athletes and the year-end Bunny Party hosted by West Ottawa was an excellent end to the season for these young athletes. Special thanks to the volunteers and for their many hours of work that are required to make these events happen.

Several Eastern Region teams came home with medals from the 2013 Provincial Events and equally importantly, many teams earned the Sportsmanship Award in their division. Congratulations to Nepean U19 Belle AA on winning the gold medal at the Canadian Ringette Championships.

Despite the initial concerns regarding the amount of time that would be required to complete the skills matrix at the U10 divisions twice in the season, the Region had almost one hundred percent compliance – thanks to the many volunteers who supported this endeavor.

This year, Eastern used a coordinated approach to scheduling spring tryouts. As with any new project, there were lots of “lessons learned” and it is our intention to move forward along this track, making improvements as we go.

The AAA team has been selected and the athletes as well as their bench staff are keen to have the season begin.

The lack of ice continues to be a major issue. While plans are under way for new arena construction, much of this ice will be privately owned and extremely expensive. To qualify to receive more City ice as it is built, the sport needs to demonstrate growth, however, it is difficult to grow when there isn't enough ice to accommodate that growth – very much a “catch 22” situation.

As always, it has been a privilege to work with the amazing volunteers in Eastern Region for another season and it is my most sincere hope that everyone finds some time to relax with family and friends over the summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Kathy Noxon  
Regional Director  
Eastern Region Ringette Association

Susan Weiskopf  
***Northeast Region Director***



The main goal in the past year has been to increase communication in our region. As of our recent AGM, we now have a full executive on our board, with enthusiastic representatives to attend the Standing Committee meetings in August. We managed two face-to-face meetings with our executive and association presidents (in September, 2012 and our AGM in May, 2013) and plan to continue this pattern going forward. The introduction of potential Skype meetings for our executive is a next step.

While other regions are able to host monthly or bimonthly meetings, our geographic challenge makes this impossible. We have centralized our meetings to the Sudbury area but that still means that our Sault and Timmins/Iroquois Falls presidents and executive members must travel about 3 hours and our North Bay representatives about 2 hours. Consequently, we still need to depend on email for a lot of our correspondence (which we all know can be ineffective and sometimes overwhelming when there is too much of it). Our concerted goal is continue to grow the sport of Ringette in our region by providing as much visibility as possible. To help, Sudbury will be hosting one of the Challenge Cups at their annual tournament, bringing an elite level of the sport to our region.

In addition, North Bay will be hosting the World Ringette Championships from December 30th through January 4th and is eager to share this event with members of the Ringette community and the residents of North Bay and surrounding areas as well. Much effort is going into the preparation. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our sport with top athletes from around the world.

Susan Weiskopf,  
Northeast Region Chair

Robert Crandall  
**Southern Region Director**



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration travelling road show was warmly received everywhere it went in Southern Region, and we also distributed over five hundred of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pins through our associations as tokens of volunteer appreciation. Thank you to the committee for doing such a good job!

Safety on the ice. At our monthly meetings we had several discussions concerning the increasing amount of contact on the ice including hitting from behind, hitting along the boards, and concussions. The new four minute penalty for hitting from behind is a welcome addition and we hope to see it applied more consistently this coming year.

The steady efforts at the ORA level to update and improve the operating manual were important to the Region because it makes it increasingly easy for everyone to find and understand the rules. There is still work to be done reconciling various policy directives but at least we have made a start. Communication is a really big part of effectively running the sport and we have definitely made an improvement in that department.

Finally, I would like to thank the many fine volunteers in Southern Region who stepped up during the course of the year to give so freely of their time. We had 143 teams (including Bunnies) this year supported by 766 volunteers of all types. It was a truly massive undertaking so kudos to all involved! My thanks also go out to everyone else in the wider Ringette community who had occasion to help any of our players this year, and last but not least I would like to thank the hardworking team at the ORA main office who did so much to make all these good things happen. Mike, Karla and Stephanie did a super job for all of us!

Robert Crandall  
Regional Director, Southern

Vacant  
**Northwest Region Director**





Peter Westelaken  
***Western Region Director***



I would like to welcome everyone to this year's ORA AGM in Cambridge and thank you to Southern Region of hosting this event.

