

A background image showing two ringette players in action on an ice rink. The player in the foreground is wearing a red jersey and a black helmet, and is holding a red ringette stick. The player in the background is wearing a blue and white jersey and a black helmet. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

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40th Annual Report

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 5, 2009

7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Early Registration
9:00 - 11:00 p.m. President's Reception

Saturday, June 6, 2009

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:45 a.m. Seminar #1 – LTAD – Competitive Structure
Seminar #2 – LTAD – Implementation Framework
10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Health Break
11:00 – 12:30 p.m. Seminar #3 – Officiating – Rules and Officiating – Should We
Call More and How Can We Be Better
Seminar #4 – Coaching – Current Qualifications, Qualification
Process, Impact of LTAD
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch
Guest Speaker – Gordon Salt BPHE, Bed
1:45 - 2:00 p.m. AGM Registration
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. AGM Meeting
3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Health Break
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Cocktail (Cash Bar)
6:30 p.m. Volunteer Recognition Awards Dinner

Sunday, June 7, 2009

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Brunch and Socialize



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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 2008 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 2009/2010
 - Appointment of Auditors
6. Ratification of Directors Actions

There will be presentations made at this time

7. New Business – from the Membership
8. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
 ONTARIO RINGETTE ASSOCIATION INC. HELD AT THE
 HILTON GARDEN INN, NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
 COMMENCING AT 2:00 P.M. 7th June, 2008
 HEREIN AFTER CITED AS AGM-08**

1. Roll Call

	President	Terry Watters
	Past President	Jane Casson
	Vice President Administration	Carolyn Mountjoy
	Vice President Technical	Harry Hirsimaki
	Vice President Finance	Rob Evans
	Vice President Communications	Ellorie Hanson
	Central Region Director	Scott Blakey
	Eastern Region Director	Andre Astle
	Northeast Region Director	Jeff Francom
	Southern Region Director	Mike Chaudet
	Western Region Director	Chris Beuglet
Absent	Northwest Region Director	Vacant
Staff in attendance:	Executive Director	Mike Beaton
	Administrative Assistant	Luciana Figaro-Quesnel
Associations:	Present – 12	Not in Good Standing – 1
	Carried by Region – 61	Total Votes Present – 73

Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined to be 20 with 20 votes carried by the membership and 50 votes carried by the Regional Directors for a total of 70 votes. One member was “not in good standing” and therefore, ineligible to vote. The President outlined the business meeting procedures and voting procedures.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion AGM-08-01

“That the agenda be adopted”.

Moved by Cambridge

Seconded by Sault-Ste-Marie

Carried

3. Amendments and adoption of previous AGM Meeting Minutes

Motion AGM-08-02

“That the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Corporation be accepted”.

Moved by Northeast Region

Seconded by Southern Region

Carried

Motion AGM-08-03

“That the reports of the Board of Directors be accepted”.

Moved by Eastern Region

Seconded by Markham

Carried

4. Administrative Motions

Motion AGM-08-04

“That the published reports of the Regional Directors and Standing Committee Chairs be accepted”

Moved by Whitby

Seconded by Kitchener

Carried

Motion AGM-08-05

“That The Audited Financial Statement of the Ontario Ringette Association for the year ending March 31, 2008 be accepted”.

Moved by GCRA

Seconded by Western Region

Carried

Motion AGM-08-06

“That the Budget of the Ontario Ringette Association for the year ending March 31, 2009 with a deficit of \$87.00 be accepted”.

Moved by Metcalfe

Seconded by Waterloo

Carried

Motion AGM-08-07

“That Lynne Remigio, Chartered Accountant be appointed Auditor of the Corporation for the year ending March 31, 2009”.

Moved by West Ottawa

Seconded by Niagara Falls

Carried

Motion AGM-08-08

“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 in the records of the Corporation, be approved and ratified”.

Moved by GCRA

Seconded by Nepean

Carried



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2009 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Over the past season, the O.R.A. has taken time to recognize certain individuals who have, in the past, given their time and effort for the betterment of Ringette in Ontario. The 2008-2009 Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients are:

Provincial Builders

Rob Evans – Richmond Hill
Jane Casson - Jordan

Community Builders

Andy Montiero - Ottawa
Brian Shaunessy - Markham
Kevin Knight – London

Provincial Coach of the Year

Wayne MacDonald – Hamilton

Provincial Official of the Year

Lorie Grant - Independent

Provincial Player of the Year

Colleen Rourke – Pickering

Provincial Offensive Player of the Year

Mary Lynn Peicheff – Waterloo

Provincial Goaltender of the Year

Jacqui-Lee McGarry - London

Association of the Year

Nepean Ringette

Jackie Lajeunesse Scholarship Award Recipients

Kristin Bortolon - Jordan
Sarah Burchat – Whitby

2008-2009

Host, Provincial AA Championships

London Ringette Association

Host, Provincial A Championships

Gloucester-Cumberland Ringette Association

Host, Annual General Meeting

Central Region Ringette



Sam Jacks, Founder

Sam 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

Continuing 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 18th, 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.





Established 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 12,639 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 12:00p.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.

2008-2009 MANAGEMENT TEAM

Executive

President • Ellorie Hanson
Vice-President Administration • Harry Hirsimaki
Vice-President Technical • Vacant
Vice-President Finance • Scott Blakey
Vice-President Communications • Carolyn Mountjoy
Past President • Terry Watters
Athlete Representative on the Board of Directors • Jodi Walsh

Regional Chairs

Central • Chris Nielsen
Eastern • Kathy Noxon
Northeastern • Jeff Francom
Northwestern • Vacant
Southern • Mike Chaudet
Western • Chris Beuglet

Program Chairs

Adult Development • Carrie Moran
Athlete Development • Vacant
Acting Coaching Development • Cheryl Quantrill
Elite Development • Linda Lugg
Games and Tournaments • Jo-Ann Wilson
Membership Services • Lori Pasanen
Officiating Development • Brent Bunting
Rules Development • Steven Blacklock

Office Staff

Executive Director • Mike Beaton
Technical Program Director • Karla Romphf
Administrative Program Director • Nicole LaRochelle

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS



Ellorie Hanson, President

To quote a fellow board member, it's been an interesting year. So much has happened that I'm not sure where to start but I think that welcoming the new office staff is appropriate. Karla Romphf has joined us as Technical Program Director and Nicole LaRochelle has joined us as Administrative Program Director.

