

SWIRL Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
7:30pm Edelweiss Tavern

1. Call to Order/Roll call – Laura Pfanner

All teams were present: Cambridge Coyotes, Centre Wellington C, Chatham, Dorchester, Guelph Cougars, Guelph Gold, Guelph White, Kitchener Bandits, Kitchener Nites, Kitchener Rebels, Kitchener Wildcats, London Storm, London Strike, Mitchell, North Dumfries Cougars, St. Clements, St. Marys, St Mary's Tournament team, St. Thomas, Stratford Stingers, Stratford Tournament team, Tillsonburg, Waterloo C, Waterloo Fury, Waterloo Immortals, Woodstock Red, Woodstock White, Woolwich Beez, Woolwich Legends

2. Agenda Additions – No additional items.

3. Approval of September 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To accept minutes as written – M/S – Waterloo Immortals/Woodstock Red. Carried

4. 2014-2015 Exec Reports:

a. Chair's Report – Laura Pfanner

- When applying to tournaments take note of whether they are "female only" or "co-ed". If the tournament is listed as "female only" there should not be male players unless the host has received approval from the majority of teams in the division. If you do not wish to play with a male player in a female tournament and it has been approved by the majority of the teams in the division, it is your right to withdraw from the tournament with a full refund. If you are playing in a "co-ed" tournament there can be any number of male players in any position.
- A team can apply to a tournament at the same level as they are registered as on their TRF or higher. They cannot enter a lower division. You can register with ORA at a different level than your level of play in SWIRL. A guideline of SWIRL vs ORA level is as follows: **SWIRL B+ = ORA BB, SWIRL B = ORA BB or B, SWIRL B- = ORA B or CC, SWIRL C = ORA CC or C or Rec.** A team can play a level down only if requested by the host if approved by all teams in that division. If you have entered a tournament and you have been requested to accept a higher level team in your division and you do not wish to play them, it is your right to withdraw from the tournament with a full refund.
- It is never too late to add players. Players that are added after January 8th however cannot play in sanctioned play. To add players complete the Information Change Form (ICF), (which can be found on the ORA website or in your registration package) and email to the registrar. If you are registered through an association other than SWIRL, you must inform SWIRL of the addition as well.

b. Financial Report – Lindsay Julian

The current bank balance is \$1,900. ORA fees were \$10,700. There is a \$350 credit memo from ORA for players registered with other teams, which will be applied to next year's fees.

When ordering supplies such as rings/game sheets etc., from ORA leave SWIRL off the order form and use your team name only, under association. If you do put SWIRL in, please email the treasurer so they know who to charge.

Additional expenses for the year will include the meeting room rental and postage. We are currently looking into a stats website that will have a cost as well.

c. Registrar's Report – Lindsay Julian

There were a number of late changes. We would like to work at getting things in earlier next year in order to meet the ORA deadline. Signed TRF's returned for registration must be the full version, not the tournament version. Chatham, St. Mary's and Mitchell were requested to correct the level of play on their TRF by contacting ORA. **The registrar position will need to be filled for the next season.**

d. **Webmaster's Report – Cathy Daultrey**

Cathy has nothing to report as she has not been receiving game sheets. We will work at a procedure for scanning and sending games sheets via email for the future. **Until further notice game sheets should be sent via mail to Cathy Daultrey, 229 Parkside Dr. E., Fergus, ON N1M 3E7.**

e. **Scheduler's Report – Brenda Brenner**

Nothing to report

f. **Statistician Report – Laura Pfanner**

There is a problem with Google docs where the stats are currently being input. We are not sure why nothing is showing up. It is being looked into and in the meantime keep entering your stats as we are hoping to find where they are hiding.

g. **Disciplinary Report – Jane Larkworthy**

- i. Review of penalties and suspensions – Nothing to report
- ii. Carry-over suspensions – Nothing to report
- iii. Match and Misconduct Penalties-Reporting Process – Nothing to report

Jane must be notified of all major penalties (4 minutes/ejections) immediately.

5. **Operating Manual Housekeeping - Jane Larkworthy**

No changes from last year.

6. **League Updates:**

- a. Seeding Issues – No issues reported.
- b. Substitution Issues – The same calibre of players should be used in substitution. For substitution rules check the SWIRL Operating Manual.
Kitchener Nites players are looking for more ice time if teams are looking for substitute players.

7. **New Business – No new business.**

8. **Western Region Meetings: (Spruce Lodge, Stratford, 7:30 pm)**

- a. January 15, 2015 – (Regionals \$200 deposit due if Adult division offered) – Cambridge Coyotes
- b. February 26, 2015 – (General Meeting) – North Dumfries Cougars
- c. April 16th 2015 – AGM – Kitchener Rebels
- d. September XX 2015 – Guelph Cougars

9. **Announcements**

- a. **Tournaments:** [Current listings](#) are on the ORA website
- b. **Coaching & Officiating Clinics:** Refer to Western Region web site (www.wrra.ca)

10. **Next SWIRL meeting: Sunday September 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., Edelweiss Tavern.**

11. **Adjournment – Motion to adjourn – M/S – Kitchener Nites/Woodstock White – Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm.**