



Western Region Ringette League
Annual General Meeting - Thursday, April 10, 2014
Spruce Lodge - Stratford

Brian Woolley called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Executive Present - Brian Woolley, Kendra Vermilyea, Brian Hesse, Kevin Beuermann, Soph Katsademas, Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling, Chris McMichael, Michael Sharpe.

Executive Absent - Mike Koolen, Linda Jantzi.

ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT: Chatham, Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Exeter Seaforth, Forest, Goderich, Guelph, Hanover, London, Mitchell, Owen Sound, St. Clements, St. Mary's, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Waterloo, Wellington North, Woolwich, Kitchener.

ASSOCIATIONS ABSENT: N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR APRIL AGM MEETING:

Moved by Chatham, Seconded by Waterloo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2013:

Moved by Chatham, Seconded by Elora Fergus to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT (Brian Woolley)
Report is attached.

VICE PRESIDENT & EAST SCHEDULER (Kendra Vermilyea)
This will be the last term for Kendra. She has decided to step down. Kendra has asked for a volunteer to take on the VP role.

Changes to the website. There is now the ability to change re-scheduled games directly on the website to avoid an excessive amount of e-mails.

Copy of the report is attached.

TREASURER (Soph Katsademas)

Report is attached.

Correction is made to Soph's initial report. A couple of expenses have come in after the report was prepared. The document will be revised and attached to the minutes.

COMMISSIONER'S (WEST) (Kevin Beuermann)

Issues arose from poor communication between association reps and coaches. The weather was also an issue this year and caused travel issues.

COMMISSIONER'S (EAST) (Michael Sharpe)

Report is attached.

Highlighted by the challenges of re-scheduling games due to the weather. Issue could be resolved by scheduling double headers to get all the games in before the end of the season. Michael emphasized being prepared when coming to the meetings and having something to contribute instead of just doing roll call.

STATISTICIAN (Chris McMichael)

Report is attached.

Highlights - to make sure the scores are submitted within 24 hours as this will ensure we have the proper information at the re-seeding meeting and tiering meeting.

REFEREE-IN-CHIEF (Mike Koolen)

No report.

WESTERN SCHEDULER (Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling)

Scheduled U8/U10/U12 & the cross over for U14/U16/U19 for east and west.

Associations that are close to each other and have the same ice time should try to coordinate scheduled games together when submitting ice times for scheduling.

Seaforth motioned to accept the reports, Dorchester seconded, motion carried.

Come Try Ringette

6 centres had CTR events - Hanover, Dorchester, Kitchener, Waterloo, Tillsonburg, Elora/Fergus

CTR equipment was supposed to be handled by the Sport Development division. The equipment needs to be re-furbished and kept up to date. There needs to be a better tracking system in place to keep track of the equipment.

Chatham - suggested a form on the website to be able to track the CTR equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Travel among Regional teams

- need more info from the associations with travel preferences to avoid any conflicts during the season
- Chatham suggested that the travel be given to coaches/parents across the whole region be given out ahead of time so they know where they are travelling next season
- the general consensus is that being pro-active ahead of the season is the best way to let parents know where the travel to other associations will be
- best way to approach the travel would be to stagger each schedule i.e. AA first, A next , then the regional level
- provide an early payment option to encourage players to sign up so numbers for next season are know well ahead of time

Keith to put form on the WRRL website,

Chatham motioned to adopt the intent to play excel spreadsheet into each region association, seconded by Tillsonburg.

Discussion

- there won't be a penalty if the form isn't used by a specific association
 - the form is used for each individual player
 - Nancy asked Peter Westelaken if he is willing to change the form to an electronic one
 - some of the smaller associations don't see the benefit for a spreadsheet if they only have a few players i.e. 45 players in Woolwich
 - will the form scare away potential players if there is a deadline imposed for this spreadsheet?
 - proposed deadline could be June 30th each year
 - leave it up to the individual associations to try this form
 - there is a concern with the older aged girls not signing up early i.e. U16,U19
 - the form helped out parents to decide where their daughter could play because they saw the numbers on the intent to play form
 - there was more interest and excitement when they saw the numbers for each specific division
- 5 in favour, motion defeated.

2) Division conveners to handle enforcement of Rules & Procedures

- the western and eastern commissioner will deal with all issues that arise within their region

- escalated to the executive if a particular issue could not be resolved
- fines were imposed when a game couldn't be re-scheduled
- the website was made easier when the games could be re-scheduled directly on the website

3) Meeting attendance

- potential for a bond cheque from each association be held and then cashed if a WRRL meeting is not attended
- it's necessary to have all representation at each WRRL meeting
- decision was made to do this as there wasn't quorum at an AGM meeting

LEAGUE SCHEDULE 2014/2015

Calendar (tentative) is attached.

