

WESTERN REGION RINGETTE
WORL "A/AA"
February 20, 2007
Dorchester, Optimist Hall

Peter Westelaken opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mike Guiler, Cam Campbell, Jenna Sheppard, Lori Adams, Jerry VanDewalle, Mike Brintnell, Michael Reid, Larry Wilson, Darrin Mitchell, Dolly Atthill, Berry Ann Kerrigan, Kerry Box, Donna Jones, Helen Fulton, Keith Capson, Chuck Weber, Bill Rodgers, Andrew Brady, Scott Borland, Peter Westelaken, Gary Ryan, Janet Logan, Chris Beuglet, Dan Dawson, Kevin Doerbecker, Dave Duncan, Keith Kaiser, Mary Kaiser.

There was no new business to add to the Agenda.

The January minutes were read. Moved by Stratford/St. Marys that the minutes be adopted as read. CARRIED

SCHEDULE:

- ◆ **Some games from the first half are still not played. These games must be completed.**
- ◆ **Ice is needed for the Championship games. Home associations need to confirm ice availability.**
- ◆ **Questions from the floor were answered**
- ◆ **Standings will be posted for each division**
- ◆ **OUTSTANDING GAMES: Associations failing to comply with games not played will be fined. It is in the Association's best interest to play all games.**

DEADLINES:

- ◆ **Discussion was held on the declaration deadlines**
- ◆ **Deadline was too early for some associations**
- ◆ **Do not need early date as A teams are more Community oriented**
- ◆ **Suggested that the first Monday after Labour Day for the AA to declare and 10 days later for the A 's to declare whether there will be an A or AA team within an Association**
- ◆ **Saying what teams you will have and declaring are two different things**
- ◆ **Most people know who and where the players are so declaring is fine but the finalization date can be later**
- ◆ **Open team needs a later date to accommodate the College and University students.**
- ◆ **Cost of extra ice is expensive for some teams**

- ◆ Many communities don't have ice yet
- ◆ Declaration of A teams the biggest concern.

CONCERNS:

- ◆ If you declare and then cannot field a team what happens?
- ◆ Monitoring of tryouts
- ◆ Could have a collective try out for all the AA players
- ◆ Declaration: you can host AA team-make sure you have a minimum of 6 players from the home association(suggestion)
- ◆ Qualified bench staff and if not qualified make sure they can be qualified by due date
- ◆ Associations should talk to discuss number of players in each division and what teams are available
- ◆ Using of the Matrix to find the closest association and what other association player can go to
- ◆ On website so players can see where they can go

PLANNING:

- ◆ Dates less important than process
- ◆ Associations are not allowed to proceed with tryouts until the announcements and planning meeting is concluded.
- ◆ SEASON PLANNING MEETING to declare whether an Association has an A or AA team will be MAY 1, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.
- ◆ This meeting is necessary to select dates for try outs
- ◆ After May 1 a new A or AA team cannot be declared

MOTION: Dave Kelton, Guelph/Chuck Weber, St. Clements

That by June 24, all tryouts are completed and a team is declared AA on June 26. CARRIED

- ◆ For the A teams, planning will begin on June 26 and tryouts will be completed by September 9. The meeting will be September 11.
- ◆ Note the planning and process is the same for A and AA teams and will be the same group meeting.

PROCESS:

- ◆ Process will be discussed at the April WORL meeting
- ◆ Andrew Brady, Chuck Weber, Dan Dawson will form the nucleus of the committee to bring back a recommendation on the process to the other associations for discussions and a vote
- ◆ Most important that we keep the interest of the players and what this process is doing to them and the game.

PLAY OFF FORMAT:

- ◆ Peter brought two options for members to see and discuss:
Banner @ \$75.00
Medals-Petite to Belle
- ◆ Discussion was held on the direction the League wished to go-play for medals or a banner
- ◆ MOTION: Mike/Helen that we have banners for Divisional Championship for 2007 CARRIED
- ◆ Cost of the banner to be split by the teams
- ◆ Mike Brintnell will make banners

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP:

- ◆ No ice is available at the Regionals
- ◆ Ice will be found by the 1st and 2nd place teams
- ◆ To be played on home ice (1st place team is home team)
- ◆ 1st place team to notify Peter of when and where game is to be played

OFFICIATING:

- ◆ \$405 has been spent on official's travel
- ◆ cheques are to be made out to WORL A/AA League

WEBMASTER: stats are coming in. Does anyone have a use for them>?

G and T:

- ◆ Petite AA is to be 10 teams
- ◆ Prelims in Tillsonburg went well
- ◆ Guelph, London, Elora Fergus were the winners
- ◆ Discussion on Whitby Tween A -support for them to be moved to AA
- ◆ Decision is being appealed by G and T and Western Region(2 separate appeals) and other provincial teams

TREASURER'S REPORT: was given orally. Bal \$5069.74 \$5600 is bond money and Ref Travel fees have been paid out and not all the Teams have sent thier money so there is not as much money as it seems.

Thanks

CONVENOR'S REPORTS:

- ◆ Petite no report
- ◆ Tween Chatham vs St. Marys --a first half game not played -- ice has been given 4 times. Must take March 11 ice time offered or be fined \$300.00
- ◆ Junior final game from the first half has not been scheduled
- ◆ Belle no report

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 17 AND IS THE AGM FOR THE LEAGUE

MOTION: by Mitchell/Stratford to adjourn