Reports were presented on Nominations Chair Procedures, Constitutional Review, Committee Structure Review, Sport Administration Review, Operational Plan Review (cross-referenced with the RC Strategic Plan), and Policy Book Review. We completed revisions to the ORA Personnel Policy and updated job descriptions. Many changes have been incorporated: others spurred on new change as communication often does.

LTAD has been much of the focus. Along with the office staff, I attended the CS4L (Canadian Sport for Life) conference in Ottawa in January. We've produced an overview of LTAD. We've held a working group meeting, Q & A's and information sessions. We've met with Ringette Canada on several initiatives and hope to pilot a few. Ontario is ready for LTAD and we will implement it, meeting its objectives in the best interests of our membership.

I attended the World Cup Championships in Sault Ste. Marie where we held our November board meeting. I also attended the AA and A Provincials, UCC in Niagara Falls, and Nationals in Charlottetown. My last trip was a holiday - attending a tournament in Las Vegas! All these events were very exciting and very well hosted. Kudos to host committees in Sault Ste. Marie, London, Niagara Falls, Gloucester-Cumberland, and the city of Charlottetown as well as all volunteers and staff involved in making everything happen.

The Ministry of Health Promotion has asked that PSOs (Provincial Sports Organizations) follow their lead in being cost effective and we are endeavouring to incorporate their guidelines into the way we do business. Paperless is one of the ways we can meet the requirements. With the registration system, by the fall, we will be virtually paperless, using the email contacts from the system and our website for communicating with the membership.

Other projects that have either been completed or are on-going are the CTR (Come Try Ringette) initiatives in Belleville and Picton (in partnership with Ringette Canada), delivering CTRs at the local association levels, incorporating the new age levels into our current system (Bunnies, Novices, Petites, Tweens, Juniors, Belles and Open divisions can now join Deb as they now are retired), and piloting Eastern Region's "Chosen Association" policy.

If I've forgotten anything or anyone, please excuse me. We're all looking forward to a short break before we start again. In the meantime, enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

Harry Hirsimaki, Vice-President Administration

The 2008-2009 season has been a successful and fun year for all participants in Ontario. All teams, at all ages levels deserve to be congratulated on all their success stories for this past season and should look forward to more next season because we are better than we were last year but not as good as we will be next season.

Every year is a new learning experience as an ORA Board member and this season is no exception. As VP Administration I would like to congratulate the Standing Committees that I am responsible for, for their diligent work throughout the year, communication is what makes us strong as a team and that is an important aspect of being successful.

The long term goals by the Coaching Committee with the transition of our coaches training over the past couple of years is showing some signs of the changes still to come with the decisions this group is making and will make as the program is expanded each year. It is not an easy road we are heading down but it is better for all.

The Ontario officials have again shown that we are respected and their success is shown by the comments made at Championships in Ontario and across Canada. The Officiating Committee has again shown its leadership by the hard work they have continued to do. This is an Ontario Winter Games/ Team Ontario year in our sport and the Elite Committee has been hard at work preparing for this season.

For all the many hardworking volunteers that keep our Associations and Regions moving forward each year, I would like to thank you. If not for the registrars, executive members, coordinators, and the other dedicated individuals we wouldn't have the sport we have. Sometimes it may be a thankless job but our sport is better for your work and I would like to recognize your contribution. Thank You to our member associations and their parents, coaches and all other volunteers for their continued support of our game.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who are and who have been involved in our sport, it is through them we have strength.

Well it is time to say good-bye to the people we know in this family called Ringette, but not for long. Have a good break, enjoy your summer rest and see you next season.

Vacant, Vice-President Technical

Carolyn Mountjoy, Vice-President Communication

Another enjoyable and busy Ringette season is over.

During the season, I attended the 2009 University Challenge Cup in St. Catharines, the 2009 Provincial AA Championships in London and other local tournaments. Many great Ringette games were played by our enthusiastic players. As the ORA rep, I was at the 2009 Eastern Ringette Championships in Guelph. The Guelph Ringette Host Committee did a wonderful job organizing the event. From the opening ceremonies to the banquet and the swim night, the teams had a great time meeting each other. During league play and tournaments, our athletes were provided with excellent opportunities to play the game they love.

I assisted with Ringette Canada's introduction of Ringette in the Picton area in March. Belleville had been targeted in December. The enthusiasm in this area is great. It is our plan to have Ringette up and running in these areas for next season.

We are beginning to implement Long Term Athlete Development. I am looking forward to the next stage of this program. Although there is some concern with implementing LTAD, the change in how we train and develop our athletes will have long-term benefits for Ringette.

With the VP Technical position vacant, I was responsible for the Adult Development Committee, Games & Tournaments Committee and Membership Services Committee. I would like to thank Carrie, Jo-Ann and Lori for the time and expertise they put into their roles as Chairs.

Our office staffs, Mike, Nicole and Karla, have done a great job helping me with my questions and requests for information – thank you.

Enjoy the off-season everyone. Have a good summer.

Scott Blakey, Vice-President Finance

As another ringette year comes to an end, I am writing for my last time as a member of the Board of Ontario Ringette. I have certainly enjoyed my time over the past 9 years on the Board and have many fond memories of working with various volunteers on many committees.

I would like to thank the current Board for their hard work and dedication to the sport of Ringette and also a vote of thanks for allowing me to serve with them over the years.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the office staff who work tirelessly on behalf of the members of the ORA to ensure the highest level of service is provided on a regularly basis. Congratulations to Mike, Nicole and Karla for a job well done.