ELECTIONS

Kendra Vermilyea has indicated that she will not do the VP role for the 2014/2015 season.

Peter Westelaken suggested that the executive term be split every other year for each position. This way only half of the executive will be up for election in any given year.

Brian Woolley has been nominated for president. Brian has accepted the nomination.

Nomination was asked three times. Brian Woolley will be president for next year.

No nominations for VP. Doug Deneau by acclamation has been nominated for VP.

Brian Hesse has been nominated for secretary. Nomination was asked three times.

Brian Hesse will be secretary for the next year.

Soph Katsademas has been nominated for treasurer. Nomination was asked three times. Soph will be treasurer for the next year.

Kendra Vermilyea has been nominated for eastern scheduler. Nomination was asked three times. Kendra Vermilyea will be eastern scheduler for next year.

Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling has been nominated for western scheduler. Nomination was asked three times. Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling will be western scheduler for next year.

Chris McMichael has been nominated for statistician. Nomination was asked three times. Chris McMichael will be statistician for next year.

Michael Sharpe has been nominated for eastern commissioner. Nomination was asked three times. Michael Sharpe will be eastern commissioner for next year.

Kevin Beuermann has been nominated for western commissioner. Nomination was asked three times. Kevin Beuermann will be western commissioner for next year.

Mike Koolen has been nominated for referee-in-chief. Mike via e-mail has accepted.

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NEW BUSINESS

1) Banner Winners for regular league schedule.

U9 Eastern Champion - Kitchener

U10 Eastern Champion - Guelph

U12 Eastern Champion - Guelph Gold

U14 Eastern Champion - Elora Fergus

U16 Eastern Champion - St. Clements

U19 Eastern Champion - Owen Sound

U9 Western Champion - St. Mary's

U10 Western Champion - Chatham

U12 Western Champion - St. Mary's

U14 Western Champion - Goderich

U16 Western Champion - Mitchell

U19 Western Champion - Forest

2) Proposed Rules & Procedures changes.

Report from Nancy is attached.

Housekeeping items (11, 22, 26, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.4, 28, 29) reviewed from report.

Peter Westelaken asked the question - can the home association overrule the referee's decision to run straight time? The run time rule will be left as it is written on the report until clarification of the rule has been obtained.

Motion to adopt the housekeeping items - moved by Nancy, seconded by Woolwich, carried.

Proposed addition to WRRL Rules (NEW)

All 2-team players are expected to participate regularly with their regional team during the current playing season. In order to participate in playoffs and/or the year-end Regional Event, 2-team players must have participated in a minimum of 5 league games with their regional team.

Discussion

- the coach should be prepared to provide proof to show the player played 5 league games

- how is this rule going to be enforced?

- the game sheets need to be accurately filled in for each game, if a player isn't there to play their name should be scratched from the game sheet

- most likely, the player in question will show up on the game sheet by way of a goal, assist or penalty

- any exceptions should be handled by executive

- each team's TRF will include the 2-team player
- the 2-team player MUST qualify with league games only

Moved by Woolwich, seconded by Forest, carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Waterloo, Seconded by Dorchester to adjourn the meeting.

REPORTS

Brian Wooley – President

WRRL DATES (TENTATIVE): 2014/2015 Season

Thursday SEPTEMBER 25

- i) Associations need to have team declared to the WRRL President via email (with the knowledge that a couple associations don't have start-up ice until late September/early October)
- ii) Ice times are due to the Eastern and Western ice schedulers

Thursday OCTOBER 2 – WRRL MEETING – 7:30pm

STRATFORD

- i) Finalize declaration of teams
- ii) Submit Overage player forms
- iii) Submit 2 team player agreements
- iv) Declare male players

Friday OCTOBER 10

- i) Schedules are distributed from Eastern and Western ice schedulers

Saturday OCTOBER 18: Games begin

Friday DECEMBER 5

- i) Ice times due to Eastern and Western ice schedulers for second half

Thursday DECEMBER 12 – WRRL MEETING – 7:30pm
STRATFORD

- i) Second half seeding
- ii) U8 numbers required to order league and Regionals medals

Sunday DECEMBER 21: First half games done

Monday DECEMBER 29

- i) Second half schedule distributed by Eastern and Western ice schedulers

Saturday JANUARY 3: Second half games begin

Sunday MARCH 8: Second half games end

Tuesday MARCH 10

- i) Executive meeting – Seeding/Pooling meeting for Regionals

Friday MARCH 27 to SUNDAY MARCH 29

- i) REGIONALS

Tuesday APRIL 7 – WRRL AGM

