

**WORL A/AA League**  
Minutes for Meeting #3: January 18, 2011

**1) Roll Call**

Present: Chatham, Dorchester, Exeter, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, St. Clements, Seaforth, Waterloo

Regrets: Johanna Carlson (London Ladies), Dolly Atthill (Exeter), Peter Westlaken (Past-Pres & St. Marys), Cathy Daultrey (Secretary), Terry Williams (Elora-Fergus), Tim McCann (Mitchell), Keith Kaiser (Membership Services – WRRRA), Mary Kaiser (Elite – WRRRA), Denise Pelletier (RIC)

**2) Requests for items to be added to the agenda - NONE**

**3) Review of minutes from previous meeting – October 12, 2010**

New business arising from the minutes – NONE

MOTION: To approve minutes.

Motion by St Clements/ Seconded by Dorchester – CARRIED

**4) Treasurer's Report** (Lori Adams)

No bonds have been collected for Owen Sound, Seaforth or UWO (Seaforth present-will take care of it; Mike Guillier to take care of UWO; Owen Sound will be contacted by Lori)

There is a bond on file for Stratford. Since the association no longer exists there was discussion about how best to return the bond money (\$350). Lori will contact former Stratford Treasurer for resolution.

Chatham paid their team fees late but overpaid, this has been sorted out by Lori.

Tillsonburg still has \$100 in late fees outstanding.

Referee travel fees paid for Oct to Dec of \$1750.

Bank Balance \$10,877.13 (includes \$5000 in bonds)

Request from Waterloo Ringette Association for Provincials A Sponsorship

MOTION: WORL to purchase full page advertisement (\$500) in A Provincials Program

Motion by Dorchester / Seconded by Guelph - CARRIED

**5) Scheduling and League play**

Congratulations to London Tween (U14) and St. Clements Junior (U16) teams moving from A to AA. Timing was unfortunate that leagues (both CORL and WORL) were not able to reschedule to include new AA teams in a revised schedule. Need to look at ORA timing of decision to move teams to AA and work with leagues to incorporate these teams into revised schedules.

Question regarding league playoffs - each division is to come to a decision about the format. Convenors will moderate these discussions.

Games changes should be sent to the webmaster for posting. Keith has been away, so recent changes have not been posted. Should get caught up when Keith returns.

Please post game results for all tournament, exhibition, AND league games to the WORL website.  
Timings for tryouts:

Discussion concerning Petite Provincial, AA and A team formation for next season. Associations need to book ice for tryouts, so need to know dates for team formation process.

ACTION ITEM: David Kelton to draft tryout dates and distribute for comments. Will need to be finalized prior to next meeting to allow associations to book ice – so will require email feedback.

ACTION ITEM: Keith Kaiser to provide wording of closest association motion as passed by ORA board Sept 2010 meeting. (Membership services Manual online has not been updated to reflect this motion).

Discussion regarding scheduling software. We are looking for a system that will work for all levels of play, and include game scheduling as well as features such as referee scheduling. Trillium Fund application will need to be submitted for the Region through ORA. Program should accumulate requirements (ice times, teams, # of games per, ref levels) and generate league schedules, and assist referee scheduling

Proposal deadline is tight to get funding approved for next season. If funding approved, the League will have time to select a final solution. Tim McCann's test with Diamond Scheduling is primarily for game scheduling. Trillium fund to pay staff to complete setups, followed by honorarium for upkeep. Brian Breckles has volunteered to take the lead.

MOTION: To support the application for a Trillium Grant for the funding of purchase and setup costs of a scheduling program for league play and referee scheduling.

Motion by Waterloo / Seconded by Exeter - CARRIED

**6) Referee In Chief Report** (David Kelton for Denise Pelletier)

We have had challenges this year with shortage of senior officials and tight scheduling of season due to early provincials. Denise has done well to schedule and cover games with the available officials. Nonetheless there have been major challenges covering some centres and some divisions – especially Owen Sound and Chatham due to travel distances. Also, on weekends with many league and tournament games, there have not been enough refs available to cover everything. We need to schedule games of similar Ref level back to back on association ice and we need to continue to develop officials. Some centres have had lower level officials scheduled on league games. While challenging, this has given these officials experience and training at higher level games – which is part of the mandate of our league. A formal request was received from Denise to increase travel allowance to be the same as what Western Region pays volunteers for their travel.

MOTION: To compensate officials who are travelling outside of their home association a travel allowance of 33 cents per kilometer round trip, retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Mileage based on trips over 20km from the official's home association and distance as defined by the closest association matrix.

Motion by S St Clements / Seconded by Lori Adams - CARRIED

**7) G & T Report** (Nancy Houghtling)

See January 2011 G&T report on Western Region Website

**8) Elite Coordinator's Report**

Ken Rowe named Western Region AAA coach for 2011-12

**9) Ad hoc Committee to Update Rules and Bylaws**

Ken Rowe added to the committee – work to be completed prior to WORL AGM.

**10) New business** - NONE

**11) Next meeting:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30pm at Optimist Hall in Dorchester

**12) Motion to adjourn**

MOTION: Motion by Guelph / Seconded by Exeter – CARRIED