I am pleased to report that the financial status of the ORA is sound and fiscal restraint has been exercised to provide for the ongoing financial viability of this association. I am also pleased to

present the operating budget for the 2009/2010 cycle. This is a balanced budget and provides for a modest increase in registration fees as a pass through from Ringette Canada, other than that increase this is a status quo budget. We did look at the mileage reimbursement and felt given the amount paid, normal consumption in a midsized vehicle and also given that the ORA is a non for profit organization, we did not feel there was justification to increase the rate at this time, however, this will be monitored in future budget cycles.

Jodi Walsh, Athlete Representative on the Board

I have been working with the associations to set up training sessions with them to begin their process for their Come Try Ringette events. I have had great reception from many associations and have been working hard to accommodate everyone.

If your association is interested in hosting a training session please contact me by email and we will set something up so you are trained in time for your event.

Two individuals have been asked to attend the Master Facilitation training for CTR in Winnipeg (the same one I attended last year). Judy Paquette from NE and Cathy Wyatt from Eastern will be attending the Master Facilitation training on May 22-24 and will be helping me in their regions to cover the training sessions. I will continue to cover Western, Southern and Central. I am looking forward to working together with Judy and Cathy to continue the success of this program.

Upcoming work:

- 1) I will continue doing the CTR training and working with the associations to make their events successful.
- 2) Working with Carolyn and Harry to begin the process of going to Huntsville to begin the process of starting an association there.
- 3) Continuing to work on the LTAD with Board.

Terry Watters, Past President

Unavailable

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORTS





Chris Nielsen
Central Region Director

As the 2008/2009 season comes to a close we can look back and be proud of our team's accomplishments at the Regional's and the Provincials. We were fortunate enough to have players chosen from Central to attend the Nationals as well.

On a serious note there was a significant reduction of teams participating in the Regional's and this is a cause for concern. We need all Associations to actively recruit new players particularly in the Bunny and Novice age groups, so we can keep this sport alive.

Central Region once again has benefited from continuing cooperation between Associations in assisting one another in forming teams and generally keeping each other informed of their actions which have kept administration problems to a minimum. We hope this cooperation will continue and Associations will continue to offer training programs and clinics to all players in the Region. As noted above the benefits have been felt throughout the Region at all levels of play.

The Region's tournaments were successful again starting with Oshawa in the beginning of the season, Pickering just before Christmas, Whitby right after Christmas and the Ajax Silver Ring Tournament in February. Some of our Tournaments continue to draw teams from outside of the province of Ontario and outside the country with a Finnish Tween team attending again this year.

The AAA tryouts have been held and our talent pool is deep enough for Central Region to offer assistance to (North West) for their team under the agreement recently promulgated.

In closing I would like to give my thanks to all the players, coaches, volunteers and parents for making this past year such a success. As a Region, we should all be proud of our team's accomplishments. I would also like to extend my gratitude for this year's Regional Executive as I feel they did a fantastic job and a pleasure to work with.



Vacant
Northwest Region Director



Chris Beuglet
Western Region Director

Western Region celebrated another successful year. We saw a small growth among our 23 local associations.

Most (80%) of our players participate at the regional level (B/C). They are the lifeblood of every association. The highlight of the season is the Regional Championship for all teams from U8 to 18+ (Bunny to Open). Western Region runs THE largest B/C tournament in Ringette with over 130 teams and 250 games. This year, it was hosted at seven ice pads in Stratford, Mitchell and St. Marys. Everyone had great time.

For the provincial (A/AA) level teams, the Region has grown to 44 teams. The teams had great success at tournaments and the Provincial Championships. This year, the Waterloo Wildfire Open AA (NRL) and two minor teams from Western Region represented Ontario at the National Championships in Charlottetown. The Stratford U19 Belle AA earned a silver medal and the St. Clements U16 Junior AA team earned a gold medal and the sportsmanship award. Congratulations to both teams. We were fortunate enough to have London as host of the Provincial AA Championships and Guelph for the U14 Tween Eastern Canadian Championships. Thank you to all the volunteers for doing a great job. Hopefully, Western Region will be hosting another provincial event this coming season.

Coach selection for the AAA team is complete and preparations are well underway for player tryouts and selection. We look forward to another exciting year at the challenge cups and OWG. St. Marys will be hosting one of the challenge cups.

Implementing programs in such a large region is always a challenge but our volunteers always do an excellent job of meeting the challenge. This year, we held five CSI clinics, two CI clinics, two gradation clinics and 3 MED workshops to develop over 190 coaches. We also held four level 1 and two level 2/3 officiating clinics

Many of local associations have been hosting Come Try Ringette events with great success.

After ten years on the executive and four years as regional director, I will be stepping down. I know I will be leaving the sport in very capable hands and I wish to thank all the volunteers for the opportunity to work with you over these past years. I look forward to seeing you around the rink next season.



Kathy Noxon
Eastern Region Director

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he 2008/09 season has been exciting, fun filled and busy for Eastern Region. A huge “thank you” goes out to all of the volunteers who helped to make it happen!

One of the areas that we wanted to improve on this year as a Regional Board was communication and to that end we have held some Regional meetings that have helped in that area.

A very successful venture this year was a partnering with the Ottawa 67’s for a Ringette Evening. There were approximately 1700 tickets sold to ringette families, a ringette demonstration was held in the foyer and during the second intermission the GCRA and CORA Belle AA teams showed the fans what a quick game of ringette looks like on the ice. It was a great event and we are planning on repeating it this fall.

Once again there were several tournaments hosted in Eastern Region – Nepean, Arnprior, Ottawa, Gloucester-Cumberland, Kingston and West Ottawa – all were well run and provided excellent opportunities to see Ringette at various skill levels.

Gloucester-Cumberland hosted the “A” Provincials in March. It was a wonderful tournament and the Opening Ceremonies gave us an opportunity to hear about ringette - “Then and Now” with some of the founding members of their association in attendance – an awesome job was done on the entire event!

