

WORL A/AA League

Minutes for WORL Meeting #3: January 26, 2010

1) Roll Call

Present: Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Forest, Guelph, London, Mitchell, St. Clements, St. Marys, Stratford

Regrets: Exeter, Goderich, Hanover, Owen Sound, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Waterloo, Tania Pettitt-Tracey, Keith Kaiser, Mary Kaiser, Kitchener

2) Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda Gary/ Chuck

3) Minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting – any new business arising from minutes?

Motion to accept minutes Peter/Lori

4) Treasurer's Report

Lori Adams

Don't have cheques from: Chatham, Elora Fergus, Exeter, Guelph, London Ladies, Tillsonburg, Waterloo, University of Western

Dave will contact associations that have not submitted payment and suggest that they will be subject to penalty if they do not comply.

5) Convenor's Report

1. U12 (Petite) Nothing to report
2. U14 (Tween) Nothing to report
3. U16 (Junior) Nothing to report
4. U19 A (Belle) Nothing to report
5. U19AA & Open Nothing to report – The only current issue with Stratford because the female bench staff for this team has had a heart attack and they have the Guelph tournament coming up and they are in contact with the ORA to find a suitable substitute for this team.

6) Referee In Chief Report

- a. Need a scheduler for officials for NEXT season – 2010/2011

Information – At the conclusion of this season Tania will be stepping down as the scheduler for the referees, we will need to find a replacement for this position for next season. Eastern region uses a automated system and the referee is a paid position and the thought from Tania was that this could be beneficial for our league, since we now have only two leagues within western region – WORL and WRRL. The scheduling program that eastern uses takes into factor distances and such and Tania is also looking into a trillium grant to implement this system.

Peter – Western region news – In Peters report to the ORA, he talked about the number of sanctioned events and the turnout to these events is down. Talked about the ranking tournaments, especially with the AA. There is some concern about the length in the season for the A and AA with the provincials being in February that the season is being cut short. Talked about the AAA Challenge Cup in St Marys and how it was a success.

AA ranking tournaments, there is question as to how effective they are, there does not seem to be a mix of teams from the eastern and western, etc. Would appreciate feed back to the ORA in regards to this issue, feedback with all levels, teams, association and WORL. Should associate what level you are with the AA. Send to Peter.

Timing of provincials, nationals held in Cambridge next year in March. ORA said that the timing of the provincials is February because of the Ontario winter games. There was some discussion that some folks would like to move

the provincials for the 2011/2012 season back to March, around the March break. Feedback to Peter, as to whether we should take the prov championships back to March.

LTAD – still a lot of confusion as to what are the timelines, what is the goal, is it going to sustain. Is it in the best interest for the sport of Ringette? There has been feedback that the referees are not getting adequate training with the lack of games in the younger age groups.

Peter circulated a draft of the most recent version of the Closest/Chosen Association document. Peter will send out to all association presidents to get their feedback.

7) G&T Report

Nancy Houghtling

Request that her report to the western region meeting be circulated to WORL reps

Discussion about getting rid of the prelims for the A teams in the western region. WORL will put together an ad hoc committee to put the information together for the WRRRA AGM meeting.

Ad hoc committee – volunteers: Executive- Cathy, Eastern part of the Region – Chuck, Western part of the Region.....tabled.

8) Membership Services Report

Keith Kaiser

Nothing to report

9) Webmasters Report

Nothing to report

10) Report of Ad hoc committee updating rules and bylaws

Nothing to report

11) Presentation of Banners for 2008/09 Season

Peter Westelaken

Distributed to associations that were present. The rest of the banners will be handed out when Peter sees the other association reps.

12) Next meeting

Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 7:30pm

13) Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn Brenda/Tim