I find it very difficult to believe that I am coming to the close of my 4th year as Director of Western Region. It is amazing how time flies by when you are actively involved in such a great sport. I continue to be inspired by the passion and commitment displayed by our many volunteers who give so much of their time to our players, to their communities and to our sport. It is our volunteers that make me honored to be a Region Director in Ontario.

The backbone and foundation of our sport continues to be the players that participate on our Regional level teams. Without their numbers and without their growth and development we would not have our provincial level teams. Our Western Region Ringette League (WRRL) continues to do an excellent job managing and developing the skill set of our players at the Regional level. Evidence of this again was the well balanced competitiveness of our Regional Tournament held in Guelph and Elora Fergus. Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers who made this event a very successful one.

Our Western Ontario Ringette League (WORL) does a superior job at managing and providing our Provincial level players with top notch opportunities to hone their skills and develop into elite Ringette players. Our ongoing success at the Provincial and National Championships is evidence this.

Our game continues to evolve. Our Standing Committees work tirelessly to review the status of our sport and in good faith make changes to address the current and future needs of our players and the communities in which they play. I would like to thank all of them for the countless number of volunteer hours they work.

I will finish off by thanking my fellow Regional Directors and the Executive members of the ORA for a great and productive year. I continue to look forward to working with each and every one of you for the next two years.

Thank you very much and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Peter Westelaken  
Director, Western Region



## ***PROGRAM CHAIRS REPORTS***





***U16AA Canadian Ringette Championship Bronze Medal Winners  
Team Ontario (Guelph Predators)***

## **Coaching Development Chair**

Kathy McCaw

A big thank you to the Coaching Development Committee – Mike Genereaux (Western), Susan Weiskopf (Northeast), Geoff Valentine (Eastern), Gerald Lamoureux (Southern) and Grove Bennett (Central) – for all their hard work this past year. After 5 years with the committee, Mike is passing the torch to John Mezenberg for the coming season. We welcome John to the committee.

The Regional Coaching Coordinators had a busy fall as usual organizing numerous Community Sport Initiation (CSI) and Competition Introduction (CI) clinics across the province to train over 500 coaches. Many thanks as well to our Master Learning Facilitators and Learning Facilitators for the time they dedicate to training our coaches.

This past season was the first where there needed to be at least one bench staff member certified in first aid on every bench for U9 to U19 teams, with the recommendation that this person be present at all games and team activities. We are not aware of any issues arising from this new requirement.

A revised Bench Staff Code of Conduct was put in place this past season in an attempt to more clearly delineate the expected level of conduct and widen the scope for disciplinary action. Thank you to the vast majority of coaches who follow not only the letter of the Code of Conduct, but also the spirit behind it.

A critical focus of the Coaching Development Committee is to provide much needed resources and guidance to coaches to assist them in teaching the basic skills of the sport. The ORA held a Coaching Summit in June 2012 that brought together experienced coaches, Learning Facilitators, and members of the Sport Development and Coaching Committees. The goal of the Summit was to develop coaching resources, as well as harness existing resources, to compliment the skills matrices and the skills matrix video and find ways to effectively deliver these to both new and returning coaches. Output from the Summit included a 'Drills for Skills' index to help coaches quickly find effective drills to develop particular skills, as well as 'Guides to Success' for both coaches and associations. These 'Guides to Success' summarize relevant information regarding objectives, rules, compliance information, resources and other coaching tips for the U6 to U10 levels. These documents have been posted on the ORA website.

Over the summer we will continue to work to develop other tools to assist Associations and coaches in understanding all the 'rules' coaches are expected to know and follow. Such tools will include a standard agenda for a beginning-of-the-season coaches' meeting and an on-line FAQ.

And finally, to all bench staff, thank you for the time and dedication you devote to the Ringette players in this province. Your efforts are much appreciated and we look forward to working with all of you again next season.

Kathy McCaw

## Elite Development

Mary Kaiser

The Elite Development Program will provide those athletes with exceptional skill the opportunity to participate at a level of play that will further enhance their Ringette abilities.

The Elite Committee welcomed two new members this year: Amy Ross from Western Region and Christi Lindensmith from Central Region. This committee worked diligently throughout the Ringette year. We were busy completing the Handbook and every Chair and Elite Coordinator has one. A copy of this book has been given to each AAA coach. The committee is busy comparing the Handbook to the Manual and ensuring that they agree. We will also be continually updating the Handbook to include the current due dates and any changes necessary to keep the Handbook in line with the current season.