Clarence Rockland hosted the Prelims and Arnprior, the League Championships. This year Metcalfe ran the yearend party for the Bunnies with over 300 young players taking part. There were exciting games as well as refreshments, crafts and a magician for off the ice excitement. Thanks to a sponsorship with Rink Pro Sports and Emphasis Sports Marketing all participants received a Bunny t-shirt. All Bunnies in the program receive a medal whether they can attend the yearend party or not.

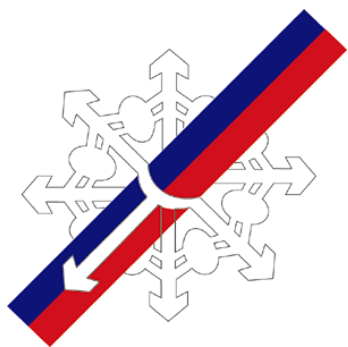
The “AA” Provincials saw 4 teams from the Region in the medal games and there were 2 teams at the “A”s – a good indicator that as well as having fun, the players are doing very well from a skill perspective.

And on to the next season: Three of the Associations have held spring tryouts already, with many of the AA teams chosen for the upcoming season. The AAA tryouts will take place next on the second weekend in May. Tournaments are already in the planning stages. AA Provincials will be held in Nepean – looks like another hectic year will soon be upon us!

Before that year truly gets started we wish every success and lots of fun to the girls who will be participating on the U19 team!

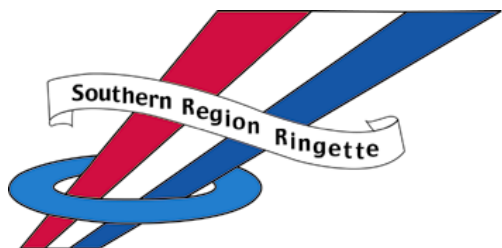
In closing – thanks again to all of the volunteers!

Have a safe and relaxing summer – see you in the fall.



Jeff Francom
Northeast Region Director

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Mike Chaudet
Southern Region Director

This season has been as expected. A couple of tribunals to start the season off, a few conflicts arouse throughout the season and have all been dealt with. Regional's were held in Mississauga this year and were very successful.

In 2011 CRC will be held in Cambridge, our region is striving to make this a successful event and a great venue to attend.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer, ready and refreshed to start Ringette next season.

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PROGRAM CHAIRS REPORTS

Adult Development Chair

Carrie Moran

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Athlete Development Chair

Vacant

Acting Coaching Development Chair

Cheryl Quantrill

The 2008-2009 season, proved to be a fairly busy year for the Coaching Committee, with many group contacts in the way of email. Likely the most difficult issue for us to tackle was the introduction of the CSI, Level 1 upgrading efforts. There are still some issues to be sorted out in this regard, which we will be discussing at this April Standing Committee meeting. Upgrading will continue to be an item of interest for the committee in future years as well, as all levels of coaching credentials are now being introduced for upgrading efforts.

In November, we encountered an issue with respect to TRF registrations, specifically relating to bench members who may have multiple accredited credentials, most particularly evident on 'AA' benches requiring Level 2 Certified Females. It was discussed with ORA officials and decided that multiple-credentialed members should be listed on their TRF with all acquired credentials, so that a member's replacement for a missing bench member, can be easily signed for on game sheets without any sort of paper-trail requirement. It was learned at Provincials however, that Membership Services will need some updating on this practice, as game sheets at Provincials in some cases, did not provide correct bench position.

This spring encounters Team Ontario Coach/Assistant Coach applications and interviews, and it has been learned from Ringette Canada through these preparations, that Team Ontario Coaches/Assistant Coaches no longer require Level 2 or Level 3 credentials, but rather the newly designed Competitive Development Training with no prerequisite required to take the course. Interviews are scheduled for May 2, 2009.

There will be lots to discuss at the upcoming Standing Committee with several changes now recommended by Ringette Canada within their Coaching Chart with respect to Coach-qualified females on all benches, and extended Level 2 expectations for 'A' benches. The 2009-2010 season, should prove to be another busy season with much to be determined and accomplished by the Coaching Coordinators.

Elite Development Chair

Linda Lugg

1. AAA

Applications for Challenge Cup hosts were received in the fall of 2008 and in January of 2009 the Challenge Cup Hosts were finalized and announced:

West Ferris	Oct 16-18, 2009
St Mary's	Nov 27-29, 2009
Kingston	Feb 12-14, 2010

The Challenge Cup dates were selected to avoid conflicts with either University or High School exams, major tournaments, and the AA Provincials in late February. The Ontario Winter Games will be held March 4-7, 2010.

Regional All-star (AAA) team coaches have all been selected and 4 regions have completed or will complete their tryouts by mid-May. Western Region's tryouts will occur in late May, and the NW team will not be finalized until the summer because a centralized camp will be required to complete the NW team.

An evaluation/assessment camp was held in mid-April in Thunder Bay for the Northwest AAA program. Skill development will be required, but it was determined that 5 players from NW would be capable of playing AAA, and that the remainder of the team would come from players who did not make their own region's AAA teams. A centralized camp will be held in the summer to select the players to round out the NW AAA Team.

RINGETTE ASSESSMENTS

Colour	#	Skating	Ring handling	Game Sense	Competitive	Final
Black	1					
Black	2					
Black	3					
Black	4					
Black	5					
Black	6					
Black	7					
Black	8					
Black	9					
Black	10					
Black	11					
Black	12					
Black	13					
Black	14					
Black	15					
Black	16					
Black	17					
Yellow	3					
Yellow	4					
Yellow	5					
Yellow	6					

Rating Criteria

Skating

is agile (turns well)
is fast (speed), is strong on her skates
above or below average compared to others
skates backwards well and naturally

Ring handling

protects the ring, strength - is she easily checked
gets out of trouble - by skating or passing
stabbing, passing, shooting

Game Sense

does she fore-check or back check
does she know where to go on the ice
vision - skates to open ice

Competitiveness

effort - is intense & persistent
buys into program - style/tasks
Fitness, love of the game

Yellow	7					
Yellow	8					
Yellow	9					
Yellow	10					
Yellow	11					
Yellow	12					
Yellow	13					
Yellow	14					
Yellow	15					
Yellow	16					
Yellow	17					

Scoring

Yes => top 3rd, Maybe = middle 3rd, No => bottom 3rd

Final

Yes _____, Maybe _____, No _____

Circle Date/Event evaluated at

1

2

3

4

Evaluator's Name

Criteria was developed and published for the Team Ontario player selection camp (next page).

