



**Minutes - West Ottawa Ringette Association  
Annual General Meeting May 18th 2021 19h30-21h30**

**WORA Board Executives in attendance (9):**

Chris Ellison	x	Dee Blaine	x	Kimberly Janeczek	x	Shannon Ambrose	x
Deanna Lamarche	x	Barry Gorham	x	Lisa Fischer	x		
Julia Gorham	x	Mike MacDougall	x				

**WORA members in attendance (23):**

Alicia Macdonald Allyssia Chamberlain Andrea Godin Andree Nunnikhoven Anthony Marchment Bengt Neatherly Blayne Ferguson Carolynn Landry	Cindy Lajeunesse Jacquie Samuels Jamie Barteaux Janet Lorimer Kristen Stewart Kyle Clattenburg Mark McGaraughty Meagan Beck Melanie Mathers Cote Nancy Byrns	Paul Raymond Penny MacGregor Richard Binder Sheila Lacroix Susan Sykes
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**Non voting members in attendance:**

Actions & Motions are added to the WORA Board Operating Spreadsheet maintained by the Secretary. Unfortunately, due to a recording error, the names of firsts and seconds were not recorded during the meeting.

Agenda Item	Notes
Acceptance of agenda for 2021 AGM	<p>23 members in attendance in addition to the 9 members of the Board of Directors; quorum reached. Meeting called to order by C Ellison at 19h40. Chris thanked members for attending, introduced himself as well as the members of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>Motion by C Ellison to approve the agenda. <b>xxx first agreed and was seconded by XXX. Vote in favour, motion carried. (26 vote in favour, 0 votes against, 27 eligible voters)</b></p>
Acceptance of minutes for 2020 AGM	<p>Motion by C Ellison to accept the minutes from the 2020 AGM. <b>XXX first agreed and was seconded by XXXX. Vote in favour, motion carried. (24 vote in favour, 0 votes against, 27 eligible voters)</b></p>
Overview of the 2020-21 season	<p>C Ellison provided a summary of the 2020-21 season outlining the various timeframes WORA offered programming despite the challenges on the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>He also thanked Blayne Ferguson and Tricia McBride for organizing the golf fundraising tournament in August of 2021 which raised 2365\$ for the association</p>
Report of Directors	<p>Director of Player Development (M MacDougall) provided an update on the player development sessions that ran despite restrictions secondary to COVID protocols (cancelled goalie clinics, shooting clinics, power skating, NRL run practices). He thanks Colleen Hagan, Syd Catlin and Andree Nunnikhoven for their tremendous work in developing coaching resources for WORA coaches. Next year, the hope is to return to more active player development scheduling.</p> <p>Logistics Director (D Lamarche) provided an update re: projected ice costs for the 2021-22 season. She also announced that the board will move to a new teamwear supplier as RinkPro will be closing. Barrhaven Source4Sports will have virtual and in-person WORA teamwear available in the near future.</p> <p>Registrar (J Gorham) announced that WORA will be transitioning to the RAMP system in the upcoming year. She reviewed current registration numbers: 262 participants in the U10 age group and up as well as 44 participants in FUN1 and 2. Julia also updated that the grocery card program will be cancelled for the upcoming season as it was not financially sustainable for the association.</p>

Financial Report	<p>Treasurer (K Janeczek) gave a detailed summary of the financial reports for the 2020-21 season (see attached slides). The net balance is a surplus of 18,700\$ which will be transferred to WORA reserves. Next, she outlined projected costs for the 2021-22 season including a proposal for registration at 725\$ (early bird 695\$) Motion by K Janeczek to accept the proposed registration fee. <b>XXX first agreed and was seconded by xxxxxxx. Vote in favour, motion carried. (23 vote in favour, 0 votes against, 27 eligible voters)</b></p>
Election of Directors	<p>C Ellison thanked all the WORA on ice instructors, coordinators and board of directors for their commitment over this past season.</p> <p>A summary of current board member positions was given, outlining which board members are up for re-election.</p> <p>Carolynn Landry and Alyssia Chamberlain gave advance notification expressing interest to join the board.</p> <p>Mike MacDougall, Julia Gorham and Lisa Fischer expressed interest in continuing with their involvement in the board.</p> <p>The virtual floor was opened to receive any nominations from attendants to join the board of directors. No nominations came forth. <b>All interested individuals were thus acclaimed to the board.</b></p>
New business	<p>Tryouts: WORA is waiting for further direction from Ringette Ontario regarding tryouts but there will be no tryouts in the spring summer and all teams will have tryouts/sort outs in the fall.</p> <p>There was a question pre-submitted by a WORA member asking if the board was going to survey members regarding interest in registering for the upcoming season. D Blaine explained that this is being considered and more information to come forth after the next board meeting.</p> <p>A second pre-submitted question was asked if WORA had considered restructuring to allow for more oversight by a greater number of people. D Blaine explained based on our membership size of 300 the current board numbers and coordinator numbers seemed in good proportion to supporting that. She also expressed that we are always looking for volunteers and that we would welcome any suggestions.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 20h25.</p>