

SWIRL Meeting
AGENDA
Sunday, September 16, 2012
2:00pm Edelweiss Tavern 600 Doon Village Road Kitchener, ON N2P 1T6

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1. **Call to Order** – called to order at 2pm by Nancy NH

2. **Roll call**

a. **New teams:**

- i. Laurier Brantford Golden Hawks (B) – Amy Skinner
 - will play B and B+ crossover games
 - now registered under Paris Ringette, occurred after meeting

Motion to accept Laurier Brantford → M/S: Guelph Blue, North Dumfries, carried

- ii. Elora-Fergus (B) – Janet Atkinson
 - will play B+

Motion to accept Elora-Fergus B → M/S: Guelph Gold, Chatham, carried

3. **Agenda Review**

- scheduling will be moved to before Chair's Report – will be item 6.b. instead of 6.f.
- Chatham schedule to be discussed with Finance Report – now item 6.c.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **January 2012 Meeting Minutes:** on website
 - check and change dates - January 11, 2012

Motion to accept Minutes → M/S: Guelph Gold, Woodstock Red, carried

5. **SWIRL Executive Committee Elections Proposed for 2012-2013:**

Chair - Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling

Vice Chair- Cathy Daultrey

Treasurer - vacant

Secretary – Lindsay Julian

Discipline Chair - Jane Larkworthy

Scheduler - Brenda Brenner

Registrar - Janet Lanteigne

Statistician & Web Site Manager – open (currently covered by Vice Chair)

Motion to accept Executive → M/S: Woodstock White, Cambridge Coyotes, carried

**Treasurer position filled by Lindsay Julian occurred after the meeting was adjourned

6. **Reports:**

a. **Chair's Report** – Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling

- i. **ORA AGM Report** – change in voting, discussion re male players

- voting is done by number of teams in an association rather than 1 vote/association

- membership rates went up/player
- rebate coming from ORA to SWIRL, extra money back based on membership registration → executive will take a look at what to do with the money
- male goalies playing in SWIRL will be discussed at January meeting
- they are allowed at Tournaments and exhibition games, but not in our League games, as long as the opponent(s) know ahead of time
 - ii. **Executive Committee Meeting Aug 2012** – meeting of 2 members only – decision made to change meeting date as facility was not available, no other formal decisions made.
 - iii. **SWIRL Association Membership definition** – Western Region
 - 50th Anniversary of Ringette in Ontario, crests made by ORA to commemorate
 - sewn on RIGHT shoulder (miscommunication about left shoulder)
 - crest is to be sewn on before first League games, expected to be there for ALL Tournaments
 - logo can be used publicly, contact ORA office for electronic version
 - iv. **SWIRL League Membership definition** – Southern & Western teams
 - v. **SWIRL Membership Agreement (annual)** – a representative from each team will sign the membership agreement form.
 - vi. **Insurance** – Statement of Insurance Coverage available on the ORA website
 - liability insurance covered through ORA, information available on their website to give to your city/town if need be
 - vii. **Coaching Qualifications** (available on Western Region website www.wrra.ca)
 - Coaches who complete a CSI or CI clinic during the 2011/2012 playing season have until January 8th, 2013 to obtain their MED Certification. (This means at this point everyone else should already have it!)
 - i. contact Mike Genereaux with any questions
 - ii. coaches MUST be on your TRF and physically on the bench for Tournaments
 - iii. Manager can also be on bench but in a non-player role then coach can play
 - iv. can pull a coach from another team after completing a TRF adjustment
 - viii. **Police Checks** – 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. All teams are asked to submit full updates. www.wrra.ca/swirl.
- all bench staff must have a Police check as we are a volunteer organization
- do not need the hard copy to SWIRL, just update when and where it was completed on the website
- due **January 8th, 2013**
 - ix. **Website Changes** – SWIRL added to Western Region page
 - if you are having trouble, register for a Google gmail account (use your team name)
 - if there are still issues please let the executive know
 - x. **League Substitution Rules** – must use substitute who is registered with the league. League does not limit the number of times a sub can play for league play. Please remember to sub a player of appropriate calibre. If a player of

higher calibre is used, they should act in a support function so as not to significantly impact the play level of the team.

- substitution rules will be changed to ORA rules (same as below) to streamline
- exhibition games use ORA substitution rules as well

Motion to change SWIRL substitution rules to ORA substitution rules → M/S: Guelph Gold, Waterloo Immortals, carried by majority