Interviews for the Head coach for Team Ontario were held on May 3rd in conjunction with the Board meeting and the Head Coach for Team Ontario has been selected.

An age change was implemented for the Regional All-Star teams. The new age for AAA will be U19 - that is players born in 1991 or later.

The first draft for the poster to advertise AAA Challenge Cups and the Ontario Winter Games is completed. The poster should be finalized and go to print by the end of the month.

2. Canadian Ringette Championships

The St Clements Junior team won the AA Provincials and represented Ontario at the CRC's where they went on to winning the Gold.

The Stratford Belle Team won the AA Provincials and represented Ontario at the CRC's where they went on to winning Silver.

3. Eastern Tween Championships

The Eastern Tween Championships were hosted in Ontario April 2-5, 2009 by the Guelph Ringette Association, who did an outstanding job. Ontario was represented by the Nepean Tween AA Team, who narrowly missed claiming the Bronze Medal in a hard fought game against Quebec.

4. Quest for Gold Program

12 full cards and 9 half cards were awarded to Ontario Ringette athletes in April of 2009.

5. Standing Committee Meetings

In August of 2008 there was not sufficient numbers to hold the Elite SCM meeting. On a trial basis the Elite Committee held its Spring Standing Committee Meeting in March at the AA Provincials. Holding the meetings in conjunction with the AA Provincial Event was a success. It was much better in terms of timing for the discussion of Elite issues, it was more convenient and cost effective for the Elite committee members, and the committee had full attendance, as well as a very productive meeting.

Team Ontario Tryout Camp Evaluation Process

Each Regional AAA Team nominates 5 players to attend the Team Ontario Tryout Camp. The additional skaters and all the goalies invited to the Team Ontario Tryout Camp are identified through the evaluations of players at the Challenge Cups Events, as well as the Ontario Winter Games. Therefore the assessment process must include all AAA events leading up to the TO Tryout Camp - starting with the first Challenge Cup event.

1. Evaluation Team

Assessment of players is not an exact science. Therefore the process must rely heavily on the experience, and objectivity of the assessors. There are 2 phases to the evaluation process – selecting players to invite to the Team Ontario Tryout Camp, and selecting players from the TO Tryout Camp to make Team Ontario (for the Canada Winter Games).

During Phase 1 (the Challenge Cups and Ontario Winter Games) - players would be evaluated, using the attached assessment criteria & evaluation sheets, by the bench staff of Team Ontario who would attend all events. Independent evaluators may be added to this phase depending on availability & cost.

During Phase 2 (the actual Team Ontario Tryout Camp) - the evaluation team would consist of a mix of Team Ontario bench staff, independent evaluators, and an ORA representative. Regardless of the total number of evaluators, there would be 5 votes (evaluation summaries) per player – 2 from Team Ontario bench staff, 2 from the independent evaluators, and 1 from the ORA Representative. It is important that the process be perceived as fair and this perception will rest on the experience & objectivity of the evaluators.

2. Evaluation/Assessment - detailed process

Appendix A explains each sheet in the excel file & how it is to be used in the evaluation process

Appendix B is the Name Log

Appendix C is a sample Assessment sheet

Appendix D is the master summary from Challenge Cups and OWG

Appendix E is the master summary from the actual Team Ontario Tryout Camp

Appendix F is the goalie assessment sheet

3. Injuries

The player evaluations that occur during Challenge Cups and OWG are critical in dealing with injured players who either cannot attend the Team Ontario Tryout Camp due to an injury, or are injured during the tryout camp and cannot continue to participate.

In either case a Doctor's note is required confirming the player's inability to participate - with a projected date that the player would be able to resume her training.

Injured players must be in the top third of the rankings from previous events in order to be selected for Team Ontario. It would be unfair to select a player in the lower 2/3 of the tryout group without seeing her head to head against other players trying out for the team.

Appendix A - Assessment Explanation

Name Log

Record player names on the “Name Log” sheet for each evaluation. Evaluations take place at Challenge Cups, Ontario Winter Games and then again at Team Ontario Tryout Camp sessions. The actual evaluators would only use the “Assessment” sheet that listed the teams/jersey numbers (no names to remove bias), so the name log is used after the evaluation session to match up players to their actual evaluations.

Assessment Sheets

Scoring System is a simple “Yes, Maybe, No”. During the Challenge Cup games & Team Ontario tryouts, whenever the evaluator rated a player they would simply assess each skill & overall rating as a “Yes”, “Maybe”, or “No”. Every time they saw the player doing something of note, or participating in a certain way, they could make a note. On the sheet there is a line below each box for a note on each player. At the end of each game or tryout session, the evaluators would summarize and for each player give a “Yes, Maybe, or No”. This would be transferred onto a master “Assessment” sheet. ***Whenever the evaluator said “No”, a reason should be recorded - a simple comment on what lead them to say no.***

CC Summary (Challenge Cup, Ontario Winter Games master evaluation summary)

The final evaluation rating would be transferred from the assessment sheets done by evaluators at Challenge Cups, and Ontario Winter Games evaluations onto the CC summary sheet. We would try to evaluate each player 4 times during this process. If each evaluation was a “Yes” it would be marked YYYY, if two said yes, one said maybe, one said no, it would be YYMN, and so on.

Then the players are ranked. If 5 players have straight Y’s, they each were scored a “1”. If the next 3 are say YYM, then they would all be ranked a 6 (based on 5 players being ahead). The next group were scored a “9” (again they were rated equal but there were 8 players ahead of them). This becomes clear on the spreadsheet. At this point it is not necessary to rank the players within each grouping.

