

SWIRL Meeting
Tuesday January 9th, 2018
7:30 pm Edelweiss Tavern,
600 Doon Village Road, Kitchener (small meeting room)
MINUTES

Call to Order (7:30 pm)

Roll Call

Ayr, Cambridge Coyotes, Dorchester, Guelph Cougars, Guelph Gold, Guelph White, Kitchener Bandits, Kitchener Nites, Kitchener Rebels, Kitchener Wild, London Storm, London Strike, Mitchell, North Dumfries Cougars, Royan City Ravens, St. Clements, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Stratford Stingers, Stratford Thunder, Waterloo C, Waterloo Fury, Waterloo Immortals, Woodstock, Woolwich Beez, Woolwich Legends.

These teams received their bond cheques back.

Absent: Tillsonburg -> their bond cheque will be cashed.

Review of Sept 2017 Minutes

Moved by Kitchener Bandits to approve the minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ayr. All in favour. Carried.

Executive Committee Reports

Chair's Report [Laura Pfanner]

Nothing to report.

Vice-Chair's Report [Tori Wood]

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report [Angela Kington]

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report [Connie Sanders]

SWIRL's current bank balance is \$1287.62. The only expense to come is the cost of the room at \$113.

Registrar's Report [Tammy Mast]

Everything with ORA is worked out and we received a \$19 credit.

Scheduler's Report [Brenda Brenner]

The schedule for this season was extra challenging, due in large part to limited numbers of ice times provided by several teams. Teams are reminded that a minimum of 11 ice times are asked for (not nine). Since many of our teams have Sunday ice this adds extra challenges. If some of those teams are able to find alternate days (i.e., other than Sunday) next season that would assist with scheduling.

Statistician's Report [Brenna Veats]

1. Reminder when a game is cancelled or rescheduled to please fill out google form on SWIRL website. Home team is in charge of filling out form, regardless of who initiated the change.
2. Tournament Game Sheets - Home and Away teams are to submit all game sheets. Screenshots of Score2Stats game sheets are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Scans or screenshots of game sheets works really well.
3. Initialing of game sheets is going well, so keep it up.
4. Home teams are required to ensure that the date and location of the game and the teams playing are all filled in on the game sheet.
5. Goalkeepers and subs in general: All players participating in SWIRL play must be SWIRL-registered. Teams are required to mark goalkeepers (G) and subs ("sub" + their "regular team") on their game sheet roster.

Disciplinary Chair's Report [Jane Larkworthy]

1. ALL Major penalties (4-minute fully served) must be reported in comment section of SWIRL's game results google form. Home teams (or both teams for tournament & exhibition play), please copy Jane Larkworthy when you submit the game sheet to Brenna. Penalty infractions such as boarding, body contact, charging, cross checking or elbowing that includes initial contact to the head or contact from behind is a "point of emphasis" this season with the referees being instructed to assess Major penalties. SWIRL is aware of nine being assessed to SWIRL teams so far this season (including SWIRL and sanctioned play). If that four-minute fully served penalty is assessed during a tournament game and it occurs with less than 4 minutes remaining in the game it carries a one-game suspension - which will be enforced by SWIRL if not served during the tournament during which it was assessed.
2. Carryover suspensions: SWIRL had one carryover suspension from last season which has been served. A second suspension (arising from last season's game sheet falsification) was completed December 31.
3. Special note re "removal of bench staff" during play: If a referee removes a bench staff member during a game, whether that penalty is recorded or not, it is considered a Misconduct penalty which carries a one-game suspension. These must be reported to Jane within 24 hours, whether it appears on the game sheet or not. The non-offending must send a copy of the game sheet to Jane within 24 hours as well.
4. Match/Misconduct penalties: None so far this season.
5. Game sheets: As per Brenna's section, PLEASE ensure that game sheets are filled out completely and correctly, including top portion (when, what teams, who in the timebox, sweater colour, etc). All participating players must initial game sheet. If a player doesn't show up, take her off the game sheet after the game. Goalkeepers must be marked as such on the game sheet ("G").
6. Everyone who is participating in a SWIRL game (on the ice or on the bench) must be registered with SWIRL for on ice or on bench activities. Injured players may be on the bench. They are not required to be in uniform. Please mark them on the game sheet as "inj".

7. Game sheet submissions: Game sheets are to be submitted and online reports made within 72 hours of the completion of that game.

Operating Manual Changes

The requirement for initials beside each player's name (SWIRL play only) was added for 2017-2018.

League Updates

Seeding Issues: none

Substitution Issues: Remember to make sure subs are indicated (and their regular team noted) and that player names, initials and any other notations are legible through all three copies of the game sheet. If using stickers please make changes to all three copies of the game sheet.

REMINDER: Please use an appropriate level player for the level of the game being played. Please DON'T use the same player(s) all the time. ONLY SWIRL-REGISTERED PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED AS SUBS.

New Business

1. Player Affiliation Rule: In response to a question from the floor, Jane provide a brief summary of the ORA's "Two-team player" (referred to as "Affiliate player" in ADP) policy. See ADP section of the ORA Operating Manual.
2. Injury Reports: Must be submitted within 7 days of the incident. Available online via the ORA website (includes "concussion reporting" section).

Western Region

Nov 23/17: Stratford Stingers (Jane) attended. Summary of items pertinent to SWIRL/Regional adult play:

1. Based on an entry in the WRRRA Sept/17 minutes, Jane clarified for the meeting that SWIRL is actually two distinct entities: a registered WRRRA member association (registering body for 17 adult teams), and a League
2. Jane asked several questions re coaching and was redirected by the Chair to WRRRA coaching coordinator John Mezenberg (not in attendance)
3. Jane asked for a definition of "withdrawal deadline" for tournaments; G & T (Nancy NH) answered that would be the date stated by the tournament host OR a minimum of four weeks in advance of the tournament
4. Jane pointed out that the "level of play" shown in an attachment to the WRRRA ADP report for a number of 18+BB and lower teams was incorrect; Jane also tried to address a number of other issues related to WRRRA ADP but was redirected by the Chair to WRRRA ADP coordinator Margie Van Oirschot (not in attendance)
5. President's round table: Incident/accident reports are due within 7 days of the incident. Suggested that insurance claim form be completed and submitted at the same time. Forms are available online on the ORA website.

January 11/18: Cancelled

Upcoming Meetings (Spruce Lodge, Stratford, 7:30 pm)

February 22/18: Stratford Thunder (general meeting)

April 12/18: Guelph White (AGM)

September XX 2018: Waterloo Fury

BEFORE ATTENDING THE WESTERN REGION MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE SWIRL EXECUTIVE FOR ANY ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE MEETING ON BEHALF OF SWIRL.

Announcements

None

Next SWIRL Meeting

September 16, 2018 (location to be confirmed)

Brenna looking into an alternate/more central location

Adjournment

9:02 pm. Moved by Waterloo to adjourn. Seconded by Ayr. Carried.