



**Minutes - West Ottawa Ringette Association  
Annual General Meeting June 7th 2022 19h30-21h30**

**WORA Board Executives in attendance :**

Julia Gorham	x	Dee Blaine	x	Kimberly Janeczek	x	Shannon Ambrose	x
Deanna Lamarche	x	Barry Gorham	x	Allyssia Chamberlain	x	Mike MacDougall	x

**WORA members in attendance ():**

Anthony Marchment	Kevin Landry	Penny MacGregor
Cindy Lajeunesse	Kyle Clattenburg	Randy Cote
Ted Wilson	Laura Corker	Shane Allan
Erin Waterfall	Leanne Tyler	Stephanie Pulleyblank
Erin Carriere	Mark McGaraughty	Wendy Seguin
Heather Massie	Meagan Beck	
Jacque Samuels	Michelle Sabourin	

**Non voting members in attendance:** Alison Press

Agenda Item	Notes
Acceptance of agenda for 2022 AGM	20 people in attendance in addition to the 8 members of the Board of Directors; quorum reached. Meeting called to order by <b>Julia 7:37</b> . Julia thanked everyone and for attending and updated everyone as to why the originally scheduled meeting was moved. Based on the storm in Ottawa a lot of members did not have power or internet or were still cleaning up so the board thought it best to delay so more members could attend

<p><b>Approval of the 2022 AGM Agenda</b></p>	<p>Motion by Julia to approve the agenda. first agreed by Mark McGaraughty and was seconded by Erin Waterfall. Vote in favour - motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Acceptance of minutes for 2021 AGM</b></p>	<p>Motion by Julia to accept the minutes from the 2021 AGM. Stephanie Pulleyblank first agreed and was seconded by Jacquie Samuels. Vote in favour, motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Overview of the 2020-21 season</b></p>	<p>Julia asked everyone on the board to introduce themselves. The executive went round table and gave some information on what role they held.</p> <p>Julia gave a 2021-2022 recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Late start to the season – this meant all tryouts and sort outs happened in the fall as was laid out by Ringette Ontario and other governing bodies</li> <li>- Overview of some RO policy changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o FUN2 had no official games but we organized regionally to have games with the region</li> <li>o 2 teams at one level then they will be balanced – this is still under review</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Shutdowns at Christmas – Omicron outbreak in WORA impacted many teams and then province shutdowns impacted us but we resumed early February</li> <li>- No tournament was held due to Covid outbreaks and Provincial recommendations</li> <li>- Shout out to Blayne Ferguson for the WORA tournament fundraiser</li> <li>- Reviewed our associations Provincial and NCRRL winners</li> </ul>
<p><b>Report of Directors</b></p>	<p>Regional Director Allyssia Chamberlain spoke about Children’s ringette for the 2021-2022 season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New this season were FUN 1, 2, and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o U9 and U10 combined (Fun 3)</li> <li>o FUN2- U8,</li> <li>o FUN1 Bunnies – noted that this fall Fun2 will move to half ice ringette games</li> </ul> </li> <li>- FUN2 – NCRRL is holding working group to review changes and implementation for upcoming season to ensure consistency across region</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is a FUN3 working group in place to review lessons learned from last season to drive improvements in team formation</li> </ul> <p>Director of Player development, Mike MacDougall gave an overview of the programs run this season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goalie clinics were ran by Syd Catlyn – great attendance at all age groups – good feedback from players and parents</li> <li>- GSC ran regional and U12 power skating programs</li> <li>- Competitive power skating program was brought in house this year due to Peak shutdown – program cost cut significantly, moved focus to ringette specific skating skills for 25mins to ensure engagement and balance of time was run by coaches</li> <li>- Dryland didn't happen this year due to COVID – will resume next year</li> </ul> <p>Director of Logistics, Deanna Lamarche</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expect 2-3% increase in ice costs</li> <li>- Will stay with Barhaven Source for Sports next year – survey results showed overall favourable experience. Discussed supply chain issues that impacted product availability. We will be working on improvements based on survey feedback.</li> </ul> <p>Mike MacDougall gave a registration update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RAMP is now fully integrated – using as website, registration tool and team schedule</li> <li>- Reg numbers increased this year</li> <li>- 355 total registrants (up from 307 in 2020-2021 and from 338 in 2019-2020)</li> <li>- 75 in the Fun1/Fun2 groups</li> <li>- 44 in Fun3</li> <li>- 236 U12 and up</li> </ul>
<p><b>Financial Report</b></p>	<p>Treasurer (K Janeczek) gave a detailed summary of the financial reports for the 2022-22 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We worked towards \$8600 balanced budget but came in with a \$47534 surplus – this drove a review of various income and expenses</li> <li>- We have \$47000 surplus from ice cancellations due to Covid shutdowns and player registration increase- expect to provide all members with a refund but need to reconcile year end to finalize amounts – more information to follow</li> <li>- Next season expect revenues of \$271K less all expenses with a planned surplus of \$10K</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using risk mitigation approach to budget – expect 3% increase in ice –not proposing registration fee increase</li> </ul> <p>Motion by K Janeczek to approve the budget for the 2022-2023 season. <b>Mark McGaraughty first agreed and was seconded by Penny MacGregor. Vote in favour - motion carried. (24 vote in favour, 0 votes against)</b></p>
<p><b>THANK YOU's</b></p>	<p>Barry Gorham reviewed all coaching staff for the 2021-2022 season and expressed thanks to all volunteers</p> <p>Shannon Ambrose provided thanks to all coordinators for everything they do, noted that lots were new to the roles. She also asked for new volunteers – and reviewed all coordinator positions that are still open.</p> <p>Julia reviewed all award winners for this year and also discussed the creation of a new award for Assistant Coach on the Year in commemoration of Stephanie Nugent. Stephanie was a long standing assistant coach for West Ottawa who passed away. Julia read a commemoration written about Stephanie Nugent and her tremendous impact on the players she coached.</p>
<p><b>Question Period</b></p>	<p>Julia opened question period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kyle Clattenburg asked a question regarding power skating and what the proper channels for communication were. He noted that the regional programs aren't through WORA and Julia clarified that if you are registered through GSC than yes that is proper channel.</li> <li>- Anthony Marchment asked does the budget include additional practice ice for next year. Kim responded that budget created is based on what we see our needs are based registration forecasts but what we get is based on what city allows – Deanna indicated that we haven't received ice allocations yet.</li> <li>- Jacquie Samuels asked what we were doing to promote registration next year – Julia indicated we will be doing extra marketing, come and try's, hand out flyers, put a booth at Market at the Barn, asked for everyone's help to promote</li> <li>- Stephanie Pulleybank asked if there was any consideration to offering the Goalies in the older age groups weekly clinics vs every other week. Mike indicated the clinics need to be split evenly across all age groups</li> </ul>

