

Meeting Minutes

SWIRL Meeting

Sunday, September 25, 2011

2:00 Edelweiss Tavern, Kitchener

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling
2. **Roll call:** Four new team requests :Tilsonburg, Tiverton, Guelph White, Woolwich Rebels. Stratford Dominion House taking a year off. Total of 31 teams.
3. **Agenda Review:** No major changes.
4. **January 2011 Meeting Minutes:** on website
5. **SWIRL Executive Committee Elections Proposed for 2011-2012:**

Chair - Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling

Vice Chair- Cathy Daultrey

Treasurer - Dawn Dickson

Secretary - Donise Cardas

Discipline Chair - Jane Larkworthy

Scheduler - Brenda Brenner

Registrar - Janet Lanteigne

Statistician & Web Site Manager – Cathy Daultrey, welcomes nominations, no nominations. Cathy will continue this but would like help and may need to be divided into two jobs.

Motion to accept Executive

M/S Guelph Gold, London Strike, Carried

6. Reports:

a. Chair's Report – Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling

- i. **Executive Committee Meeting August 2011-** they decided to do this so they would be prepared for September meeting and will continue to meet a little more frequently

- ii. **SWIRL Association Membership definition- Western Region**
 - iii. **SWIRL League Membership definition-Southern & Western teams**
 - iv. **SWIRL Membership Agreement (annual)** – a representative from each team will sign the membership agreement form, someone who understands the rules and will take this back to their team.
 - v. **Rule Change Year-** one person from coaching staff, coach or assistant must go to Rule Change Clinic. Attendance by additional bench staff is encouraged. Someone who is an official and coach only has to do one clinic. Clinics can be found on the Western Region Website. www.wrra.ca
 - vi. **Coaching Qualifications** (available on Western Region website www.wrra.ca)
 - vii. **Police Checks-** The ORA requires that Police Background Checks (PBC) be updated every three years. Those individuals requiring updated PBCs are asked to provide SWIRL with that information. There is a spot on the website to update those. www.swrl.on.ca
 - viii. **Website Changes-** Discussion with Western Region to add SWIRL to their website.
 - ix. **League Substitution Rules** – must use substitute who is registered with the league
 - x. **ORA Substitution Rules-** 3rd year Belles may be used but must be approved, the more notice they have the better. There is a TRF adjustment form that must be filled out for tournaments.
 - xi. **Tournament Rules for Adults-** Reference: ORA Operating Manual, Coaching, G&T and ADP Manuals (available on-line at www.ontario-ringette.com). Adult bench member required (can be coach or trainer or manager).
 - xii. **Equipment Rules Reminder-** Shoulder pads are mandatory for all U19 (Belle) age players and below, including those playing at the Open level who are 18 years of age or younger.
 - xiii. **Discussion for January 2012 meeting:** should shoulder pads be mandatory for everyone?
- b. **Financial Report – Dawn Dixon**
- i. Dawn Dickson presented the balance sheet (closing balance \$1,335.29 December 23 2010).
 - ii.
- c. **Registrar’s Report – Janet Lanteigne**
- d. **Webmaster’s Report** –Laurie Wey (outgoing)-no report
- e. **Statistician Report** – Laurie Wey (outgoing)-game sheets to be sent to Cathy Daultrey
- f. **Disciplinary Report – Jane Larkworthy**
- i. Review of penalties and suspensions- Jane reviewed the penalties and suspensions assessed

- ii. Carry-over suspensions- there were not any
- iii. League Disciplinary Committee for 2011-2012- There was a new volunteer, no objections to extend the committee to four but it was decided to leave Tom Houghtling as an alternate when needed.
- iv. Brenda Brenner (St. Clements, SWIRL scheduler)
- v. Cathy Daultrey (Elora-Fergus, SWIRL Vice-Chair)
- vi. Tom Houghtling (Waterloo, WRRRA ADP Coordinator)
- vii. Match and Misconduct Penalties-Reporting Process- this needs to be done right away, by both teams.

g. Western Region ADP Report – Tom Houghtling

- i. The Adult Challenge Cup has been changed to the Ontario Invitational Adult Cup

7. Operating Manual Changes-Jane Larkworthy

- a. Section C: change “19” to “18” (I actually missed this one last year; I found it when I put together the membership agreement)
- b. Section D i), add new 2nd sentence: “Southern Region teams registering with the ORA through SWIRL will be considered as being within the jurisdiction of Western Region.”
- c. Section D iii), 1st para., add new 2nd sentence: “The League Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the League, including matter of discipline.”

Motion to accept changes to Operating Manual

M/S Guelph Gold/London Strike, Carried

8. New Team Applications: Representatives brought forward applications for the 2011-2012

Tilsonburg, Teviotdale, Guelph White, Woolwich Rebels

Motion to accept all four teams into the league, Carried.

9. Team Changes-London Open A- withdrawing, Stratford Dominion House withdrawing for current season, may be available for exhibition games.

10. League Format and Schedule:

- a. Review of last season & seeding of teams for this season- everyone was happy with last season’s seeding.

b. Proposed Tiers for 2011-2012 season

	Tier 1 (B+)	Tier 2 (B)	Tier 3 (B-)	Tier 4 (C)
1	Guelph Blue	Cambridge Coyotes	Dorchester	Cambridge Cougars
2	Guelph Gold	Mitchell	London Storm	Elora-Fergus
3	Kitchener Buccaneers	St. Thomas	Stratford Stingers	Kitchener Nites
4	Kitchener Rebels	Waterloo Fury	Woodstock 1	London C
5	Kitchener Wildcats	Woolwich Beez	Woodstock 2	St. Clements
6	London Strike	Woolwich Devils	Tilsonburg	Waterloo C
7	North Dumfries (Ary)	St. Marys		
8	Woolwich B	Kitchener Bandits		
9	Waterloo Immortals			
10	Chatham			
11	Guelph White			

c. League Dates : Start Date Nov. 1st, No games over Christmas Break, End Date March 25th 2012.

d. Schedule: Please submit all ice times by Sept. 27th

11. Western Region Meetings: (Spruce Lodge, Stratfore, 7:30 pm)

September 2011- St. Marys

November 2011- Woolwich B

January 2012- Stratford Stingers

March 2012- Elora Fergus

April 2012- St. Clements

September 2012- Kitchener Bandits

12. New Business:

St. Marys Tournament needs Open B teams, 2nd Weekend in Dec.

London Tournament needs Open C teams, Nov 10-12, 2011

Waterloo and London have a need for players

13. Announcements (Chair):

SWIRL Operating Manual: An updated version (including this year's amendments in *bold italics*) is posted on the SWIRL web site (www.swrl.on.ca).

Tournaments: Current listings are on the ORA website (<http://www.ontario-ringette.com/20102011Tourny.pdf>); WRRRA Regionals, March 2012 in Guelph and Elora-Fergus

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

Rules Clinics: Refer to Western Region web site (www.wrra.ca)

14. Next SWIRL meeting: Tuesday January 10, 2012 at **7:30 p.m.** at the Edelweiss Tavern

15. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm. Motion Guelph Gold, Woolwich B