Provincial Championships were held in March at the following venues: AA Provincials in Waterloo the weekend of March 7-10, 2013 and the A Provincials in Nepean the weekend of March 14-17. Both Nepean and Waterloo were excellent and ran without any incidents. The Ringette was thrilling and exciting. The teams who went on to represent Ontario at the Nationals and the Eastern Canadian Championships were exceptional. Ontario placed well in there events and the medalists can be found on the Ringette Canada and the Eastern Canadians Championship website. The Elite committee was responsible for ensuring that all teams representing Ontario were informed of the procedures and that they were outfitted in Team Ontario off -ice uniforms. At both of these events teams from Ontario were there and they played outstanding Ringette. Congratulations to all participants!!!

### QUEST FOR GOLD:

Ontario Ringette Association is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Quest for Gold - Ontario Athlete Assistance Program (OAAP) has given out 11 full cards and 12 half cards. The athletes nominated were selected using the sport specific selection criteria developed by Ontario Ringette, approved by its Board of Directors and applied by (the) Selection Committee.

Further information on the Quest for Gold program can be found in the Elite Section of the Ontario Ringette website.

### SELECTIONS:

The Elite Committee reviewed, discussed, and reviewed the hosts for the 2013-14 Challenge Cup hosts.

We are pleased to announce the following Challenge Cup Hosts are:

Southern Region	October 25-27, 2013
Sudbury	November 29-Dec 1, 2013
St. Marys	January 17-19, 2014
ONTARIO WINTER GAMES	MUSKOKA, FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 1,2

We also selected the EASTERN CANADIAN CHAMPSHIP HOSTS: Mississauga, Ontario  
All of the above have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Respectively submitted:

Mary Kaiser, Chair,  
Elite Committee



## **Games and Tournaments Chair**

Yvan Belanger

### **AA Provincial Championships**

Waterloo did a very good job hosting this event. The volunteers did an outstanding job at troubleshooting and minor official duties during the full event. There will not be any overtime in the round robins games at the “AA” Provincials Championships.

### **A Provincial Championships**

Nepean did a very good job hosting this event. The volunteers did an outstanding job. We simply could not carry out our work without them. There will not be any overtime in the round robins games at the “A” Provincials Championships.

### **U12 Provincial Event**

Oshawa did a very good job hosting this event. We did receive a lot of feedback from parents, coaches and players, who did really enjoy the experience.

### **U12 Ranking**

After each tournament, the G&T Committee did review the game results in order to improve the seeding process. The addition of the coach committee was a huge success to the seeding process.

### **Sanctioned Events**

A sanctioned event tournament package was sent to all tournament coordinators, Association Presidents, Regional Directors, and Regional G& T coordinators in September, just prior to the start of the season. We are planning to repeat the process for the coming year.

### **Divisions**

We did send the top tier of the 18+ Open A division to the AA Provincial Championships. This was well received by players, coaches and Referees.

### **General**

The use of the online “Intent to Proceed Form” was a big success, so we will use the same process for this year.



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Yvan Belanger  
Chair G&T

## **Officiating Development Chair**

**Karen Meek**

Although next year promises to be a busy season, this year was no exception. We started the season off with numerous clinics within each region and the Province hosted a Regional Evaluators clinic.

We continued to send a Regional and Provincial Evaluator to a variety of tournaments. As much as this is a challenge, it proved beneficial. We were successful in completing over 430 evaluations, including 50 upgrades. These are similar numbers to last year but still significantly higher than previous years.

This year we had 10 officials involved in the POD Program (Provincial Officiating Development). They attended two mandatory tournaments and were expected to attend two other "A" tournaments on their own. After Christmas, we were down to eight officials; one dropped out due to school and work commitments and the other official suffered a season ending concussion. The remaining eight continued strong in the program achieving upgrade evaluations and one graduating. All POD officials were able to attend the U12 Provincial Event.

Ontario was well represented at all major events. The first event was the U19 World Ringette Championships held in London, Ontario over the Christmas break. Ontario was represented by Robert Drury, Karen Meek and Mario Periard. Three of the four Canadian officials were from Ontario.