<p><b>Election of Directors</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Julia explained the Directors in year 1 and year 2</li> <li>- Previous members who have expressed interest in returning are Barry Gorham, Shannon Ambrose and Kimberly Janeczek</li> <li>- Those who had put their name forward for election in advance are Stephanie Pulleyblank, Leanne Tyler, Cindy Lajeunesse and Alison Press</li> <li>- No one else put their name forward for election from the floor</li> <li>- No election required as all 10 seats will be filled by those who have put their name forward</li> </ul> <p>New board members provided introduction for themselves</p> <p>.</p>
<p><b>New business</b></p>	<p>Julia reviewed new business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RO funding – new program – requested 5K each for marketing and equipment – we were approved for 9.5K – planned to spend them on new FUN1 jerseys, loaner equipment, player development, marketing – partnering with a member to create videos to use for promotion and marketing</li> <li>- Recap from ERRR AGM – Respect in Sport – online e-learning course that RO will now mandate that 1 person per family will need to take for \$10 – refundable through program –details TBD</li> <li>- Qualifying competitive tournaments will happen between Jan and Feb – minimum of 2 tournaments during that period of time and encouraged to participate in 3-4 tournaments through the year</li> <li>- Tryouts almost done - U19A in progress and then sort outs will happen in early fall</li> <li>- WORA tournament will resume next season – Shane Allan is the tournament coordinator</li> <li>- Fun2working group being run by NCRRL</li> <li>- Bylaw review – executive will be taking on next season – any changes are required to be approved at AGM with 30 days' notice to members of change.</li> <li>- Registration opening July 2022 – season opening owned by RC and RO, hoping for a July 1<sup>st</sup> opening – will make announcement</li> </ul>

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm