

Meeting Minutes
SWIRL Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
7:30 p.m. Edelweiss Tavern, Kitchener

1. **Call to Order:** 7:35 p.m.
2. **Roll call:** With the exception of Mitchell, Woodstock, Cambridge Cougars and Dorchester, all teams were present.
 - **Performance bonds** were returned to all teams other than those not present.
3. **Agenda Review:** No new items were added to the agenda.
4. **September 2009 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to Accept: Kitchener Nites; Seconder: Cambridge Coyotes. Carried.
5. **Additional Business:** No items were identified.
6. **Reports:**
 - **Chairs Report – Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling**
 - **Regionals** – Regionals will be held March 25-27th, 2011 in Elora-Fergus and Guelph. Nancy will be attending the Western Region Meeting January 20th and will take \$200 deposit cheques for any teams wishing to register.
 - **Coaching Reminders** – Teams were reminded that **all** coaching staff must be properly qualified to be on the bench, including MED qualifications. The last MED clinic date posted for Western Region was January 8th.
 - **Game and Tournament Substitutions** – Teams were advised that Belle registered players **are not** eligible to play at an OPEN level. Nancy noted a larger than normal number of games being cancelled due to insufficient players. Teams were reminded of the 72 hours notice required to reschedule a game. Teams were encouraged to contact other teams to borrow players whenever possible to avoid having to cancel. It is getting more and more difficult to reschedule games. Tournament substitutions must be approved by the SWIRL ADP in addition to the other associations ADP if playing outside our region.
 - **Financial and Registrar's Report:** A combined update was presented by Janet Lanteigne and Dawn Dickson. Dawn presented the balance sheet (closing balance \$1,438.15 as of December 23, 2010) and noted a discrepancy of \$2017.50 requiring reconciliation between SWIRL and ORA. \$1100 is accounted to 2 teams not paying their registration fees. The balance is due to inaccurate records with ORA. Teams were asked to see Janet and Dawn before leaving the meeting to assist in this reconciliation process. Motion to Accept: Stratford Dominion House; Seconder: Cambridge Coyotes. Carried.
 - **Scheduler** – Brenda reported that scheduling of games has become extremely challenging, particularly at the B- level. The current schedule runs November 1st to on or about March 20th with a two week break at Christmas. Some teams have ice available in advance of the November 1st date and it was suggested that those teams provide those dates in September to allow for an earlier start. Janet reminded teams

that moving the start of play date forward would also require the date for finalized TRF's also be moved forward by an equivalent amount of time. Teams were asked to come to the September 2011 meeting with as many possible ice times as possible and not just the 9 outlined in the Operating Manual. Brenda requested that teams work planned tournament dates into their availability when submitting their ice.

- **Statistician Report** – Laurie requested that when submitting game details or schedule changes that you provide full details on who you are, what team you're with and what you need changed. Stats to December 2010 were posted to the website as of January 11th.
- **Disciplinary Review:**
 - There were 2 suspensions issued to this point in the year.
 - Both teams must notify Jane within 24 hours of the game in question.
 - The game sheet in full must be sent to Jane within 48 hours of the game by the non-offending team
 - Game sheets for suspended games are to be sent (scanned and e-mailed) to Jane immediately following each game of the suspension
 - SUS must be noted on the game sheet beside the name of the offending player/team staff member
 - *Suspended individuals are considered still under suspension until supporting paperwork (i.e. Game sheets) are received by Jane*
- **Western ADP Report:**
 - Due to issues with organizing, the Adult Challenge Cup has been cancelled for this year. A large majority of the teams present confirmed that they were interested in participating in Regionals.
 - Final costs for Regionals have not yet been finalized. Teams can expect an increase due to ice costs and HST
 - Teams were asked to take the time to familiarize themselves with the SWIRL operating manual.

7. League Format:

- No modifications were required to the current team seedings. Chatham advised they will be registering in B for the 2011/2012 season. It was also requested that Dorchester team stats be reviewed at the September meeting to determine if they should be moving from C to B.

8. **Western Region Meetings** (Spruce Lodge, Stratford, 7:30 p.m.): Stratford Dominion House attended the November 18/10 meeting. A summary of the meeting was shared. It was raised that ORA is again discussing possible changes to enforce a rule change requiring a female coach on the bench. Teams expressed a concern over the impact this would have at the adult level. It was requested that it be taken back to Western region that SWIRL would be asking for an exemption to that rule at the adult level. The three remaining meetings for 2010-2011 will be attended by team representatives from:

Jan 20/11 – Mitchell

Mar 10/11 – Kitchener Nites

Apr 21/11 (AGM) – Stratford Stingers

9. New Business:

- Ayr asked for assistance from coaches in getting messages out to their players promptly when contacted by other teams looking for players to sub.
- Chatham requested a list of team jersey colours be provided to aid in the planning of colours to be worn for games. It was agreed that the team contact list will be updated for the September meeting to include a column for each team to indicate jersey colours available to them.
- With the Challenge Cup cancelled, Fred Kursikowski suggested the ORA be approached about modifying the format of Provincials to return to the old A & B tiers rather than the current A & AA format. Fred will initiate correspondence with ORA on this item.

10. **Announcements:**

- **SWIRL Operating Manual**
 - Posted on the SWIRL website (www.swrl.on.ca).
- **Tournaments**
 - Current listing are on the ORA website (<http://www.ontario-ringette.com/20102011Tourny.pdf>)
- **Coaching Qualifications**
 - See ORA Operating Manual, Coaching Development (available on-line at www.ontario-ringette.com).
- **Coaching Clinics**
 - Refer to Western Region website (www.wrra.ca).
- **Rule Change Clinics**
 - Refer to Western Region website (www.wrra.ca).

11. **Next SWIRL meeting:** September 25, 2011, 2:00 p.m., Edelweiss Tavern, Kitchener

12. **Meeting adjourned:** 9:00 p.m. Motion: Kitchener Rebels. Seconded: Kitchener Buccaneers. Carried.