

SWIRL Meeting

Sunday, September 16, 2018

2:00 PM Cedar Creek Golf Course

760 Julianna Drive, Woodstock

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:08 pm.

Roll call:

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

Teams handed in their (\$50) Performance Bond cheques for the 2018-2019 season.

New Teams: We welcomed two new teams: Tillsonburg Tournament Team (tournaments only) and London B (participating in League play).

Departing Teams: Guelph Gold (folded).

Review of January 2018 Minutes: Minutes approved as presented.

Executive Committee Elections for 2018-2019:

All positions were acclaimed, as follows:

Chair - Laura Pfanner
Vice Chair - Tori Wood
Treasurer - Connie Sanders
Secretary - Angela Kington
Discipline Chair - Jane Larkworthy
Scheduler - Brenda Brenner
Statistician & Website Manager - Brenna Veats
Registrar - Tammy Mast

Brenda advised that this will be her last season as scheduler. Brenna Veats advised that this is her last season as Statistician & Website Manager, but that she is interested in taking over the position of Scheduler next season. Team reps were requested to poll their respective team members for interest in the vacant Statistician & Website Manager position. This will be revisited at the January/19 SWIRL meeting.

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair's Report [Laura Pfanner]

1. The Western Region ADP Coordinator's position is open as Margie has resigned. See the Western Region home page for a full job description (wrra.ca).
2. The updated coaching requirements are confusing. Ringette Ontario (RO, formerly the ORA) has "coaching pathways" on its website which is a good source of information, as is CAC's site coach.ca (current certification and Professional Development (PD) requirements). RO's new coaching qualification deadline is **Nov. 1/18**.
3. ADP forms have been updated.
4. Membership Notices are available on RO's website.

5. The ADP manual currently posted on RO's website has not yet been updated for 2018-2019. Jane has requested (by e-mail during this meeting) that RO forward a copy of the updated manual to her for distribution to our League members. RO's response was to take down the posted manual until it can be updated and reposted. Please check RO's website for an updated version.

Vice-Chair's Report [Tori Wood]

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report [Connie Sanders]

1. SWIRL's current bank balance is \$1,166.70. Outstanding expenses include the cost of this meeting room (\$200), our WRRRA fee (\$60), and our Scheduler's fee (\$200). Our ORA fee (\$70) was paid during the summer.
2. Our account has been moved to RBC.
3. The SWIRL (team) fee was \$25.00 last year. Moved by Woodstock, seconded by Guelph White to leave SWIRL's fee at \$25 for this season. Carried.

Secretary's Report [Angela Kington (absent)]

Nothing to report.

Registrar's Report [Tammy Mast]

1. Team Staff registration fees have increased from \$22.50 last year to \$24.50 this year.
2. Player registration fees have increased from \$37.00 last year to \$39.00 this year.
3. If you are mailing your registration package to Tammy it must be to her by October 15/18.

Statistician's Report [Brenna Veats]

1. Most teams were good at getting their game sheets in last year, although there was a noticeable decline in submissions after the January meeting. Brenna didn't levy any fines but reminded all teams that they **MUST** submit their game sheets in a timely fashion and that e-mail is preferred. She also pointed out that we may have to consider fines for non-compliance should that continue to be an issue.
2. A reminder that for SWIRL games the HOME team is to submit the white copy of the game sheet to Brenna AND enter the game information on-line.
3. For ALL Exhibition and Tournament games teams must submit their game sheets to Brenna and enter game information on-line.
4. Brenna requested that all teams verify their contact information. She also advised it will be posted to SWIRL's website, which is "user" and "password" protected. Team reps were requested not to share this access information.

Disciplinary Chair's Report [Jane Larkworthy]

1. Jane reminded all teams that it is the home team's responsibility to supply minor officials for each League game. If no one shows up to do that job, and there is no one else available, one of the home team's team staff or a player may have to fill in.
2. A reminder that all players must initial the game sheet (to the left of the roster names) prior to the game. This worked well last season and did not appear to place any undue burden on the teams or officials.
3. All names on the game sheet must be legible on all three copies of the game sheet. Printing is preferred.
4. Only players registered on SWIRL TRFs are eligible to participate in SWIRL games, including as subs. All subs must be marked ('sub') and their "regular team" indicated. Subs must also be of a skill level appropriate to the level of play of that game.
5. There were no ejections or carry over suspensions after January 2018. Well done!
6. **2018-2019 Discipline Committee:** Brenda Brenner replaced Tosha Kelly for this season. Jane (Chair), Barry, Tory, Brenna and Laura (Ex Officio) make up the remainder of the Committee.

7. A reminder that if there is anyone is ejected from a game (including a team staff member who is asked to leave the bench but no penalty is recorded on the game sheet), BOTH teams are to advise Jane within 24 hours (of completion of that game) via phone or e-mail. The NON-OFFENDING team is responsible to forward the game sheet to Jane within 24 hours. If both teams have ejections, the HOME team is responsible to forward the game sheet to Jane (within 24 hours).

League Format and Schedule:

1. St. Marys' request to move from B to B- was approved.
2. Discussion ensued as to the relative level of skill of the Waterloo Fury and the Waterloo Immortals. Those teams agreed to flip tiers (i.e., Fury to B+ and Immortals to B) providing the Immortals' crossover games with the B- tier were limited to games vs. Stratford Stingers and Woolwich Beez (in consideration of travel for UW, Laurier and Conestoga College students).
3. Teams were polled as to whether they wished to play crossover games (see below).

2018-2019 Tiers

Tier 1 (B+) [8]	Tier 2 (B) [3]	Tier 3 (B-) [7]	Tier 4 (C) [6]
Guelph Cougars	London B	Dorchester	Ayr
Guelph White	Mitchell	London Storm	Kitchener Bandits
Kitchener Rebels	Waterloo Immortals	St. Thomas	Kitchener Nites
Kitchener Wild		St. Marys	St. Clements
London Strike		Stratford Stingers	Waterloo C
North Dumfries Cougars		Tillsonburg	Woodstock
Woolwich Legends		Woolwich Beez	
Waterloo Fury			

Crossover games:

B+ (with B-): Guelph White, London, Woolwich, Waterloo all "yes"; rest "if necessary".

B (with B+ and B-): All "yes" (but with Immortals requesting to play only Stratford and **Woolwich Beez** in B-).

B- (with B and C): Woolwich requested to only cross up to B; all others agreed to cross both up and down.

C (with B-): Woodstock "yes"; Bandits and St. Clements "if necessary"; Ayr, Nites and Waterloo C "no".

Scheduler's Report [Brenda Brenner]

1. Brenda noted that there may have difficulties again this year with the amount of Sunday evening ice times, so teams should be prepared to play some Sunday night away games.
2. Brenda asked for teams to tell her now (vs. once the draft schedule goes out) if they have issues traveling to certain teams who have late ice (or if they only want to make that trip once). A number of teams made those requests which were noted.
3. A draft schedule will go out to all team reps. Please watch for this and remember it is only a DRAFT and is not to be distributed. The Final schedule will follow once all teams have had a chance to review the draft version.

Operating Manual Changes:

There were no formal changes at this time. Jane will change the dates, remove the bold italics (indicating last year's changes) and send the document to Keith Kaiser for posting to the SWIRL website.

New Business: None

Western Region Meetings (Spruce Lodge Stratford, **7:00 pm**):

- September 20/18: Waterloo Fury
- November 22/18: St. Clements
- Feb. 21/19: St. Marys
- Apr. 25/19: Kitchener Rebels
- Sept. XX/19: St. Thomas (exact date TBD)

Announcements:

1. **Tournaments:** Check the RO website for current listings. When applying for a tournament pay close attention to the level of play (e.g., BB, CC) and designation (i.e., F or C(oed)).
2. **Coaching & Officiating Clinics:** Refer to Western Region website (www.wrra.ca) for required qualifications, how to register for clinics and updates.
3. **Insurance Coverage:** See membership notices on RO website.

Next SWIRL Meeting: Tuesday, January 8/19, 7:30 pm, **Woodstock** (Finkle Street Tap & Grill, 450 Simcoe Street, Woodstock, ON, N3J 1J8; 519-290-9100).

Adjournment: 3:30 pm. Moved by Ayr, seconded by Woodstock. Carried.