

WRRL Meeting



Thursday, December 10, 2015

Spruce Lodge 7:30 pm

President Brian Woolley called the meeting to order @ 7:35 pm

Executive Present: Brian Woolley, Brian Hornbostel, Brian Hesse, Chris McMichael

Executive Absent: Rick Kyle, Michael Sharpe, Laura Schultz, Kendra Vermilyea, Angela Desjardins (all with regrets), Sandra White

Guest: Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (G and T – WRRRA), Tania Pettitt- Tracey (WRRRA Sport Development Rep)

Association Roll Call: Elora/Fergus, Guelph, Hanover, Kitchener, Owen Sound, Waterloo, Wellington North, Chatham, Dorchester, Exeter/Seaforth, Forest, Goderich, London, Mitchell, St. Mary's, St Thomas, Tillsonburg.

Absent: St. Clements (regrets).

Approval of Agenda for December 10, 2015 WRRL meeting- Moved by Owen Sound, seconded by Waterloo. Carried.

Approval of meeting minutes for October 1, 2015 WRRL meeting – Moved by Chatham, seconded by Wellington North. Carried.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

Finance Report – Brian Woolley on behalf of Treasurer Rick Kyle (see WRRL website for full report).

Games & Tournaments – Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling – Reminder that at the next WRRRA meeting team deposits (\$200/team) for regionals will be due. As well, March 8th will be the reseeding meeting date for regionals.

Scheduler – Brian Hesse

Statistician – Chris McMichael. Game scores have been reported very timely for the first half.

President – Brian Woolley (see WRRL website for full report). In addition, at our AGM in April, we will be voting in a new President and discussing/voting on our Constitution which needs to be updated.

Moved by Dorchester to accept all the reports as presented. Seconded by Guelph. Carried.

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Important Dates (B. Woolley)

- December 28th – 2nd half schedule release
- January 11th - second half games begin
- March 8th- WRRL meeting 7:30 @ Spruce Lodge
- April 5 - WRRL AGM- 7:30 @ Spruce Lodge

Overage Agreement Review (B. Woolley)

Currently the Wellington North U8 team has two overage boys, ages 11 and 10. These brothers will be moved up to the U10 team where they will also be overage. This brings the total number of overage players on the Wellington North U10 team to five. Discussion also centered on whether to move the U10 team up to a U12 due to their strength. It was decided, before the overage player discussion ensued, to leave the team as a U10 and cross-conference them with the top teams from the West.

Re-seeding / Scheduling/Cross-conference

U8 – no reseeding – see overage player discussion regarding Wellington North U8

U9 – no reseeding, Dorchester U9 to move up to U10

U10 – Much discussion around Wellington North. As it stands this division could end up having 3 tiers or Wellington North will play top teams in the West and some East teams still. It was decided WN would play the top willing teams in the West and Elora Fergus from the East.

U12 – Top London Blue, Mitchell, Dorchester, Forest, Goderich, Waterloo, Guelph Tosh;
Bottom – Guelph Carberry, London Green, Kitchener Green, Kitchener White, St Marys. It was decided that the top 2/3 will play in one bracket and the bottom 2/3 will play in another bracket, resulting in the top teams not playing the lower team.

U14 – Top – Mitchell, Goderich, Owen Sound, St Marys, Tillsonburg, Forest, Hanover
Bottom – Kitchener, Waterloo, St Thomas, London, Exeter-Seaforth, Dorchester. It was decided that the top 2/3 will play in one bracket and the bottom 2/3 will play in another bracket, resulting in the top teams not playing the lower team.

U16 – No reseeding but adding in the Chatham A team who has moved down to B. See comments under New Business.

U19 – no reseeding

New Business:

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Chatham U16A requested to move down to the B division. They are struggling quite a bit and think they would be a better fit as a regional team. Their players range in age from U12-U16 age. This was agreed upon and the Scheduler will revisit the U16 schedule to fit them in.

Tania Pettitt-Tracey from WRRR Sport Development

- Some centers have not handed in their skills matrix. These need to be handed in immediately. Teams are seeded in tournament pools based on the skills matrix number. Dorchester suggested that the area where this number is to be input on the TRF be better highlighted. It is difficult to find where to put this and causes issues with registrars unfamiliar with the process.
- If a center has more than one team in an age category, the team name is to consist of the first initial of the Coaches last name. If the coaches have the same last initial, add letters of their last name until there is a difference. (as per Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling).
- Sport Development wants to know if we need better training on how to complete the skills matrix. There are training videos on YouTube and resources online. Sport Development is working on this.
- Come Try Ringette – looking at making it mandatory across the Region that each association host an event. Therefore, every Association must now be certified. At the January 14th WRRR meeting, each association must send a representative to be trained during a break out session if they do not already have someone certified. Certification brings financial compensation on eligible expenses for associations running this event.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Moved by Chatham, Seconded by Exeter-Seaforth. Carried.