

RSLK EXECUTIVE MEETING August 7, 2025 Kemptville Campus

Present: Melissa Lemay, Candice Andress, Barb Henry, Deanna Davidson, Mike Horan, Tana Torch, Lauren Sloan, Clay McFadden, Steve Armstrong, Amber Kelly, Ashley Levassseur.

Regrets: Jessica Carley, Ryan Haley, Brenda Herbison, Barry Lanigan, Bryce Foley.

1. Call to Order

Melissa called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: to approve the agenda as presented. Motioned by Amber Kelly, seconded by Tana Torch, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: to approve the minutes of June 5th, 2025, as presented. Motion by Lauren Sloan, seconded by Deanna Davidson, all in favor. MOTION APPROVED.

4. President's Report – Melissa Lemay

Melissa advised that we need to purchase iPads for each team for score keeping. There will be a course offered to those interested in score keeping. There was a discussion regarding purchasing iPads and Otter Box covers for them – Candace is going to look into this purchase.

Melissa advised that she had been asked about a team entering a 5th tournament. The Kings pays for 4 tournaments with a maximum total entry fee of \$9000 per team. If there is an exception to this rule, it will be looked at on an individual team basis, as long as they remain within the \$9000 budget.

Melissa noted that a decision by HEO was made and even though most Associations voted against the Steel playing in our league this year, they will be in our league. Therefore, travel to the USA for hockey and or tournaments is permitted. It will be important that Coaches let parents know that they may be crossing the Border for regular season games against the Steel.

Melissa also noted that HEO will be moving to online game sheets this year. Exhibition games and our tryouts will remain on paper copies. I have ordered around 100 paper game sheets so we have them on standby should we need them.

****Redacted from June 5th, 2025, minutes:

According to HEO, Teams can now go to the USA for hockey this season. The St. Lawrence Steel AA Association will be playing in the HEO AA League this season.

5. Treasurer's Report – Lauren Sloan

Lauren advised that she has done a preliminary budget, it was a little more complicated with the wildcard double year. RSL has budgeted for around \$20,000 to purchase iPads and cases. Lauren advised a more formal budget is coming.

6. Ice Convenor – Deanna Davidson

Deanna advised that she is currently collecting ice times from various rinks. The Saturday ice time in Winchester has been traded for Saturday ice time in Athens. We have a 9:30pm ice time on Tuesday in Kemptville. Deanna is still waiting to hear from Smiths Falls about ice time. The ice time for the U9 tryouts has been set. Game times have been submitted to HEO.

7. Registrar – Amber Kelly

Amber advised that the registration for U9 conditioning camp has been open for a week and there are currently 20 players registered. The registration for the U18 Conditioning Camp opened today and there are 5 players registered. Amber advised that the VSC applications submitted to the OPP for Bench Staff are taking 8 weeks to process. Amber is busy chasing some Bench staff to sign declarations.

8. New Business

Apparel Fitting Update – Apparel fitting for U9-U16 will take place on August 12th, 2025, at 5:30 pm I in Prescott. Candice will be running this, and she will require help.

Melissa advised that the Liaison for U9 will be Candice/Melissa and for U18 – Lauren Sloan.

RSLK Picture Day has been set for Kings Day, every team will be attending October 17-18. Portraits Now is booked to do the photography. Parents will be able to view the pictures online before purchasing. Ashley inquired about getting a donation from Portraits Now for Kings Day.

There was a brief discussion regarding making 1 tournament mandatory for all RSL Kings teams to attend, commencing in the 2026-2027 season.

MOTION: Commencing in the 2026-2027 Season, the RSL Kings Association will make it mandatory that all teams U10-U18 attend 1 away tournament together. Motioned by Candice Andress, seconded by Barb Henry, all in favor. – MOTION CARRIED.

There was a discussion about future meeting dates. Starting in September, meetings will take place on Thursday evenings. Dates are to be determined and announced ASAP.

Registration dates:

U9-U16 will be September 15th, 2025, starting at 5pm at the Johnstown Community Hall. Set up will commence at 4:30 pm and all help is welcome.

U18 will be September 27th, 2025, at 10am at Johnstown Community Hall.

The Kings are still looking for a Head Coach for the U18 team.

There was a discussion regarding holding a separate banquet for U9-U10 players. This will allow for more than 1 parent of players to receive their 6-year ring to attend. The U9-U10 players will have their own banquet with awards for U10. It was suggested that we lower the registration fee for U9-U10 and they will be served pizza, Gatorade and water. Both parents will be allowed to attend. The Kings received a lot of flack from parents about not being able to attend the 2024-2025 banquet to see their child receive their 6 year ring.

MOTION: that commencing in the 2025-2026 Season the U9/U10 players will have a separate banquet from the U11-U18 players. Motion by Barb Henry, seconded by Amber Kelly, all in favor – MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Amber Kelly motioned to change the registration fee for u9-U10 to \$2100 for the 2025-2026 season, this motion was seconded by Steve Armstrong. All members present were in favor – MOTION CARRIED

Director of Equipment – Barry Lanigan

Barry sent regrets but advised that tryout jersey, socks, pant shell and hockey bags have all been ordered. He also indicated that there might be some chat about track suits and name bars, but he did not see it on the agenda, so he assumes it's not going to fly.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm by Tana Torch, seconded by Mike Horan, all in favor. MOTION CARRIED.