At the 2013 Canadian Ringette Championships in Fredericton, NB, Ontario sent 12 officials securing almost 50% of the on-ice crew. This is something to be very proud of and proves that our program is still strong. Of the 12 attending, 4 worked semi final games, 1 Bronze medal game and 4 worked Gold medal games.

The Eastern Canadian Championships were held in Bedford, NS. We had the pleasure of sending three officials to this event; Alex Hanes, Becky Murray and Lyndsey Matsumura. Lyndsey was a late addition to this group, but proved herself strong earning the U14AA final. Becky worked the U16A final and Alex worked the U19A final. This is excellent representation from our Province and will help to put them on the radar for future National events.

A total of 45 officials attended the Provincial A and AA Championships. Although both of these events were challenging and exhausting for the on-ice crew, they pulled it off with success.

I was able to attend the U12 Provincial Event for the first time and was impressed with the calibre of play and the development of our young officials.

I'm hoping to have some down time before next season unfolds. Next year is a rule change season, which means lots of extra clinics for officials as well as coaches. It's also an Ontario Winter Games year which means three Challenge Cups as well as the OWG's in addition to our Provincial events.

Sincerely,  
Karen Meek, Chair of Officiating



## **Membership Services Chair**

Cathy Nie

This past season membership services has worked very hard; trying to get the Volunteer Recognition awards out to many more recipients. We have streamlined the criteria and made it easier to read. More regional and provincial volunteer awards have been handed out this past year. Hopefully this will continue next year, as you will be able to fill out the form on line and send the paper work to the office.

Coaches are using the sports injury form but we need to have all injuries reported. Membership Services is working on trying to find a better way to get this information to all teams, so they will use the forms to their fullest potential. With this information we would be able to see if there is some way to prevent certain injuries but we need everyone's help in filling out the forms.

I would like to thank all Membership Services Co-ordinators for all their hard work this past season in helping to keep all the players and teams registered and heading in the right direction.

See you in the arena.

Cathy Nie

## **Adult Development Chair**

Lori Pasanen

No report available.

## **Rules Development Chair**

Rob Evans

No report available.

## Sport Development Committee

The Sport Development Committee would like to highlight the achievements and work that it carried out this past year.

### Sport Development/Coaching Summit Meeting: June 2012

- Several coaches, facilitators, representative from both coaching and sport development spent a weekend reviewing various LTAD resources that are available and developing practical tools for coaches to use during practices. The “deliverables” from this meeting were strategies, tactics and resources that will support associations and coaches in evolving their programs to be LTAD friendly
- The meeting focused on the youngest divisions, U6-U10. The coaches at this level are often new to the game, anxious for all the resources they can get, motivated, and do not have pre-conceived ideas on how the program should be run. Furthermore, the players in these divisions are at important developmental stages.
- Drills for Skills and Guide To Success are easy to use tools available under the coaching tab on the ORA website.
- There is an increasing pool of LTAD resources to be drawn upon. Much information regarding LTAD is available under the Sport Development tab on the ORA website.

### Skills Matrix

This was used across the province to form teams at the U10 and below age divisions. The purpose of this tool is two-fold – first for forming balanced teams and secondly to assess individual and team development between the first and second evaluation. A coach can then use this information to plan practices targeting individual and team development as indicated by the matrix results.

### Team Activity Log

This tool is to be completed by all teams U19 and below to ascertain the ratio of Development to Competition.

### U12 Implementation Plan Starting in September 2013

Read about the implementation in the Membership Notice on the ORA website.  
Hear all about it by attending the Sport Development Seminar at the ORA AGM!

#### Mail out to Second Year U19 Players about University Ringette

- Again this year, over 600 hard-copy letters were sent to all second year U19 Belles telling them about the University ringette program. Included were the names of all 14 Ontario universities that had teams playing this past season.
- University Challenge Cup will be held in North Bay this year around the time of the Ringette World Championships

#### U24 Division Feasibility

- The committee continues to discuss the feasibility of establishing a U24 Open division on the basis of players playing in age groups that are not as divergent as currently exists

#### Come Try Ringette

- Richmond Hill translated the brochures into Chinese. There was a definite increase in U9 numbers as a result.
- What works – Incentives: signups for discounts on registration, participant medals, contact school boards, bring a friend, mail-outs
- More communication with associations is needed so that they better understand the regulations and available funding surrounding these events.

