



WESTERN REGION

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Kiwanis Centre Auditorium in Stratford ON
Thursday, May 1st, 2008

Regrets: Exeter and Tara

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Amendments to Agenda

Add the draw for the Eagle Lake Camp, and Associations Not in Good Standing: Elora-Fergus, St Mary's, and SWIRL

2.0 AAA Team

Coaching Staff Ron McFarlane, Donna Jones, Kerry Box. Thank you to all Associations for their contributions to our team. Thank you to all the Executive for their continued help and support. Players and parents were a pleasure. Ontario Winter Games 2008 - Bronze - Western, Silver - Southern, Gold - Eastern.

3.0 Roll Call - Wendy

Absent from this meeting - Exeter and Tara

Tickets for each association for Eagle Lake Draw - Mary

4.0 Minutes of 2007 AGM Meeting

Motion #1 to accept the minutes of the AGM, April 26, 2007 for WRRRA be accepted as presented.

SWIRL/Waterloo, carried

5.0 Any Business arising from the minutes

none

6.0 Treasurer's Report - Jeanette

Motion #2 to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Talbot Trail/Kitchener, carried

7.0 Coordinator Reports:

7.1 Adult Development - Chris (acting)

See report. Underage players are permitted at all Open levels including A. Adult challenge Cup was very successful this year.

7.2 Athlete - Peter (acting)

No report.

- 7.3 Coaching - Mike
See report. Grand fathering for coaching and bench staff re-certification is extended to 2010 at this time. Any associations wishing to host a coaching clinic for the 2008 - 2009 season please contact.
- 7.4 WORL - Peter
See report. Implementation of a new Tryout and Selection Process.
Banners presented to St Clements - Junior AA and Belle AA - Dorchester
Sportsmanship plaques - Prelims A - Tween - Chatham and Elora-Fergus, Junior - Guelph, Belle and Open - Chatham.
- 7.5 Elite - Mary
See report. Muskoka has won the bid for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games.
Shot Clocks Repairs - see Harris Clocks in Oakville or OES in London
- 7.6 Membership Services - Chuck
See report. Good response to the award nominations this year, but most came from one area so we need the rest of the Region to become involved. Remember player releases need to be in by September 30th for both A and AA. B and C deadline will be October 30th. Shoulder pads for players Tween and under - discussion.
- 7.7 Officiating - Tania
See report. Email report to association. A new WORL scheduler needed for September 2008. Contact Tania for more information.
- 7.8 Come Try Ringette
We will need a coordinator for this position for the start of the 2008 season. Contact Executive.
- 7.9 Games and Tournament - Janet & Keith
See report. Reminder of the June 30 deadline to ORA for tournament application...\$100 fine. Regional Leagues is it time to restructure? Discussion re: Bunny division structure. Hudson Travel discussion. 2008-2009 AA - London, March 5-8, 2009 and A - Gloucester, March 19-22, 2009
Thank you, to everyone for their support in order to make the Regionals a great success.
Lost and Found item - First Aid bag
Regionals March 27-29, 2009 - location to be announced.

Motion #3 to accept all coordinator reports as presented.
Stratford/London, carried

- 8.0 Ontario Ringette Association - AGM June 6-8, 2008 in wine country. You can attend only the meeting portion if you choose. Important for each association to attend this meeting. Discussion of initiated by the Federal government - de-emphasis on competitive. Two streams competitive and recreational level.

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Motion by Elora-Fergus - mouth guards - Kerby made original motion at our last general meeting in January.

Motion #4 to accept that the use of an approved mouth guard is mandatory, for all players in Western Region on teams Novice through Belle, for all league games and sanctioned events. This shall become effective at the start of the 2008-2009 season. Elora-Fergus/Huron Perth. Discussion. Recommendation that we not make it mandatory. Introduce this because of concussion, oral face injuries, etc. No conclusive proof that proves the concussions theory. #1 injury for the province is shoulder injury! - Novice and up for the 2007-2008 season. Called the vote. Motion defeated.

9.2 **Motion #5** - That in accordance with the wishes of the WORL A/AA League Western Region adopt the following time lines for the A and AA Tryout and Selection Process.

\$ AA - tryout schedules posted by April 1st

\$ Preliminary AA team rosters identifying 7 players posted by May 4th

\$ Full AA team roster team declaration no later than May 15th

\$ A-tryout schedules posted by August 1st

\$ Preliminary A team rosters identifying 7 players posted by August 25th

\$ Full A full team roster team declaration on September 7th

Motion by Peter/Mitchell. Discussion. Amendments to the motion. Chatham Association is against this motion. Called the vote. 18 for 1 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion carried.

9.3 **Motion #6** - That, for the 2008/2009 ringette season, all promotional fund incentives and grants from Western Region to our member associations be released solely in conjunction with the '**Come Try Ringette**' program. Keith/Chatham. Discussion. Promotional Funds as they exist and we want to get in line with the Province in 'Come Try Ringette'. Called the vote. Yes - 15, opposed 5, and abstentions 5. Motion carried.

9.4 **Motion #7** - that the release enhancement policy as motioned and accepted by the Western Region Executive and as documented and explained on the Western Region web site be approved by the member associations of the Region. Western Region Executive/St Clements Discussion. We have more questions than answers, are we sure of what the impact will be. Take time to analyze. This is a real situation. Associations on the edge sometimes find their investment in a player is lost in the second year to another association when they declare the same level of play. Smaller centre may not be able to offer A or AA each year as larger centres can. What better for the association and not necessarily the sport. Cooperation between associations? Only dealing with a specific player. Allowing choice. Taking away objectivity from the association. Go back to the ORA rules. Called the vote. Yes - 10, opposed - 10, and abstention - 4. Recorded vote taken. Tie vote. Chris, as Chair voted to break tie - opposed. Motion defeated.

Other new business:

Motion #8 - B.I.R.T. a committee be established to investigate and report back to Western Region membership on the enhancement policy.

Waterloo/London. Carried.

- 10.0 Eagle Lake Draw - Jeanette
Woolwich is the winner of the 2008 Eagle Lake Draw. Alternate - Kitchener we will pay for 1 complete registration.
- 11.0 Elections - Chris
Treasurer - any nominations from the floor, 3x (none) acclamation, Jeanette Saint,
and 2nd Vice-Chair - any nominations from the floor, 3x (none) acclamation, Peter Westelaken.
All Coordinators positions are appointed by the Executive. We have positions openings for Adult,
Athlete, and Come Try Ringette. Contact the Executive.
- 12.0 Thank you to all the executive members and coordinators for all their help.
We are looking for a Sponsorship Coordinator for Regionals 2009, contact Keith.
- 13.0 Owen Sound - Summer Ringette Program - see flyer at the back.
- 14.0 Correspondence - Jeanette
Thank You Note Mary and Keith.
- 15.0 Adjournment
Motion #9 - Motion to Adjourn. See you in September!
Kitchener/Waterloo Carried

Secretary - Wendy

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