

SWIRL Meeting
Sunday, September 20, 2015
2:00pm Edelweiss Tavern,
600 Doon Village Road, Kitchener (small banquet hall)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll call

Present: Cambridge Coyotes, Chatham, Dorchester, Guelph Cougars, Guelph Gold, Guelph White, Kitchener Bandits, Kitchener Nites, Kitchener Rebels, Kitchener **Wild**, London Storm, London Strike, Mitchell, North Dumfries Cougars, St. Clements, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Stratford Stingers, Stratford Thunder (tournament team), Tillsonburg, Waterloo C, Waterloo Fury, Waterloo Immortals, **Woodstock**, Woolwich Beez, Woolwich Legends

Absent: Centre Wellington C, St. Marys tournament team

a. New teams: N/A

b. Departing teams:

i. Centre Wellington C

ii. Woodstock Red and White combining into a single team for 2015-2016

2. Approval of January 2015 Meeting Minutes – minutes approved

3. SWIRL Executive Committee Elections for 2015-2016:

Chair – Laura Pfanner

Vice Chair – Tori Wood (*Kitchener Bandits*)

Treasurer – Lindsay Julian

Secretary – Tosha Kelly (*London Strike*)

Discipline Chair – Jane Larkworthy

Scheduler – Brenda Brenner

Statistician & Web Site Manager – Brenna Veates (*Guelph Cougars*)

Registrars – Lindsay Julian & Marg Van Oirschot (*Chatham*)

4. 2014-2015 Exec Reports:

a. Chair's Report – Laura Pfanner

– Changes to ADP section of ORA Operating Manual:

- "Rec" replaced by "D" ("Development").

- Teams with male skaters may be re-seeded (for tournament play) in accordance with the skill level of the male skater.

- A player attending university may affiliate with the university team and their home association team at the same level of play.

- When feasible, the Regional ADP Coordinator (or designate) should participate in the initial host tournament planning meeting (for tournaments with 18+ BB divisions and below).

- Adult team bench staff proof of qualifications and ORA registration must be provided with Adult TRF adjustment form (ADP-F-05).

- Match and Misconduct penalties: Both teams must report these penalties to their Regional G & T and ADP Coordinators within 24 hours or by the next scheduled game (whichever comes first). Failure to do so may result in the Head Coach being suspended for one game.
- Other:
 - Coaches who have not provided the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) with a date of birth (and therefore appear as “unknown age” in the NCCP Locker) will no longer be shown as completing any pathway or achieving any status on their transcript. Contact the NCCP. Assistance is available via the ORA (Karla Xavier, TD).
 - Insurance coverage: If your community has requested to be named as ‘an additional insured’ you need to request a specific insurance certificate from the ORA (Jane can supply form by e-mail, if required).

b. Financial Report – Lindsay Julian

- SWIRL’s \$350 credit with the ORA had been used by ORA for invoice payment and is down to approximately \$24; we will not be refunding SWIRL teams.
- **\$1000.95** in the bank.
- Increase in ORA membership fees:
 - Players: \$35 & \$5 (\$3 due + \$2 insurance)
 - Coaches, managers, trainers: \$20.50 + \$5 (due + insurance)
- SWIRL membership fees: Motion (by Chatham, seconded by Waterloo Immortals) to keep the SWIRL membership fee the same as last year (\$20). Carried.

c. Registrar’s Report – Lindsay Julian (for Mike Julian)

- All SWIRL teams (including those registering independently or through minor associations) must forward their FULL electronic TRF (including birthdates, full names, and addresses) to Lindsay.
- Use updated forms, not the one from a previous year.
- **TRF’s due to Lindsay by October 15** (SWIRL policy specifies fines for late submissions) or before first game (whichever comes first).
- If your coach appears on another TRF they do not need to ‘double pay’ as they are covered through another association. Please note this with your registration submission.
- Married versus maiden names: Pick one and stick with it. The name on the TRF is the one that needs to be used on the game sheets.

d. Webmaster’s Report – Cathy Daultrey

- Nothing to report.

e. Scheduler’s Report – Brenda Brenner

- Teams will receive the Master schedule (vs. a divisional schedule).
- Each team is responsible to check their schedule (i.e., 9 home and 9 away games AND conflicts). Concerns/corrections to be forwarded to Brenda ASAP.

f. Statistician’s Report

- GET YOUR GAME SHEETS IN (home and away games, League and exhibition, ON TIME).
- Brenda will inform teams as to alternate ways game sheets may be sent to her (e.g., scan or photo).

g. Disciplinary Report – Jane Larkworthy

Everyone needs to be registered before they hit the ice. If not, the insurance for that game is void for everyone involved in that game (players, bench staff, referees, time and score keepers, etc.).