#### Canada Sport for Life Conference

- Karen Walter attended this conference in January 2013. The Summit was attended by over 500 delegates from across the country, and around the world, representing Sport, Education, Community, and Health at the National, Provincial and Municipality levels. The objective was to learn about the great work that has been done in our organizations and communities, while hearing about the future of the CS4L Champions to inspire change and improve the quality of sport and physical activity.

#### Special Recognitions

- The committee would like to express its appreciation and thanks to Janet Logan for her guidance and support from the Executive Committee. Her long-time involvement in ringette and other committees at the regional and provincial level help give the committee direction when long term athlete development was being introduced.
- Finally, a note of thanks should be made for Kevin Hanlon. Because of personal commitments to family and work, Kevin could not complete the year as chair of the Sport Development Committee. However, his patience and determination has advanced long term athlete development in Ontario Ringette immensely. His efforts have also influenced other committees within the ORA: Games & Tournaments, Coaching and Membership Services.

Kevin: your work is appreciated by the Board and by your former committee members.



***U16A Eastern Silver Medal Winners  
Team Ontario (Seaforth)***



## ***STAFF REPORTS***



## **Executive Director**

**Mike Beaton**

Usually at this time of the year we reflect back on the last twelve months and speculate on what may happen over the next twelve months. However this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the sport of Ringette and looking back over the preceding years seems appropriate.

From humble beginnings on the ice surfaces of Espanola the sport has grown not only across Canada but embraced by several other countries as well. Many people have been instrumental in the formation and development of the sport particularly in the founding province of Ontario. Some of these people have their names identified by having Divisions named after them at the U12 Event – Sam Jacks, Red McCarthy, Jackie Lajeunesse, Jack Gough, Bernie Cockburn and Dave Bennett.

The Ontario Ringette Association was established in 1970 and many people have sat on its executive, committees and staff over the years. Several of our associations have been in existence since the formative years of the sport: Sudbury, Etobicoke, Oshawa, Ajax, Hamilton, Waterloo, Pickering and Whitby were all established in the 1960's

Today there are 75 associations. Fifteen years ago when I first started working with Ringette there were over 100. The overall membership was less then however. Some associations merged to work cooperatively together such as West Ottawa (Goulborn/West Carleton/Kanata). Others such as Manvers ceased after the youth in the community aged and there weren't enough youngsters to replace them.

I have resided in 6 communities in Ontario. Five of these have had local Ringette associations: St.Catharines, Kirkland Lake, Manitouwadge, Elliot Lake and Oshawa. Bright's Grove was too small to have any local sports teams and those that were so inclined could go to Forest to play.

In checking through the files there have been 211 different local associations in Ontario: 28 associations in Central, 36 in Eastern, 34 in Northeastern, 26 in Northwestern, 49 in Southern and 58 in Western and that's only the ones we have recorded.

Who remembers these associations: Mariposa, Ajax Lakeshore Ladies, Ennismore, Almonte, Gananoque, Pakenham, Capreol, Kapuskasing, Moose Factory, Kenora, Red Rock, Terrace Bay, Martingrove, Oro-Medonte, Scarborough, Belmont, Medford and Thornbury?

While I talk of the associations that are and were let's not forget that each association reflected the community and the people in it. How many players, coaches, officials and volunteers were a part of these associations?

The one constant in all of this is the love of the sport exhibited by those who play, volunteer and work in the sport. The Ontario Ringette Association is mainly a volunteer driven organization. Many people contribute on various levels to make a playing season happen. The sport and its participants owe a debt of gratitude to all the great people who came before and continue to be involved no matter at what level or position. Thank you. Ringette for Life! See you in the rinks.



## Technical Director

Karla Xavier

Congratulations to all coaches, players, officials and volunteers for the completion of yet another successful season of Ringette.

Thank you goes out to all committee members who took time out of their lives to make Ringette so successful this season. Without your time and effort we would not be able to run such great events all season long for the players.

The last few months have been very busy with Provincials A, AA and the U12 Event as well as getting teams organized for Nationals and Easterns. As expected Ontario was very successful at both the Easterns and Nationals and all who participated seemed to enjoy the experience.