There is a place for comments & this is especially important for lower scoring players with a lot of “no’s”. These summaries will be important in deciding which players get invited to the Team Ontario tryout camp - beyond the 5 players nominated by their Regional All-Star teams’ coaches. Additionally these evaluations could play a significant role in dealing with players who are invited to the Team Ontario Tryout Camp, but are injured before or during the TO Tryout Camp.

TO Camp Summary (Team Ontario Tryout Camp master evaluation sheet)

The TO Camp Summary would be used to summarize the evaluations from the actual Team Ontario Camp. With respect to the “Assessment” sheets, evaluators would have several assessments on each player & the summary sheet would be a summary by player, by evaluator. This time the players would be separated into positions before being ranked and not only would players be ranked into groups...but then they would be individually ranked within the grouping. At the end of the numeric evaluations there is again room for summative comments made by each evaluator on each player – strengths, weaknesses, things to improve on. From these

comments an overall summative paragraph on each player would be included. This is particularly important documentation for players who are not selected to the team.

Goalie Tab

There is also a “Goalie” tab that would be used to evaluate the goalies, using the same system & grading scale.

Appendix B

Name Log (sample)

RINGETTE ASSESSMENTS - Sweater Log

Colour	#	Player Name
Black	1	
Black	2	
Black	3	
Black	4	
Black	5	
Black	6	
Black	7	
Black	8	
Black	9	
Black	10	
Black	11	
Black	12	
Yellow	1	
Yellow	2	
Yellow	3	
Yellow	4	
Yellow	5	
Yellow	6	
Yellow	7	
Yellow	8	
Yellow	9	
Yellow	10	
Yellow	11	
Yellow	12	

<p>Session: (circle & note event)</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>
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Appendix C - Assessment Sheet (sample, more detailed form in excel file)

Colour	#	Skating	Ringhandling	Game Sense	Competitive	Final
Black	1	Y	Y	M	Y	Y
Black	2					
Black	3					
Black	4					
Black	5					
Black	6					
Black	7					
Black	8					
Black	9					
Black	10					
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effort - is intense & persistent
 buys into program - style/tasks
 fitness
 love of game

Scoring
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 N = No => bottom 3rd

Final

yes _____
maybe _____
no _____

Appendix D - Summary from Challenge Cups & OWG

(sample of master, more detail in excel file)

Last Name	Team	1,2 Pref Pos	Actual pos played	jersey #	E #4	E4 Rank	1-4 Avg	overall Rank	Comments
Player 1					MMN	15		12	
Player 2									
Player 3									
Player 4									
Player 5									

Appendix E - Summary from Team Ontario Tryout Camp

(sample of master, more detail in excel file)

Last Name	Team	1,2 Pref position	Actual position played	jersey #	E = Evaluator E1	E5	E5 Rank	1-5 Avg	Rank	Overall Comments / Summary
Player 1										
Player 2										
Player 3										
Player 4										
Player 5										

Appendix F - Goalie Assessment Sheet

Sweater & Number	Skating	Stance	Agility	Angles	Technique	Overall	Summary

Skating: FW, Telescoping, retreating BW, T-push, shuffle, one-ft stops

Stance: Solid crouch, balanced position

Agility: Quickness, maintaining balance

Angles: Maintains angles, uses centre line, hugs post

Technique: stick saves, cushions, directs, c-cut

glove - catch and freeze, catch and play (throw, spot)

blocker - directs ring

skate saves - standing, directing

poke check - standing, lunging, post jab

ring control - stopping, shooting, clearing

2 pad slide

Games and Tournaments Chair

Jo-Ann Wilson

The Games and Tournaments committee worked very hard this season. We all enjoy dealing with the coaches and teams and working for the betterment of the sport or we would not be here.

Each region runs their programs differently but for the most part there are more than just the co-ordinators assisting in ensuring the year goes well for all of the teams. It takes many people within the regions in trying our best to ensure that everyone understands why things are the way they are. Educating associations and teams is paramount in the process.

The Invitational Tournament Sanction Package was circulated by email once again. The new deadline for approving tournaments and the early posting of the sanctioned event list went well. G&T are looking at changing the sanctioned event process and as we move through its implementation, LTAD will also require changes to occur.

Although the Wild Card formula assists the committee in deciding the Wild Cards and also for ranking teams for Provincial play, there are several issues surrounding the process that need to be given serious consideration. G&T will be reviewing this to see what can be done to correct the problems that have occurred because of this program.

The April meeting will bring a lot of discussion on a variety of subjects. I want to take this opportunity to thank my committee. They are very hard working, dedicated individuals, always ready to take on a new challenge. Thank you to Janet, Grace, Scott, Yvan, Tammy, and also our VP Carolyn. Also I want to thank Karla Romphf and Nicole LaRochelle. They came into the office when the season had started and had to hit the ground running and have done a tremendous job.

Membership Services Chair

Lori Pasanen

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Officiating Development Chair

Brent Bunting

The 2008/2009 season was another strong year for the Officiating Development program. Registration was up 5% and evaluations were up over 30% from the previous year. At the National level, Ontario supplied 50% of the participating officials to The Canadian Ringette Championships. Ontario's officiating representation and performance at National Events continues to reinforce that the hard work our evaluators; supervisors and officials do throughout the year pays dividends for our program and the sport.

Development of officials continues to be the main directive of this program. The committee members and the local RIC's worked hard to find new officials and work with the existing ones.

In September, eighteen officials attended the Instructor Clinic in Mississauga in preparation for the season. During the fall, eleven Level 1 and twenty Refresher clinics were taught across the province, bringing in new faces and helping develop existing officials. In addition, a Community level evaluator clinic was held in London where twelve senior officials spent the weekend developing their assessment skills, and at the end, became certified officiating evaluators.

