



WRRL Meeting - October 2nd/2014 Spruce Lodge, Stratford

Brian Woolley called the meeting to order @ 7:32pm.

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

Dignitary Present - Peter Westelaken

Executive Absent - Mike Koolen, Linda Clarke

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

ASSOCIATIONS ABSENT - N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 2ND WRRL MEETING - approval by Guelph, seconded by Chatham. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 2014 AGM – Nancy Houghtling advised that it wasn't appropriate to get approval for AGM minutes at an ordinary association meeting, this would have to wait until the 2015 AGM. However, there was no business arising from the April 2014 AGM.

Brian Woolley referenced the website from the Western Region website that has the link to the WRRL webpage. Webmaster is Keith Kaiser.

The executive was introduced and a brief role description was made by each executive member.

Brian Woolley has stressed the importance of full attendance at all WRRL meeting by each association. It should be noted that association attendance is 100% for this meeting.

G&T Report – Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling

- reminder to all coaches about substitutions and penalties (please refer to Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling's report from WRRRA September 18th meeting)
- all substitutions need to be according to league rules
- all ejections need to be reported to Nancy within 24 hours
- Nancy needs a copy of the game sheet (snap a photo on a smart phone and e-mail it)
- Nancy's contact info is on the WRRL website

Important Dates – Brian Woolley

Friday, October 10th - Schedules distributed from Eastern & Western schedulers.

Saturday, October 18th - Games begin.

Friday, Dec 5th - Ice times due to Eastern & Western Schedulers.

Tuesday, Dec 9th - Second half seeding, U8 numbers required to order league and regionals material.

Saturday, Jan 3rd - Second half games begin.

Thursday, March 5th - Executive meeting — seeding/pooling meeting for regionals. Meeting may be open to all associations to ensure proper seeding/pooling.

Sunday, March 8th - Second half season ends.

March - 27-29 - Regionals.

Thursday, April 9th - WRRL AGM.

DECLARATION OF TEAMS.

Spreadsheet is attached to minutes. Corrections made by Brian Woolley (mostly updates to the U7 teams).

U7 teams have to be registered as U8 to be allowed to go to tournaments and/or bunnyfest.

Can a team be changed to U8 from U7? Yes, the TRF can be changed before January 8th/2015. It would be a good idea to make the change before the re-seeding meeting being held on Dec 11th.

OVERAGE PLAYERS

Waterloo

- first year U10 players, 2 of them.

- 1 U16 player playing on U14, which gives the U14 team 11 skaters.

Chatham

- 1 player, U10 age (only player at that age group), need to be on the U9 team as there is no place for her to play.

Dorchester

- U14 player, playing at U12. There is no other U14 players. She is the bottom of the skills matrix.

Elora/Fergus

- no overage players.

Exeter/Seaforth

- U10 player needs to play on U9 team. No U10 team.

- 2 U14 players, both had injuries, going to play U12 because of lack of playing time due to injuries.

- U16 player, playing U14 because of sibling playing on the U14 team. 1st year player.

Forest

- first year U10 player, new to ringette, just started skating. Going to play U8.

Goderich

- no overage players.

Guelph

- no overage players.

Hanover

- 2 brand new players, never skated, 9 years old going to play U8. Next level would be U12.

- 3 players on the U12 team, brand new ringette players, would have to go to U16.

- playing for U16 team - 2 girls - there is no U19 team in Hanover.

London

- 1 first year U16 player, never played, wants to play at U14. Not a strong skater.

Mitchell

- no overage players

Owen Sound

- no overage players.

St. Clement's

- no overage players.

St. Mary's

- 2 going to play U16, there is no U19 team.

- 4 going to play U12 overage, all first year players, there is no U14 team, total of 9 on team including overage players.

St. Thomas

- 2 overage players for U12, there is no U14 team. Skills are weak on 2 of the players.

There is no other option for the players as the parents will not move them to U16.

- 4 overage players for U16 team. There is no U19 team available to them. These players tried to play U19 in London, but London would not declare another U19 team.

They work part time so they will not be at all the games. There is one U14 player on the U16 team... first year goalie.

Tillsonburg

- 1 player on U16, first year playing she is 16 years old and will be playing goal.
- 2 U10 players, playing at the U8 level. Both girls have never skated. U8 team will not be playing games during the first half.

Wellington North

- 4 overage for the U9 team (9, 9, 10, 10) all brand new skaters. Big gap between U9 and U16 team, therefore no where to put these 4 players.

Woolwich

- no overage players.

Kitchener

- 2 U12 teams with 14 players on each team. 3 first year U12 players, going to play U10 which gives a total of 13 players including the 3 overage.
- does not have a U16 team. 4 first year U16 players, no where to play, going to play at the U14 level. All first year U16 players, which would give the U14 team 13 players.

MALE PLAYER DECLARATION

Waterloo - 3 males, U12 team.

Chatham - 0

Dorchester - 0

Elora Fergus - 1, U8 team. 1 on U12

Exeter/Seaforth - 1 on U12.

Forest - 2 on U8.

Goderich - 2 on U12, 2 on U16.

Guelph - 0.

Hanover - 1 on U8.

London - 0.

Mitchell - 0.

Owen Sound - 0.

St. Clement's - 0.

