



WORL A/AA League

2009 AGM

May 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

1. **Attendance:** Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Goderich, Guelph, London, Mitchell, St.Mary's, St.Thomas, Stratford, Tillsonburg, Waterloo, Dave Kelton, Lori Adams, Keith Kaiser, Nancy Nicolson-Haughtling, Janet Logan, Mary Kaiser, Peter Westelaken

Regrets: Chatham, Exeter, Forest, Kitchener

2. **Requests for new business added to agenda-** No requests for new business. Peter informed members that there would be opportunity following the meeting to bring forward any concerns that Associations have concerning the upcoming ORA AGM that they would like him to take to the meeting.

3. **Reading of the minutes from the 2008 Annual General Meeting-** No discussion. Motion to accept the minutes as read by Mitchell and seconded by Dorchester. Everyone in favor.

4. **Presidents Address:** Peter referred all present to review his address under Western Region AGM reports. Inquiry was made as to who won the Junior AA division as he was informed that the championship game was not played. Peter will seek clarification from St.Clements as to the reason this game was not held.

5. **Secretary Report-** There was no report as there has not been a consistent secretary for the majority of the season. Peter thanked those that have volunteered to take the minute's through-out the year.

6. **Treasurer Report-** Lori shared that exact numbers are not in as she has not received Tania's bill for referees. Believing that it maybe close to last years amount Lori was able to speculate a bill of approx. \$900.00. The banner bill is \$816.00 which leaves \$2,000 in the bank to finish the year. Lori has also not received the bill for the year for renting the hall in Dorchester for the monthly meeting, which is \$50.00/night. All this being said WORL will potentially carry over \$800.00 into next season. Bond total is \$6,300. Lori requested feedback if any Association had any difficulties with the \$125.00/team paid at the beginning of the season to cover: administration costs, banners and referee travel. No Association offered any concerns. University of Guelph has not yet paid their \$125.00 bill.

7. **Consideration of Constitution and By-Laws-** Peter expressed a need for a committee to be formed at the beginning of next season to review and update documentation and by-laws. There have been many discussions etc. that the league has discussed that have not been added to the constitution in order to incorporate necessary changes. As no amendments were available to the members to review prior to this meeting there was nothing to vote on.

8. **Western Region Officiating Report-** Tania was not in attendance or was any summary submitted. The league hopes to receive a report prior to next season indicating how the referees will be scheduled for A and AA games in the League. On Tania's behalf Peter noted that Lorie Grant, a Western Region Official, received the prestigious award of Top Official in the Ontario for this past season. *Congratulations go out to Lorie Grant for her success.*

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9. **League Schedulers Report-** Schedulers present were asked for feedback how the scheduling went last year and if any concerns developed.



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- Petite- suggested running schedule until middle or end of Feb. before starting playoffs. Some difficulty deciding who went into which division, ended up doing top 4 and bottom 5. Otherwise went well.
- Tween- No problems.
- Junior- No problems.
- Belle- No problems
- Open- No problems

10. **Elite Coordinators Report-** Mary advised members to review report available under Western Region AGM reports, available on the website

11. **G&T Coordinator Report-** Janet reports that her report will be published on the Western Region website in the near future.

- update given to members re: long term athlete development changes. Provincial events are to become inclusive to all teams. Current plan is to have all AA teams this season attend championships in Napean. In addition to intent to precede forms, and registration, teams will have to attend 2 mandatory tournaments between 2nd week in Jan. and 2nd week in Feb. These tournaments will determine the seeding for the championships. This applies to only the AA this season, as the U12's and A's will follow familiar wildcard process.
- Janet shared some issues with that that will be discussed at the board of directors meeting at the AGM in June.
 - effects on tournament attendance
 - already booked tournaments and expected guests
 - tournaments outside the timeframe will find themselves unmarketable
 - players having to peak for 2 tournaments so close together
 - exam issues with U16, U19 at the same time as 2 mandatory tournaments
 - games that count are against the same teams for both tournaments

All of the above issues and more will be heightened even further when in following seasons it applies to the A's.

Janet has requested that Associations provide her with feedback ASAP

- In closing, Janet reports having enjoyed her 5 years as the G&T coordinator for Western Region. She left words of encouragement for Associations to support new coaches, especially the U12 coaches in completing necessary paperwork and selecting tournaments. Associations were encouraged to make certain email addresses and contact information is up to date.

12. **Membership Services Report** - August 1, 2009 the registration system will be available for next season. There will be no signing of any paper work from Associations until after the ORA AGM.

13. **Webmasters Report-** Nothing to report.

14. Convener's Reports;

- Petite- Dolly Athill-not present
- Tween- Bob Bryant- not present
- Junior- Gary Ryan- no problems reported
- Belle- Mike Reid- not present
- Open- Paul Smith -not present

A motion was made to accept all of the reports as read by Mitchell and second by Guelph.

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Elections:

1. **President** - Dave Kelton was nominated and accepted the position.
2. **Past president-** Peter Westelaken.



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3. **1st Vice**- Scott Nosal volunteered to remain. No other nominations received. acclaimed.
4. **2nd Vice** -Mike Guiler was nominated and accepted the position.
5. **Secretary** -Cathy Daultauy volunteered. No other nominations received.
6. **Treasurer** - Lori Adams volunteered to remain. Lori Adams acclaimed.

	<u>Conveners</u>	<u>Schedulers</u>
U12	- Forest	- Mitchell
U14	- Chatham	- Exeter
U16	- Stratford	- Kitchener
U19	- Waterloo	- Guelph
Open	- St. Marys	- Guelph

Next meeting date held a lengthy discussion as to the impact the ORA decision will have on the Region. It was agreed that following the announcement smaller meetings will be scheduled to hopefully decrease any difficulties that may develop. The WORL league will mediate the process.

Peter agreed to review any AA declarations and names to insure that nothing contradicts the process. I.e. if names on the declarations contravene the decision. He will then take any of these issues to Western Region.

An agreement was reached to leave the AA declaration date at June 20, 2009. Everyone present agreed that June 30th declaration for A teams was a sufficient time as well.

Motion made to adjourn by Stratford and second by Mitchell.