- xi. **ORA Substitution Rules**- May substitute up to 4 skaters (plus goalie) to roster size of 12 skaters (plus goalie) or their original roster size, whichever is less.
- xii. **ORA Jersey Requirements** – all teams must have home & away jerseys; all jerseys MUST have number on front AND back in accordance with the Operating manual (this is a fineable offense)
 - no number on front in a Tournament, refs can refuse to ref the game and your team will be fined
 - away jersey – go purchase cheap white jersey and put numbers on front and back
- xiii. **Tournament Running Time** - When used, running time may only occur in the second period and will commence at any time during that period when there is a seven (7) goal differential. If the goal differential goes below seven (7), then the game will go back to stop time. If a penalty is called during running time, then the clock stops and restarts when play commences. The clock will stop for injuries or if a time out is called and restarts when play commences during running time as amended.
 - happens ONLY in 2nd period, never first
 - clock with also stop for penalties
 - can go to running time in League games as a choice from the teams, rules are still the same
- xiv. **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).
 - adults can sub twice/year no matter the team
 - no cap on substitutions for goalies
- xv. **Scope of ORA Rules & Policies** - That unless otherwise stated all ORA rules and policies apply to all practices and ORA games (including exhibition and League games).
- xvi. **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. (no change from previous years)

b. Scheduler's Report – Brenda Brenner

- please remember to put **contact name and phone number** on schedule
- please put **Tournament dates** on the schedule (i.e., London Nov. 9-11th) not just the name, it is not Brenda's responsibility to search for the dates
- you MUST mention on your schedule what teams you would not like to play when you hand it in **not after** the schedule is done
- if you have to reschedule a game, go to SWIRL website and use the "Game Changes" link (<http://www.wrra.ca/swirl/>)

- c. Financial Report** – provided by Dawn Dixon, shared by Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling
- larger bank balance than expected, executive will decide what to do with money
 - Western Region may ask for expenses for the website maintenance

Chatham - Chuck

- invoices handed out for 5 teams who missed games in Chatham
- 9 home games scheduled, 5 cancelled and rescheduled 2-3 times but cancelled again → Kitchener Wildcats, Guelph White, Woolwich B+, Kitchener Buccaneers, Kitchener Rebels
- London representatives said to contact any of their teams 2wks to 1wk in advance to pick up substitutes

Kitchener Rebels

- paid invoice no questions asked

Kitchener Wildcats

- motion put on the table 1st Jane Larkworthy, 2nd Mitchell for Wildcats to pay 50% of Dec. 18th ice for less than 72hrs notice given for cancellation → vote by membership: 27 in favour, 4 against, carried and Wildcats to pay

Guelph White, Woolwich B+, Kitchener Buccaneers

- all gave notice
- motion put on the table 1st Jane Larkworthy, 2nd St. Clements for payment to Chatham for 50% of ice with notice given, the games rescheduled by never played → vote by membership: 16 in favour, 15 against, 1 absent, carried to pay Chatham
- amendment put on the table 1st Mitchell, 2nd Guelph White that the 50% be split between the teams and SWIRL, motion failed
- motion put on table 1st Woolwich Beez, 2nd Cambridge Coyotes for SWIRL to pay the 50% from the association account given that there was 72hrs notice given (this would be one instance only) → vote by membership: 22 in favour, 7 against, carried and SWIRL to pay Chatham

d. Registrar's Report – Janet Lanteigne

- all documents emailed to you, 9 attachments
- all documents due by October 15th, changes/adjustments due by December 31st to be sent to ORA for January 8th
- if you register with your home association, send your TRF to SWIRL by Oct. 31st

e. Webmaster's Report – Cathy Daultrey/Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling

- the executive is still looking for someone to take over this role from Cathy

f. Statistician Report – Cathy Daultrey

- the executive is still looking for someone to take over this role from Cathy
- online *report AND paper copy* must be submitted by both Home and Away teams
- no scanning of the paper copy, keep them all and mail them at the end of the month to Cathy
- if ref has commented on the game sheet it has to be written in the correct box on the online form
- use the other comment box for your own comments if you wish

- major penalties and match misconduct must be reported online even if ref did not make a comment on the game sheet
- suspension of the coach or he/she being told to leave the game, you must give notice to Jane within 24hrs of the game (both teams)

g. Disciplinary Report – Jane Larkworthy

- Review of penalties and suspensions
 - 5 suspension penalties assessed resulting in 7 suspended games
 - 1 major, 4 misconducts, 1 match penalty
- Carry-over suspensions
 - 1 carry-over from Open BB Western Region final
- League Disciplinary Committee for 2012-2013
 - current Jane Larkworthy (chair), Brenda Brenner, Cathy Daultry, Nina Kavalinas needs to be contacted (absent from meeting, contacted and agreed to stand for 2012-2013)
 - rescheduling or cancellation of games need to be emailed to Nancy, Cathy and cc'd to team you are complaining about within 24hrs → a decision will be made by the committee in 30 days; if there is an inability to reschedule then email Jane
- Match, Misconduct and Excessive Penalties – Reporting Process
 - excessive penalties → 30 or more team minutes; 10 or more player minutes
 - BOTH teams to report situation to Discipline Chair within 24hrs, non-offending team to forward the game sheet to Chair within 48hrs

h. Western Region ADP Report

- Western Region needs an ADP Rep. Since this group represents all but Adult B/C team (not including shinny groups) in Western Region, it would be preferred that the rep come from a SWIRL team. 2 meetings per year @ ORA, Western Region Exec & General Meetings (about 10).