- i. Review of penalties and suspensions: None from second half of 2014-2015.
- ii. Carry-over suspensions: None from second half of 2014-2015.
- iii. League Disciplinary Committee (2015-2016): Jane + Tosha Kelly (*London Strike*), Brenda Brenner (*St. Clements*), Barry Lamont (*St. Thomas*), Tori Wood (*Kitchener Bandits*).
- iv. Match and Misconduct Penalties: Reporting Process
 - Reporting process outlined (in detail) in the SWIRL Operating Manual (posted on SWIRL web site via WRRRA web site (www.wrra.ca)).

5. Operating Manual Changes - Jane Larkworthy

No changes aside from the date. Jane will ask the WRRRA web site manager (Keith Kaiser) to update and post.

6. League Format and Schedule:

2014 – 2015 Tiers:

	Tier 1 (B+)	Tier 2 (B)	Tier 3 (B-)	Tier 4 (C)
1	Chatham	Cambridge Coyotes	Dorchester	Centre Wellington C
2	Guelph Cougars	Guelph White	London Storm	Kitchener Bandits
3	Guelph Gold	Mitchell	St. Thomas	Kitchener Nites
4	Kitchener Rebels	St. Marys	Stratford Stingers	St. Clements
5	Kitchener Wildcats	Waterloo Fury	Tillsonburg	Waterloo C
6	London Strike	Woolwich Beez	Woodstock Red	
7	North Dumfries Cougars		Woodstock White	
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- Woodstock* (Red + White) permitted to drop to C under the condition they report any strong players who join the team
- Crossover games: With the exception of Waterloo C, all teams in B+, B and C tiers agreed to play crossover games to fill game schedules to 9 home and 9 away

- Chatham schedule:
 - Home ice time now 2:00 on Sundays
 - Teams volunteering to travel to Chatham: London Strike (x2), North Dumfries (early in season), Woolwich Legends (early in season), St. Marys (DH), St. Thomas (x2), Stratford Thunder.

7. New Business

- Stratford Thunder (tournament team) welcomes exhibition games.
- SWIRL teams looking for players: Woodstock, Cambridge, Woolwich Beez.
- Tournament listings: look for "Female" versus "Co-ed" (i.e., one or more males, not limited to goalkeepers); if you have a male (skater) on your TRF your team may be bumped up a level.
- Ontario Adult Invitational Cup (OAIC): host applications close Sept. 30; decision by Oct. 9.
- Chatham requested permission to add an underage player to their TRF; redirected to WRRRA; if approved at WRRRA Chatham will seek SWIRL approval for League participation.

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

September 17, 2015 – Guelph Cougars

Report:

- One coach from each team must attend a Refresher course this year. **Must pre-register through WRRRA (www.wrra.ca/off/).**
- All bench staff must sign code of conduct.
- Trying to promote female coaches.
- November 19th is the last day for A/AA teams to register for Regionals.
- WRRRA may include 18+ Regional level teams at Regionals but at a higher registration fee (than the other divisions); encouraging these adult teams to participate in OAIC.
- Coaches must carry their TRF while on the bench.
- Injuries must be reported within one week of occurrence.
- WRRRA requires an ADP Coordinator (announcement made (at both WRRRA & SWIRL meetings), no volunteers).

Remaining meetings for 2015-2016:

November 19, 2015 – (provincials fees due) – Waterloo Fury
 January 14, 2016 – (regionals \$200 deposit due) – Stratford Thunder
 February 25, 2016 – (General Meeting) – Dorchester
 April 14, 2016 – AGM – Waterloo C
 September XX 2016 – Guelph White

9. Announcements:

Tournaments: Check the ORA website for current listings (note F/C designations).

Coaching & Officiating Clinics: Refer to Western Region web site (www.wrra.ca).

10. **Next SWIRL meeting:** Tuesday January 12, 2016 at **7:30 p.m.**, Edelweiss Tavern (Kitchener).

11. **Adjournment:** 4:15 pm (moved by Guelph White, seconded by Tillsonburg).