



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

**Executive Present:** Brian Woolley, Angela Desjardins, Laura Schultz, Brian Hornbostel, Brian Hesse, Chris McMichael, Michael Sharpe, Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (WRRA G and T rep)

**Executive Absent (regrets):** Rick Kyle, Kendra Vermilyea, Sandra White

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

**Absent:** Woolwich- no teams playing for the 2015/2016 season

**Approval of Agenda for April 4, 2016 WRRL AGM** - moved by Mitchell, seconded by Owen Sound. Carried

**Approval of Minutes for AGM April 15, 2015-** moved by Exeter/Seaforth, seconded by Waterloo. Carried

**Western and Eastern Conference League Banner Champions** handed out to winning associations on behalf of the teams indicated.

**U9**

West – Goderich  
East – Kitchener

**U10**

West – Chatham  
East – Wellington North

**U12**

West – Goderich  
East – Waterloo

**U14**

West – Mitchell.  
East – Owen Sound

**U16**

West - Goderich  
East – Wellington North

**U19**

West – Dorchester  
East – Owen Sound



**Executive Reports:**

Reports posted on website for President, Statistician, Eastern and Western Commissioner

**Games and Tournaments-** Nancy Nicholson-Houghtling

The Regionals tournament in London was a success. There were a few misconducts served during the tournament and one suspension to be held over to the next season but this is at the Adult level.

White game sheets need to be handed in at meeting or given to an association WORL contact to bring to next WORL meeting (Monday, April 11, 2016- Dorchester)

Provincial Intent forms are up on website- must be filled out for players who intend on trying out for provincial play for the 2016/2017 season.

Noted that ringette is a co-ed sport at the Regional level.

**Referee in Chief (Forest)-** Biggest complaint for the season was inappropriate conduct from some coaches. Coach complaints should be brought to the attention of RIC and/or John Mezenberg ([coachwrra@wrra.ca](mailto:coachwrra@wrra.ca))

- Some associations discussed that they have feedback forms/discussions from their referees about the coaching staff as regular input throughout the season.
- Reminder to all associations to ensure proper coach conduct towards referees

**Reports approval moved by Goderich, seconded by London. Carried**

**Proposed League Schedule for 2016/2017:**

Thursday, Sept 22, 2016	Team declaration sent to WRRL President and ice availability for <b>ENTIRE SEASON</b> submitted to Eastern and Western ice schedulers. ***
Tuesday, Oct 4, 2016	WRRL Meeting @ Spruce Lodge 7:30 pm Final team declaration/overage player agreement presented/ male players declaration
Tuesday, Oct 11, 2016	Schedule out
Saturday, Oct 22, 2016	Games begin



Thursday, Dec 1, 2016	WRRL Meeting @ Spruce Lodge 7:30 pm Reseeding for second half U8 player numbers required to order league and Regional tourney medals
Friday Dec 2, 2016	Any second half ice availability or blackouts that were not submitted in September due
Friday Dec 16, 2016	Second half schedule posted
Wednesday Dec 21, 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> half games completed
Wednesday Dec 28, 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> half games begin
Sunday March 5, 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> half games end that will affect Regionals pools
Tuesday March 7, 2017	WRRL Meeting @ Spruce Lodge 7:30 pm Bench staff code of conduct & rules presentation for Regionals (all teams attending Regionals (including Adult) must be represented) Regional Tourney Pool decisions
March 23-26, 2017	Regionals Location TBA
Tuesday Apr 4, 2017	WRRL AGM @ Spruce Lodge 7:30 pm

\*\*\* when submitting ice schedules and black outs- make sure to indicate tourneys and also black out if team does not what games played over Christmas break (ie- 28<sup>th</sup>...)

**Rules and Bylaws** – approved document has been uploaded to WRRL webpage.

**Approval moved by Wellington North, seconded by Mitchell. Carried**

WRRL- to decide at first meeting next season to set or not set a minimum rate of pay for referees. This will be decided at the beginning of each season to follow.

### **Travel for League Games**

- Cross conference play for divisions with lower number of teams, and more double headers for further distances
- knowing numbers early – spring/summer will help with the “surprise” factor for players and families.



**Elections for 2016/2017**

**WRRL EXECUTIVE 2016-2017**

POSITION	Current	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013
President	Brian Woolley	Hanover	Kitchener	Kitchener	Kitchener	Kitchener
Vice President	Angela Desjardins	London	London	Chatham	Owen Sound	Owen Sound
Treasurer	Rick Kyle	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg	London	London	London
Secretary	Laura Schultz	Exeter/Seaforth	St Clements	Goderich	Goderich	Exeter/Seaforth
Eastern Comm	Michael Sharpe	Elora/Fergus	Guelph	Guelph	Guelph	vacant
Eastern Scheduler	Kendra Vermilyea	Owen Sound	Owen Sound	Owen Sound	Owen Sound	Owen Sound
Western Comm	Brian Hornbostel	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Mitchell	Mitchell	Mitchell
Western Scheduler	Brian Hesse	Goderich	Goderich	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy
Statistician	Chris McMichael	St. Marys	Dorchester	Dorchester	Dorchester	vacant
Referee-In-Chief	Sandra White	Forest	Forest	Forest	Forest	vacant
Past President	vacant	Kitchener	Kitchener	vacant	vacant	Kitchener

**Available Associations**

- Chatham
- Elora/Fergus
- Exeter/Seaforth
- Hanover
  
- St. Mary's
- Wellington North
  
- Waterloo

**Not Available Associations (unless move from another position)**

- Dorchester
- Forest
- Goderich
- Guelph
- Kitchener
- London
- Mitchell
- Owen
- Sound
- St. Clements (no teams in 2016/2017)
- St. Thomas
- Tillsonburg
- Woolwich (no teams in 2016/2017)

Because no one volunteered to let their name stand, the last resort of drawing a name out of a hat was required to determine the Association that would serve as President. Hanover noted that it would be very difficult for them to sit in the President position with their current association position of only 1 or 2 teams and limited executive. Brian Woolley will ask other larger available associations (3 or more teams playing Regional) to put forward the request to sit on WRRL executive as president.



**New Business**

Concussion Awareness needs to be brought forward at beginning of season to all members, teams, players and parents.

Key information for coaches to access at [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca) (same place coaches go for MED)

Under Coach Resources there are modules and printables for all coaches to use and print off for players and parents.

**Meeting Adjourn- moved by Wellington North, seconded by London. Carried.**