7. Operating Manual Changes – Jane Larkworthy

- most recent version with amendments available on SWIRL website, revisions made at September meeting will be forwarded to Jane which she will then prepare in a document for discussion in January and edit the 2011-2012 version

8. New Team Applications: Representatives brought forward applications for the 2012-2013

- Laurier Brantford Golden Hawks (B)
- Elora-Fergus (B)

- discussed during Roll Call

9. Team Changes

- Dominion House is withdrawing as a team for this year.
- Cambridge Cougars – withdraw for the year
- Woolwich Devils??

10. League Format and Schedule:

a. Review of last season's seeding of teams:

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

b. Proposed Tiers for 2012-2013 season

| | Tier 1 (B+) | Tier 2 (B) | Tier 3 (B-) | Tier 4 (C) |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Guelph Blue | Cambridge Coyotes | Dorchester | Centre Wellington C |
| 2 | Guelph Gold | Mitchell | London Storm | Kitchener Nites |
| 3 | Kitchener Buccaneers | St. Thomas | Stratford Stingers | London C |
| 4 | Kitchener Rebels | Waterloo Fury | Woodstock 1 | St. Clements |
| 5 | Kitchener Wildcats | Woolwich Beez | Woodstock 2 | Waterloo C |
| 6 | London Strike | <i>Woolwich Devils (?)*</i> | Tillsonburg | Cambridge Cougars (?)* |
| 7 | North Dumfries (Ayr) | St. Marys | <i>Kitchener Bandits**</i> | |
| 8 | Woolwich B | LB Golden Hawks*** | | |
| 9 | Waterloo Immortals | <i>Elora Fergus B***</i> | | |
| 10 | Chatham | <i>Guelph White **</i> | | |
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*Status ??

** Suggested moves – must be confirmed by the team(s).

***Suggested for new teams

- all teams in bold have agreed to play Chatham

- Tier 2 and Tier 3 will have some cross-over games

- Elora-Fergus B and Guelph White will play in Tier 1, LB Golden Hawks will cross-over between Tier 1 and Tier 2

c. Final Tiers for 2012-2013 season

| | Tier 1 (B+) | Tier 2 (B) | Tier 3 (B-) | Tier 4 (C) |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Guelph Blue | Cambridge Coyotes | Dorchester | Centre Wellington C |
| 2 | Guelph Gold | Mitchell | London Storm | Kitchener Nites |
| 3 | Kitchener Buccaneers | St. Thomas | Stratford Stingers | London C |
| 4 | Kitchener Rebels | Waterloo Fury | Woodstock Red | St. Clements |
| 5 | Kitchener Wildcats | Woolwich Beez | Woodstock White | Waterloo C |
| 6 | London Strike | St. Marys | Tillsonburg | <i>Kitchener Bandits</i> |
| 7 | North Dumfries (Ayr) | Paris B (Brantford) | | |
| 8 | Woolwich B | | | |
| 9 | Waterloo Immortals | | | Not in League: |
| 10 | Chatham | | | University of Western Ontario (A) |
| 11 | <i>Guelph White</i> | | | St Jacobs Flash (C) |
| 12 | <i>Elora Fergus B</i> | | | |

d. League Dates: Start Date Nov. 1st, no games over Christmas Break, end date March 18th 2012.

e. Schedule: Please submit all ice times at the meeting (Sept 16th) at latest.

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

September 20, 2012- Kitchener Bandits

November 22, 2012 – (provincials fees due) – St. Marys

January 17, 2013 – (regionals \$200 deposit due) – London

February 28, 2013 – (General Meeting) – Woodstock

April 18th 2013 – AGM – Elora-Fergus B

September 2013 – Kitchener Nites

12. New Business:

13. Announcements (Chair):

ORA is looking for a host for the 2013 Ontario Adult Invitation Cup March/April 2013

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

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

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

- All current coaches should now have MED

Rules Clinics: Refer to Western Region web site (www.wrra.ca) – placeholder only – not a rule change year

14. Next SWIRL meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., location to be confirmed.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn → M/S: Centre Wellington, Woodstock White, carried

Dates to Remember:

Adult only tournaments:

Durham Adult Tournament, Oct 19 – 21, 2012

GAARA, Ottawa area, March 9, 2013

Mitchell B/B-, November 23 – 25, 2012

U19 World Championships, London, Dec 28 – Jan 3, 2013

University Challenge Cup, North Bay, Dec 29 – Jan 1, 2013

Provincial AA Championships, Waterloo, March 7 – 10, 2013

Provincial A Championships, Nepean, March 14 – 17, 2013

WRRR Regionals, Guelph/Elora-Fergus, March 22 – 24, 2013

CRC's, Fredericton, Mar 31 – April 8, 2013

Eastern Canadians, Fredericton, TBD

U12 Event, Oshawa, April 11 – 14, 2013