The Provincial Development Program (POD) has been a great success over the past three seasons. The program, which started in 2005/2006, supplied eight of the twenty-eight officials to the Provincial A Championships in 2007, two in 2008 and two more this past season. This special development program, overseen by Jeff Evans, helps provide valuable feedback and direction to those younger officials who have shown potential and are willing to work hard to better their game. This program will be a jumpstart for many officiating careers.

Ontario's representation at National events has always been a source of pride, and this year was no different. This year, twelve out of the twenty-four officials selected to officiate at the Canadian Ringette Championships came from Ontario, which included two rookies in Jeff Evans and Amy Murray, who performed extremely well in their first National event. Congratulations go out to Karen Meek, Danielle Lalonde, Lorie Grant and Janyce Gunn, all who were selected to officiate final games.

This province consistently turns out the best officials in the country and we must strive to ensure this tradition continues. As many of the higher ranked officials in this province have indicated their intentions to retire over the next couple of years, we need to ensure that the officials that will replace them are ready to do so. The need to participate at an event such as the Canadian Ringette Championships is all encompassing. To become the best official, you need to officiate at the highest level, which can only be found at Nationals. Unfortunately, to get to Nationals is difficult which requires dedication, hard work and travel. We need to ensure that our officials who have the ability to officiate at Nationals are given every opportunity to get there, or the number of officials we send to Nationals will decrease in the upcoming years. If we have less officials doing the best games it will ultimately affect the calibre of officials here in Ontario, and eventually, the way games are played in our province.

In September of 2007, ORA switched its database/registration to a new system. This new system is not as friendly to the officiating program. We were not able to generate a proper field report, which is a must have tool for our evaluators and coordinators. This glitch has created problems during the evaluation process for the past two seasons, and needs to be rectified by September in order to effectively assess our talent.

On a final note, I must thank Karen Meek, Central Region Officiating Coordinator, for her dedication to the program over the past seventeen years. Karen's input and hard work have been instrumental in the development of this program and will not be forgotten. Thank you Karen for all you have done.

Rules Development Chair
Steven Blacklock

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STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Mike Beaton

As a sport we find ourselves at the doorstep of change. How we respond will decide our success in the future. I believe that even those today who have little profile and few resources, can indeed achieve great things. We need to stop doing things the way our predecessors have by embracing rather than resisting change. We need to be inclusive. We need to establish a vision that is both responsive and inspirational to our stakeholders, one that incites passion and volunteer commitment to the cause.

Change is inevitable. Change is not easy!

This is a lead in to the theme of Long Term athlete Development (LTAD). This initiative is now coming to fruition as we start to implement the framework that has been in the development stage the past couple of years.

I urge everybody to become familiar with LTAD by visiting the Canadian Sport For Life (CS4L) website (the link is on our webpage), attending our AGM workshops or reading the brochures we are distributing.

Provincial funding is tied into how we are incorporating the national sport body's LTAD implementation criteria and expectations into our plans. This year we start to roll out the specifics of the plan. Competition drives our sport and changes to completion will be the lead for introducing LTAD into our sport.

There are times when we will be asking the associations and regions for their assistance in providing us with information. This is extremely important as it directly affects our funding. This past year we offered a \$100 incentive to associations who conducted a Come Try Ringette program. All they had to do was submit a Feedback Form, six questions. We have not had 100% compliance. How can we request more program funds when we cannot accurately report on the funds we have spent?

There are a number of government sponsored revenue streams that we have access to. All of these require an in-depth application and follow-up reporting process on the outcomes if we are to continue receiving funds in future years. These are:

- a) Ministry of Health Promotions Base Funding \$136,644.00 - for day to day operation of the sport and for ongoing programs/services for the membership
- b) Quest 4 Gold \$4500.00-to support 60 coaches who are requested a CI: Gradation evaluation
- c) Active2010Sport Priority Funding \$10,162.00 – to support the Come Try Ringette program, purchase of display units, resources, training and \$100 incentive to the 24 participating associations
- d) Quest 4 Gold Ontario Athlete Assistance Program - \$120,802.00 -direct financial assistance to 21 athletes allowing them to pursue athletic excellence at the highest levels of national and international competition

e) Ontario Trillium Foundation \$16,900.00- funds for 2 local associations to upgrade equipment/recruit/train volunteers and local initiatives. This requires authorization and documentation from provincial organization.

We also need to make changes to our Committee structure to not only deal with the realities of implementing LTAD but the changing face of our sport and the challenges faced at the local, regional and provincial levels. Our By-laws and committee structure have been in place since the early 90's. These need to be revised and updated by keeping the spirit and direction of the original documents in place while allowing the organization the flexibility to change to meeting current and futures needs and challenges.

Continuing with the theme of change as you are aware our office finally changed location. All resident sport governing bodies housed at the Sport Alliance of Ontario moved into new premises this past December. Packing/unpacking 12 years of files and office equipment was an eye opener. Thank you for your patience while we were in the moving process, setting up and out of contact during one of our busier times. Not only are we at a new location we have reorganized our office staff and functions. Lucy and Jackie are no longer with the organization and I wish to extend our appreciation for their efforts and dedication to the sport. We wish them well in their new endeavours.

Nicole and Karla joined us this fall and had to dive into a year already in progress. Many of you may have had the chance to meet Nicole at the provincial championships as she updated the game results and produced the game statistics. We are fortunate to have these energetic, knowledgeable and professional people as staff in our organization. As a bonus they both are involved in the sport.

As we move forward we require that everybody get involved and assist with the process of change.

We are mainly a volunteer driven organization. We can all contribute in our own way to assist with the process. We owe a debt of gratitude to all the great people who are involved in our sport no matter at what level or position. Thank you. Together you have and will continue to make a difference. I see it every time I visit a rink and watch a Ringette game.

Ringette for Life! See you in the rinks.

Technical Program Director

Karla Romphf

I have felt a warm welcome from the Ringette community as I jumped into the role of Technical Program Director mid way through the season. I feel my many years of experience playing Ringette really made the transition to behind the scenes much easier as well as getting the support of some great individuals within our office.

