

Western Ontario Ringette League
January 21, 2009

Attendance: Chatham, Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Exeter, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Mitchell, St. Clements, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Stratford, U of G, Waterloo, Tillsonburg, Dave Kelton, Lori Adams, Dave Gillis, Jeff Snyder, Terry Williams, Chris Beuglet, Keith Kaiser, Mary Kaiser, Peter Westelaken and Scott Nosal.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

No new business added to the agenda

Minutes from the December 9, 2008 meeting were not available.

Reports

• Treasurer / Registrar Report – Lori Adams

Account Balance is \$10,359.12. Officiating paid up until the end of December
Outstanding fees, Hanover, Stratford and UoG, collection is in the works.

• Scheduler's & Convenor's Reports

	Scheduler	Convenor
<u>Petite</u>	Shirley Verhoeve	Dolly Atthill
Games scores not submitted: P39, P50, P51, P54 & P63.		
Scheduler is looking for Petite Playoff Ice – see Playoff Format Discussion,		
No other issues.		

Tween A – AA

Games scores not submitted: TA33.
No other issues.

Bob Bryant

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Junior A

Games scores not submitted: J37, J42, J43 & J55
No other issues.

Karen Lawrence

Gary Ryan

Junior AA – Belle A

Games scores not submitted: JAA35, JAA46, JAA47, JAA48, JAA54, JAA55, JJA58, & JAA59
No other issues.

Craig Richardson

Mike Reid

Belle AA – Open A

Games scores not submitted: BAA19, BAA27, BAA28, BAA30, BAA31 & BAA35.
Five of the above six games involve the UoG Open Team.
New contact for UoG should improve communication going forward.
No other issues.

Craig Richardson

Paul Smith

Convenors: Please follow up on all games scores not submitted for your division.

Belle AA Note: (Chris Beuglet)

Richmond Hill Belle A (Shorkey) team has been moved up to Belle AA.
Currently being appealed by Richmond Hill Belle A (Shorkey) team to ORA.
Any teams affected by the appeal have the right to be part of the process.

Contact Mike Beaton at the ORA Office for more information on the process.

Number on Front of Jerseys

Western Region is checking in to ORA expectations. Once this becomes clear our region will communicate to all of the associations on the requirements and timing that need to be met. Rules and timing may be different for AA/A Provincials versus B/C Regionals.

Playoff Format Discussion

Lengthy discussion surrounding playoff format, ice out early, Regionals, tryouts AAA/AA/A Tryouts, March Break, B/C playoff schedules...

Petite will have a two conference format, 4 teams in one, 5 teams in the other.
Petite Convenor will provide the Petite Playoff Schedule detail.

In all other divisions, 3rd will play 2nd (at home), winner will play 1st (at home).

Deadline for Standings: AA – Wednesday, February 25th at 11:59 pm.

A – Saturday, March 7th at 11:59 pm.

Any of the top 3 teams that do not want to participate in the WORL playoff format need to inform their convenor by the appropriate Deadline for Standing' date.

2nd place teams need to provide ice times ASAP.

• **Western Official Report – Tania Pettitt-Tracey**

No report

• **Elite Coordinator Report - Mary Kaiser**

Region is accepting AAA Coaching applications until February 15th, 2009.

AAA age change to eligible player age range, born 1991 or later.

Belle players attending university, must play for their “permanent home address” region, where they played their “youth ringette”.

Some details still need to be confirmed, such as Belle players playing Open eligibility & total team roster size – clarification forthcoming from the region when they find out.

• **Membership Services Report - Keith Kaiser**

No report.

• **Webmaster Report - Keith Kaiser**

No report

• **G&T Coordinator Report - Janet Logan**

See attached reports (G&T Report and Provincial Petite Listing).

Formation of ADHOC Committee to review A/AA Tryout & Selection Process

Chris Beuglet provided an update from the ORA Board regarding the discussion document on the formation of A/AA teams. Basically, we continue to run our own region as we see best.

There was discussion among our members on the Closest Association versus Chosen Association topic. At the upcoming ORA Board meeting, a vote will be held. Input and concerns should be prepared and provide to our Chairperson Chris Beuglet.

An adhoc committee was formed to review effectiveness of 2008 A-AA Tryout and Selection Process. Mike Reid (Waterloo), Ken Rowe (Elora-Fergus), Gary Ryan (Mitchell) and Mike Guiler (London) have stepped up and volunteered their time to be a part of this committee. Please see the attached email from our President, Peter Westelaken that clearly outlines the subject.

Next Meeting: February 17th, 2009 – Optimist Hall

Motion to Adjourn: Waterloo/Dorchester... carried.

Minutes recorded by Ken Rowe