St. Mary's - 1 in U10, 1 in U16.

St. Thomas - 0.

Tillsonburg - 2 in U8.

Wellington North - 1 on U16, 2 on U9, maybe a couple more.

Woolwich - 0.

Kitchener - 3 on U8, 2 on U10, 3 on U12 Green, 3 on U12 White.

2 TEAM AGREEMENTS

Waterloo - U12PP with U12R. 2 players. U12PP with U14 Goalie.

Chatham - none.

Dorchester - U12R with 2 U12PP because of lack of skaters. Goalie from Tillsonburg playing with Dorchester and Tillsonburg. U14 A with U16 R.

Elora Fergus - U14R, asking for 4 but will be capped at 3 U14A's. Need one of them to be a goalie. Nancy encouraged them to look at their U12 goalie.

Exeter/Seaforth - none.

Forest - none.

Goderich - none.

Guelph - U16A and U19R, U12P and U14R, U16A and U19R Goalie.

Hanover - U16A to U16R. Already been approved.

London - none.

Mitchell - U16R to U16A.

Owen Sound - none.

St. Clement's - none.

St. Mary's - none.

St. Thomas - none

Tillsonburg - refer to Dorchester goalie entry.

Wellington North - none.

Woolwich - U12P Kitchener to U14R Woolwich, U12PP 2nd goalie to U12R goalie, U12P to U14R Woolwich.

Kitchener - none.

SCHEDULING/CROSS CONFERENCE PLAY

U8

- 4 teams in the east, and 7 in the west
- refer to Brian's spreadsheet (attached) on who will play in the first half
- games will start on November 1st

U9

- 5 teams on each side
- games will start on Oct 18th
- same rules as U10

U10, U12, U14

- own conference games first half season
- 5 home, 5 away.

U16, U19

- schedules are done for the whole season
- cross conference is played throughout the whole season

- work together for submission to enable double headers to be scheduled to avoid too much travel
- have a mini tournament with 3 to 4 associations to play multiple games in one day
- Dec 5-7 is a tournament in St. Mary's, they are willing to accommodate teams that want to play a couple of league games as they are central to every association
- double headers will be scheduled when possible if ice times match

REVIEW OF FINANCES - Soph Katsademas

- good financial shape
- over \$4000 in the bank

Motion that fees remain the same as in the previous 3 years tabled by Soph. \$25 per regional team, not included is U7.

2nd by Guelph.

Motion carried.

Fees: \$25 / per team playing league games (U8 and over) due by end of October. Invoice will be sent to each association based on the number of teams showing in the team declaration grid.

Make cheques payable to: Western Region Ringette League or WRRL

Send to: WRRL, c/o Soph Katsademas, 484 Grand View Ave., London, ON N6K 2T5

OLD BUSINESS

- no forms needed for male players...confirmed by Melinda via e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS

- keep team names the same in every tournament
- i.e. Goderich + head coach's last name
- include this info on your TRF

Open A teams can keep their team names.

Tournaments - lots of local tournaments...support the smaller associations.

Any player U12 and under can only play in max 5 tournaments. (and this includes regionals)

SIDEBAR DISCUSSION

Hanover Association at risk of folding association. What did they do?

- new jerseys with a cool look
- players were consulted in the design of the new logo

- numbers were doubled in one season
- used social media to recruit players (Facebook & Twitter)
- the association 'listened' to the players and took their advice
- had a come try ringette in the spring of 2014 to attract players for the 2014/2015 season

There is a strong need for growth in the sport of ringette. There currently isn't a position for 'growth' within the executive of the WRRL, WRRRA or ORA. There are associations that are merging in order to stay alive. There needs to be more excitement over the sport of ringette. Make it exciting for the kids to play.

A couple of associations had teams forced to move up because of the rule about having more than 3 overage players which resulted in injuries to some of the players because of the difference in size and age.

Don't discount a player and move them down just because they cannot skate. Might be a good idea to put them in the proper age group and let them be challenged and they may develop quicker at their age group.

Substitutions need to be communicated from coach, to association president, to opposing president to opposing coach...and back. Refer to Nancy's 'substitution for dummies' on the WRRRA website.

2 team agreements are designed to provide additional skaters when the other team is short...not because they need to play with their friends. Explain ALL reasons for playing under a 2 team agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Waterloo.

Seconded by St. Clements.

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Elora/Fergus	1	1		2	1	1			
Guelph	1		1	2		1		1	
Hanover		1			1		1		
Kitchener	1	1	1	1	2	1		1	
Owen Sound	1					1			
St. Clements								1	
Waterloo	1	1	2	1	2	1			
Wellington North	1		1				1	1	
Woolwich	1				1	1			
Mississauga		1							
Conference subtotal	7	5	5	6	7	6	2	4	42

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chatham	2		1				1		
Dorchester	1	1	1	1	1		1		
Exeter/Seaforth			1		1	1	1	1	
Forest		1		1	1	1	1	1	
Goderich		1		1	2	1	1	1	
London	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	
Mitchell	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	
St. Mary's	1	1		1	1		1		
St. Thomas	1				1		1		
Tillsonburg		1		1	1	1	1		
Conference subtotal	9	6	5	8	11	7	10	5	61
WRRL TOTAL	16	11	10	14	18	13	12	9	103