

SWIRL Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 7:30pm

Finkle Street Tap & Grill
450 Simcoe St, Woodstock

Call to Order: 7:33 pm.

Roll call

Ayr, Cambridge Coyotes (TT), Dorchester, Guelph Cougars, Guelph White, Kitchener Bandits, Kitchener Nites, Kitchener Rebels, London B, Mitchell, North Dumfries Cougars, Royal City Ravens (TT), St. Clements, St. Thomas, Stratford Stingers, Stratford Thunder (TT) Waterloo C, Waterloo Fury, Waterloo Immortals, Woodstock, Woolwich Beez, Woolwich Legends.

These teams were given back their performance bond cheques from the September/18 meeting.

Teams not in attendance: Kitchener Wild, London Storm, London Strike, Tillsonburg, Tillsonburg Tournament Team and St. Marys. Unless a suitable explanation is provided to the Executive Committee for their absence These teams will forfeit their bond cheques.

Approval of September 2018 Minutes: Moved by Woodstock, seconded by Guelph Cougars to approve the minutes of the Sept/18 meeting, as presented. All in favour. Carried.

2019 Executive Committee Reports

Chair's Report [Laura Pfanner]: Nothing to report.

Vice-Chair's Report [Tori Wood]: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report [Connie Sanders]: Our current bank balance is \$1,386.44. It was noted that there is no meeting room rental charge at this venue.

Registrar's Report [Tammy Mast]: Nothing to report.

Scheduler's Report [Brenda Brenner]: Nothing to report.

- Chair Laura presented the following:
 - All returning teams must submit a minimum of 11 home ice dates at the Sept/19 meeting.
 - For 2019-2020, all teams in a division will be scheduled to play each other (a minimum of) two times (home and away).
 - If one team has a specific issue with another team in their division, that issue must be addressed during the Sept/19 meeting or prior to that (with a member of the Executive Committee).
 - Tournaments must be included on Sept/19 ice time submissions, with the full duration of the tournament noted as "unavailable dates".
 - This season was Brenda's last as our scheduler. Members thanked her for her many years of service. Brenda is taking over that role, effective Sept/19.

Statistician's Report [Brenna Veats]:

- Most games sheets are being sent to Brenna on time. Teams were reminded to ensure that game sheet photos are clear and legible.
- A reminder that the "Notes" section of our online submission form is to be used to highlight special circumstances which occur during games (e.g., wording on referee's report when Major or ejection penalties are assessed, games where there is only one (or no) referee(s), concerns with officiating, etc.). These notes should also be included in the text of the electronic game sheet submission sent to Brenna.

- ALL changes to the master schedule (game cancellations, rescheduled games) MUST be submitted to SWIRL via the online reporting form on our web site. These changes are inputted by the HOME team, regardless of which team triggered the change.
- The time in the game (clock time and period of play) at which ALL Major, Misconduct, Match and ejection penalties are assessed is to be included in the online submission.
- Goalkeepers ('G') and subs ('S' + the full name of their regular team (e.g., Guelph Cougars) must be marked on all copies of the game sheet.

Secretary's Report [Angela Kington]: Nothing to report

Disciplinary Chair's Report [Jane Larkworthy]:

- We have had no Misconduct/Match penalties (or suspensions) to date this season.
- We have had no carry over suspensions (between League and sanctioned play) to date this season.
- Please refer to Section J iv) (p. 9) of SWIRL's Operating Manual (posted to our web site) for the full reporting process for all ejection penalties.

Operating Manual Changes [Jane Larkworthy]

- Jane reminded everyone that SWIRL's Operating Manual is posted to our web site. She asked member teams to consult that document before making inquiries of Executive Committee members (who are more than happy to answer questions re that document or other questions not addressed therein).
- Jane reminded all member teams that, according to current SWIRL policy, **ALL TRFs are due to our SWIRL Registrar (Tammy) by October 15 each season.** This includes teams that do not register with Ringette Ontario through SWIRL (i.e., teams which register with Ringette Ontario through their minor or adult association).
- For purposes of clarification of this SWIRL policy, Jane has re-written Section D iv) of SWIRL's Operating Manual. A draft of this re-write will be circulated to all SWIRL member teams for input and approval prior to our Sept/19 meeting.

League Updates [Laura Pfanner]

- Seeding issues: None noted.
- Substitution issues:
 - Only players whose names appear on SWIRL member team TRFs (i.e., teams included in the "Roll Call" section of SWIRL's Sept/19 meeting) are permitted to participate in SWIRL play.
 - The purpose of substitution is to permit teams to replace a player who is not available for that game, NOT to increase roster size or team skill. As such, the level of skill of the sub needs to match that of the absent player.
 - Teams are to seek out subs at their level of play first before moving up levels of play (i.e., 'C' (not 'BB') subs for 'C' rosters/play).
 - Substitutes who are clearly of a higher level of skill than the subbing team's opponent should attempt not to unduly impact that game (i.e., they need to try to "blend in"). It is incumbent upon the team having included these subs on their roster for that game to communicate SWIRL's expectations to that substitute.
 - Players are not permitted to play regularly on more than one team in SWIRL play (i.e., teams/players are not permitted to do an "end run" around the RO's single TRF registration rule). As such, the same sub(s) is/are not permitted to play repeatedly for the same team.
 - If the Executive Committee continues to get reports re teams contravening the "spirit" of SWIRL's substitution rules we will have no choice but to introduce more stringent substitution rules.
- Privacy and Confidentiality:
 - Teams were reminded that SWIRL's contact list is to be used exclusively for SWIRL business.
 - SWIRL member teams are NOT to give out the password for SWIRL's contact list, nor provide that contact information to other than those individuals whose names appear on that list.
 - For other than 1:1 e-mails, all copies must be "blind".
 - Unfortunately, our contact list was leaked earlier this season. As such, a new password will be set.

New Business

- Teams were reminded that shot clocks are NOT required in SWIRL play. As such, the choice of whether a shot clock is used during a SWIRL game is that of the visiting team.
- Jane requested that any SWIRL teams involved in “two-team” (TT)/affiliate player applications this season forward the details to her (i.e., name(s) of player(s) involved, TT player form, decision (approve/deny), reasoning) for compilation.

Western Region Meetings (Spruce Lodge, Stratford, ON, 7 pm start):

- November 22/19: St. Clements [report submitted; little of pertinence to adult teams other than WRRRA is still in search of an ADP Coordinator]
- February 21/19: St. Marys
- April 25/19 (AGM): Royal City Ravens (replace Kitchener Rebels)
- September XX, 2019: St. Thomas

Announcements:

- Tournaments: Current listings are on the Ringette Ontario Website. We believe most tournaments are all full at this time.
- Coaching & Officiating Clinics: Refer to Western Region website (www.wrra.ca) for required qualifications, how to register for clinics and any updates.

Next SWIRL Meeting: Sunday, September 15/19, 2 pm (Finkle Street Tap & Grill (450 Simcoe Street, Woodstock).

Adjournment: 8:50 pm. Moved by the Kitchener Nites to adjourn. Seconded by the Kitchener Bandits. Carried.