My first couple months I was engrossed in planning for Provincials, Nationals and Tween Eastern Championships as well as getting on top of the wild card statistics and learning the ins and outs of the coaching and officiating database. I am happy to say that after only a few short months Nicole and I have managed to get all information in the databases back up to date and

running smoothly. We look forward to starting fresh next season and being able to have accurate and up to date information ready at all times.

I was also in attendance for the January LTAD conference in Ottawa and am energized with the way LTAD is going to impact our sport in the years to come. Skill development in a technical sport like Ringette is so important that I know helping our young girl's master the elements of the game will keep them in Ringette for many years and will help to keep our Ontario Players dominant in the National Team System.

Next season will be a busy one with the 2010 Ontario Winter Games which are being held in Muskoka, with the implementation of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) policies and with both old and new members of the board and committees providing new ideas and utilizing their past experiences to improve things next year.

Personally, I am excited to use these last few months of learning and experiences to help add fresh ideas of my own to the upcoming season and help ensure a smooth transition into this new era of Ringette.

Administrative Program Director

Nicole LaRochelle

This season has flown by. I started in October and leapt into action with the registration system, moving our office to a new building and learning the ropes of the office all at once. It has been a great experience so far and I am looking forward to the upcoming season and being a part of the process from the beginning. Special thanks to the registrars who were both organized and informative, this made my first time working with the registration system much easier. Minor problems between the database and the registration system have been eliminated. Next year I do not foresee any major issues like the ones we faced this year.

I had the opportunity to work at both the A and AA Provincials this season which allowed me to be right in the middle of all the action and gave me the opportunity to meet many of the committee members and the wonderful volunteers that make our sport possible. Both the London and Gloucester – Cumberland Host Committees were great to work with and very helpful in getting everything I needed prepared for me. I look forward to working with the 2010 Provincials Hosts in the upcoming season.

As an NRL player the rink is my second home and I am grateful that I have been able to turn my experience and passion for the sport into my career.

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ELRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Eagle Lake Ringette Camp Director

Sheri Markle

Another successful week at ELRC for 2008! We offered a fun camping and Ringette experience to 140 Ringette players from across the province.

We continued with our 4 Cabin Section Groups and campers were split up into age groups and then into ability once on the ice. Typically our sections are broken up in to the following ways:

- Betty Fly's (Age 8-10) will to change to U12
- Ring Jets & Stingers (Age 10-12) will change to U14
- Vipers (Age 13 and up) will change to U16

Again the age range of 10-12 year old campers is our biggest group and we experience a lot of parents looking to have their players in the oldest age group.

Our on ice program is developed to match the skill level on the ice. A lot of parents feel that if their player plays AA, then they should be in the oldest age group. When we assign cabin groups, we do our best to see that campers are together with like age groups. It is not a positive experience for a 15 year old camper to have an 11 or 12 year old in the same cabin.

We worked with The Ringette Store to provide staff and camper jerseys and clothing.

The staffs of ELRC 2008 from across the province were:

Senior Staff	
Sheri Markle - Director	Waterloo
Breanne Cose - Ice Director	Toronto
Brittany Rieck - Sr. Instructor	Kitchener
Melissa Farwell - Activities	Thornhill
Susan Harrop, RN	Fergus
Dana Strength, RN	Bala
Counsellors	
Courtney Steven	Stratford
Lisa Glazier	Niagara Falls
Emily Backewich	Waterloo
Becky Branton	Elora-Fergus
Leah Pristas	London
Morgan Faulds	Waterloo
Katherine Brown	Owen Sound
Tara Sutter	Waterloo
Brittany Mitchinson	Chatham
Sam Over	Toronto
Blair Caron	Chatham
Madison Borland	Dorchester

Instructors	
Mackenzie Borland	Dorchester
Candace Shea	Ottawa
Ericka Tabaka	Etobicoke
Sammy McIntosh	Dorchester
Jessica Jones	Dorchester
Alexandra Parker	North Bay
Hailey Rodgers	Chatham
Kelly Rodgers	Chatham
Krystal Sivyver	Dorchester
Leader-In-Training	
Claire Copland	St. Clements
Hailey Moore	Nepean
Stacey Forbes	Pickering
Stephanie Levac	London

The staff worked very hard all week and ensured that our campers had a terrific time! Thanks to everyone for a great week.

Running the camp, cannot be done without the assistance and support of the ORA office. Thanks to Lucy who has always done a terrific job. She will be missed, but I look forward to working with Nicole and Karla.

Thank you to the Board and executive of the ORA for your continued support on this program.

ELRC 2009 looks to be a great week – Sunday August 30th to Saturday September 5th. It was good news that the school boards kept the return of school to AFTER Labour Day, so our camp week is secure! Breanne and I look forward to our involvement again this summer!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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2009 CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

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PROVINCIAL "A"

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
Petite Lajeunesse	Chatham	Exeter	Mississauga	Ottawa #2
Tween	St. Marys	Forest	Timmins	St. Marys
Junior	Richmond Hill	St. Marys	Whitby	Ottawa
Belle	Elora-Fergus	Chatham	Ajax	Sault Ste. Marie
Open	Hamilton	Waterloo #2	Pickering	Timmins



PROVINCIAL "AA"

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
Petite McCarthy	London	Cambridge	Waterloo	Whitby #2
Petite Jacks	Mississauga #1	Guelph	Whitby #1	Ajax #1
Tween	Nepean	Whitby	Waterloo	Gloucester-Cumberland
Junior	St. Clements	Nepean	Whitby	Ottawa
Belle	Stratford	Nepean	Dorchester	Burlington



TWEEN EASTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	No award given



CANADIAN RINGETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Sportsmanship
Junior	Ontario	Alberta	Quebec	Ontario
Belle	Alberta	Ontario	Quebec	British Columbia
NRL	Cambridge Turbos	Edmonton WAM!	Montreal Missions	Atlantic Attack