Provincials were also successful, lots of great competition and tons of fun for the athletes. Now that the on ice season is complete time to gear up for the AGM and the 2013-2014 season which will be even busier as Ontario has 3 Challenge Cups, Ontario Winter Games and the Eastern Canadian Championships all going on top of the usual Regional and Provincial Events.

The 50th anniversary committee had a great time showcasing Ringette memorabilia from the all over this past season. Special thanks to Gerald Lamoureaux for all his efforts in collecting items and travelling around to tournaments to show it off! Thank you to associations for getting their patches on their jerseys and we hope that you will keep them on for the following season as celebrations are not done yet!

Ringette for Life!

Karla Xavier  
Technical Director  
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## **WORLD RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIP**

*The Fastest Game on ice is coming home.*

From December 29, 2013 to January 4, 2014.  
North Bay, Ontario, Canada.



**The RINGETTE COMMUNITY  
is an AMAZING thing to be a part of!**



## **The RINGETTE COMMUNITY is an AMAZING thing to be a part of! - Emily's Story**

I have been a part of the Ringette Community for some 15 years ... as Cambridge Ringette Secretary, Player Development Coordinator and Vice President, as CRA Tournament Coordinator, as Co-Chairperson of the 2011 Canadian Ringette Championships, as Southern AAA Bench Staff, and as a Manager and Coach for numerous teams throughout the years from U8 Bunny to 18+ NRL. My 15 year old son Connor is involved in Ringette as a referee and a timekeeper. My 17 year old daughter Jessica, plays, refs, coaches and instructs at SORC and ELRC Ringette camps. Ringette is a great sport and my kids have benefitted from the life lessons it teaches about perseverance, commitment and dealing with success and failure in equal measure. I have been involved because I want to be active in my kids' lives. Most importantly I wanted my kids to be involved in a sport that built their self-esteem and imparted to them with a sense of community. I expected nothing in return.

But the Ringette Community is truly AMAZING! Not only did it give back to me and my family ... but it gave back to us a thousand times over!

### **EMILY'S STORY ...**

Emily is 10 years old and is a member of the Cambridge Turbos U12 Petite Provincial Ringette Team. Emily, myself and one of her teammates were in a car accident on Friday, February 8, 2013. We were on our way to the GCRA Ringette tournament in Ottawa for the weekend. Emily was seriously injured when a transport truck struck the vehicle door where she was sitting as part of a series of accidents on the 401 near Brockville that day in winter storm conditions. Emily was non-responsive at the accident scene and was taken by ambulance to Brockville General Hospital where she had a number of seizures and was intubated and put on a ventilator. She required transport to a critical care children's hospital and could not be air-lifted due to weather. An ambulance driver at Brockville Hospital volunteered to drive her to CHEO (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) in Ottawa. The normal 1-1.5 hour trip took 2.5 hours. We arrived to a team of doctors waiting for Emily in the trauma centre. She had a series of CT scans revealing a number of small cranial fractures, multiple fractures of the orbital bones of each eye, a compressed skull fracture on her left frontal lobe and a number of small bleeds on her brain. Good news was that she would not require surgery for her head injury. Later that night Emily had surgery on her left eye to remove 9 small pieces of glass. On Saturday morning they weaned her off her ventilator and she was able to breathe on her own, waking to ask if she would be playing Ringette in the tournament that weekend and crying when we told her no. A third CT scan Saturday morning confirmed that nothing had



progressed. An MRI on Sunday and an EEG on Monday both came back with positive results. Although blurry, she is able to see held up fingers from varying distances with her left eye. Stitches in her cornea will remain in for 2- 3 months, at which time we will know the full extent of the impact on her vision. Emily's progress from day to day was remarkable. Originally told that she would be in the hospital for weeks, Emily amazed her doctors and was cleared to go home in 5 days. The CHEO Neurosurgery team said her progress was phenomenal and she appears to have no deficits neurologically or physically. She will make a full recovery with time. One of the original ER doctors from Brockville General Hospital made the trip to Ottawa to visit Emily prior to her discharge as she wanted to see first-hand her remarkable progress. We travelled home to Cambridge on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Emily has been referred to specialists at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton for follow-up. Emily is ecstatic to be home. Her bruises and swelling continue to improve each day. She will not be allowed to participate in any sports or physical activity for 3-6 months ... which will be incredibly hard for her. Her eye will take longer to heal but we are thrilled with the progress to date. At this point, we feel that things can only get better. Although Emily still has a long road ahead of her, the future looks very bright.

