

WORL A/AA League - AGM

2010-2011

May 31, 2011

Roll Call:

Present: Chatham, Elora Fergus, Exeter, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, London Ladies (will be represented by London Ringette Association from this point forward), Mitchell, Owen Sound, St. Marys, Seaforth, Tillsonburg, Waterloo, U of Western Ontario
Absent: Dorchester (with regrets) & St Clements

Annual General Meeting

- 1) M/S to approve the agenda for the WORL AGM May 31, 2011, as presented.

Exeter, Guelph carried

- 2) M/S to approve the minutes of the WORL AGM Apr 26, 2010, as presented.

Guelph, Forest carried

- 3) President's Address – David Kelton

☑ See Attached

☑ Discussion of the success of the online player intent form. To date there are 755 players listed on the player intent form. It to a degree limits the inappropriate behaviour that a few players/associations were in the past able to carry out. The first player alphabetically of each association has now been changed to a different colour so that you can tell if they went to tryout.

☑ M/S to accept President's report – Chatham, St Marys, carried

- 4) Secretary's Report

☑ No Report

- 5) Treasurer's Report

☑ Operating expenses left in account is \$2866.23 and \$4900 bond money.

☑ Major expenses are mileage for officials - \$3781, and banners - \$813

☑ Question if we should adjust the fees to account for the additional mileage. It has been decided to wait until first meeting, mostly because of the trillium grant. If there is an increase, it is estimated to be between \$8 and \$10 per team.

☐ Bond money – in bylaws associations are allowed to request a refund, and then give back at the beginning of next term. Default is to leave it with WORL

☐ Stratford Ringette had a \$300 bond deposit for one of their teams, and has donated the bond money to WORL since the association has folded (communicated by Gary Ryan through Peter Westelaken).

☐ M/S to accept Treasurer's report – Mitchell, StMarys, carried

6) Consideration of Constitution, By-Laws and Rules amendments & alterations

☐ Question of whether we need to file by-laws with the government. Answer: If you have an incorporated association, you need to file copies of your by-laws on an annual basis with the provincial government. WORL is not incorporated, therefore we don't need to be concerned.

7) League Schedulers report

☐ Nothing to report

☐ Looking ahead, St Marys has been awarded a Challenge Cup for next year. Last year, they secured lots of ice, and invited other teams to participate. This year St Marys will approach schedulers from area associations and have league games on that weekend surrounding the AAA games. This gives everyone an opportunity to see the sport at that higher level. They are not allowed to make a profit on the challenge cup weekend.

8) Officiating Report from WRRRA AGM is posted on Western Region website

9) Elite Coordinator report/Comments – Mary Kaiser

☐ AAA team has been chosen. It is a young team, and very fast.

☐ Challenge Cups already chosen. First one is Thanksgiving Weekend in Eastern Region (Ottawa area). Second one is in St Marys Nov 23-25. Third is during Ajax tournament – It is Ajax's 40th anniversary.

☐ If anyone wants to donate ice, please do so. The AAA team will run a clinic for one of your teams in exchange. Contact Rhonda Fisher to donate ice.

☐ AAA Team won 8-3 in first exhibition game against Southern

☐ Next game is Sunday June 12 against southern possibly in Waterloo

10) G&T Coordinator Report – Nancy Houghtling

☐ Report is on western region website

11) Membership Services Report – Keith Kaiser

☒ Once ORA board meeting minutes are published there will be some changes that will impact the membership as follows:

☒ U12s now can be released if they don't have a team in their home association, or if they don't make their own team.

☒ This is the opening year for current association. Anyone who is released this year to association A - at this time next year, association A is their current association. Home association always gets first priority, and then Current Association, followed by Closest association. If a player doesn't participate at their current Association the next year, then the following year, their current association is no longer their current, and the priority goes back to Home and then Closest.

☒ Question of whether smaller associations should release players. Response from Keith is that that is up to the association, but the rules always need to be followed.

☒ First step to get a release is your home association president for a release. If there is a problem, the first level of appeal is to region tribunal, and the second level of appeal is ORA.

☒ Both the player and an association can ask for a tribunal. Anyone has the option of asking for a tribunal, but if it is frivolous, it will be rejected.

☒ Player Relocation : If there is a player that is moving to a new association, they have 2 choices. 1st choice is to remain playing where they came from. 2nd choice is to go to the new home association. If that association doesn't have your level of play, you follow the region's closest matrix

☒ Education relocation: someone goes away to school. Education relocation is only valid for post secondary school. It is not part of the current association or 3 year rule, or current association rules. If the player drops out, or fails out of school, they are no longer able to play for that association. Education relocation has to be reapplied for every year. If on a coop term, the player is still registered with the school, so that is ok.

☒ The point of these rules is to give more control to the region. The membership services coordinator must be satisfied with the relocation proof.

☒ These rules have been borrowed from other sports such as OMHA.

☒ Form for relocation policy – must be signed by president of former association and president of new association. A waiver saying that if it is proven that they are lying, they can be suspended etc.

☒ Please ensure everyone reads and follows the rules. The rules are there, and we need to respect that.

☐ Keith is stepping down as membership services for the region, and will be succeeded by Melinda Suchard. A great thanks to Keith for doing such a good job. Nancy Houghtling asked him to keep up his commitment with regionals.

12) Webmaster Report / Comments

☐ No Report

13) Convenor's Reports – Thank you to all the convenors!

☐ U12 (Petite) – We have had tons of positive feedback regarding the year end tournament.

☐ U14A (Tween)

i. No Report

☐ U16 A & AA (Junior)

i. No Report

☐ U19 A & AA (Belle)

i. No Report

☐ Open A

i. No Report

14) Elections and installation of Officers (Article VI – Executive Officers)

☐ President

David Kelton is stepping down. Big thanks for what he has done.

ii. Nominations : Mike Guiler (London) – nominated by David Kelton,
seconded by Waterloo (Houghtling)

iii. Mike accepted the nomination, and is now president

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☐ 1 Vice President

i. Nominations : Dan Dawson (Waterloo) – nominated by Brian Breckles

ii. Dan Dawson accepted

☐ 2nd Vice President

i. a grooming stepping stone, not a lot of work involved in 2nd VP, but gets

you involved ready to be president in the future

ii. Nominations : Marg VanOirschot (Chatham) , nominated by Chatham.

iii. Marg Accepted

☐ Secretary

i. Nominations : Sherry Townes (Kitchener)

ii. Sherry Accepted

☐ Registrar/Treasurer

i. Lori Adams is willing to remain as treasurer

ii. No additional nominations – Lori Adams remains

☐ Scheduler

i. Denise Pelletier remains in Referee in Chief

ii. Mitchell will be scheduler for league

iii. Peter Westlaken (St Marys) will be scheduler for officials

☐ Convenors

U12 - Chatham

U14 - Exeter

U16 - Forest

U19 - Elora

Open – Guelph

☐ Associations who are not listed as one of the above positions will be called upon

for ad hoc meetings and committees.

14) Next Meeting Date - June 28th at 7:30 in Dorchester, Lori will book room

15) M/S to adjourn AGM – Mitchell, St Marys, carried