The support we have received from the Ringette Community throughout our journey with Emily has been truly OVERWHELMING. Not only from people within our own Cambridge Association but from Ringette parents, players, teams and Associations throughout ORA ... many of whom we don't even know on a personal level. THANK YOU seems inadequate.

Support for us came in the form of words of encouragement through email, text and cards, in gift cards and monetary donations to help us with the costs of Emily's care and with meals and transportation for our family while in Ottawa and at home in Cambridge. This tremendous and overwhelming support for our family has allowed us to focus on Emily's recovery and not worry about the little things. I can't find the right words to adequately express my appreciation for this and how it has touched my family. It truly has made all the difference in the world. Visitors and gifts and cards with messages to Emily from players, teams and parents have made her feel uniquely important and loved ... letting her know that the game of Ringette is really much more than just a game. THANK YOU so much! My kids and I will NEVER forget the generosity of the Ringette Community and if there is ever a time for us to help and give back ... we will definitely be the first in line.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**

Kim, Jessica, Connor and Emily Purbrick

We wish Emily and her family all the best!!

Ontario Ringette Association





**ONTARIO RINETTE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Cambridge, Ontario  
MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2013**





## ***2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS***



# 2013 CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS



## U12 PROVINCIAL EVENT:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
Bennett	GCRA (M)	Ajax	West Ottawa (HO)	Whitby
Cockburn	Niagara Falls	Mississauga (M)	GCRA (B)	Ottawa (R)
Gough	Chatham	Sault Ste. Marie	Metcalf	Elora Fergus
Jacks	Sudbury	West Ferris	Nepean (O)	Mississauga (C)
Lajeunesse	Nepean (R)	Mitchell	Guelph	London
McCarthy	West Ottawa (HA)	Waterloo	Kitchener	Timmins



## PROVINCIAL "A":

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
U14 Jacks	Forest	Arnprior	West Ottawa	Ottawa
U16 Jacks	Seaforth	Kitchener	Chatham	Chatham
U19 Jacks	Ottawa	St. Marys (O)	Waterloo	Nepean
18+ McCarthy	Ajax (A)	Western U	Ottawa U	Ajax (R)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
U14 McCarthy	Nepean	Kitchener	Whitby	Timmins
U16 McCarthy	West Ottawa	Elora Fergus	Whitby	Ayr
U19 McCarthy	Elora Fergus	Timmins	GCRA	Elora-Fergus
18+ Lajeunesse	Durham	Ottawa Capitals	Carlton U	Ottawa Capitals



## PROVINCIAL “AA”:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
U14 Jacks	Ottawa	London	Elora Fergus	Mississauga
U14 McCarthy	GCRA	Guelph	West Ottawa	Guelph
U16 Jacks	Guelph	Nepean	Pickering	Cambridge
U19 Jacks	Nepean	Ottawa	Waterloo	Ottawa
U19 McCarthy	Richmond Hill	GCRA	London	London
18+ Jacks	St. Clements	Jordan	Waterloo G	Toronto



## EASTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
U14 AA	New Brunswick	Ste-Marie de Beauce	Team Ontario (Ottawa)
U16 A	Kitchener (ON)	Team Ontario (Seaforth)	Quebec
U19 A	Ste-Marie Beauce	Quebec	Team Ontario (Ottawa)
18+ A	Quebec	Team Ontario (Toronto)	Quebec

**U14AA 4th Place:** Elora Fergus



## CANADIAN RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
U16 AA	LMRL (BC)	Calgary Strive (AB)	Team Ontario (Guelph)
U19 AA	Team Ontario (Nepean)	Winnipeg Magic (MB)	Zone 5 GRIT (AB)
NRL	Calgary (AB)	Prairie Fire (MB)	Cambridge Turbos (ON)

**U16 AA 6th Place:** Nepean Ravens

**U19 AA 9th Place:** Ottawa Ice

**16th Place:** Guelph Predators

**15th Place:** Gloucester Devils

**13th Place:** Waterloo Warriors