

SWIRL Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2014
7:30 p.m. Edelweiss Tavern, Kitchener

1. Call to Order and Roll call – Laura Pfanner

Absent: Dorchester and Chatham

2. Agenda Additions – No additional items.

3. Approval of September 2013 Minutes

Correction identified for item #6 h) should read “.... Since this group represents almost **all** Adult B/C teams...”

Motion: To approve the corrected minutes of September 2013 – M/S – St. Clements/London B. Carried.

4. Reports:

Chair – Laura Pfanner introduced Marj Bauman as the new Secretary

Treasurer – Lindsay Julian presented the budget report. Each team received a refund cheque from funds received from ORA. There are excess funds in the SWIRL account of approximately \$4,000. If you have an idea of a use for these funds please email Lindsay at swirl.treasurer@outlook.com. New email addresses have been set up for each executive member: Laura – swirl.chair@outlook.com, Cathy – swirl.vicechair@outlook.com, Mike – swirl.registrar@outlook.com, Jane - swirl.discipline@outlook.com, Brenda - swirl.scheduler@outlook.com, Marj - swirl.secretary@outlook.com

Registrar – Lindsay reported as she did most of the registration this year. Being the first year, it was a learning curve and they hope to streamline things and do as much on-line as possible next year. **All teams that do not register through SWIRL must provide a TRF to the SWIRL registrar. Currently none of these TRF’s have been received. Please email them to swirl.registrar@outlook.com.**

Scheduler – Brenda Brenner apologized for a few double bookings. In an effort to catch any issues earlier next year, the schedule will be distributed as one master schedule. Each team will need to pick out their 9 home and 9 away games. This will serve as a double check that there are no problems. **This year’s master schedule is posted on the SWIRL website and should be verified to ensure there are no problems with the rest of the season.**

Statistician/Website – Cathy Daultry reported that she has not received many game sheets. Also the game sheets that have been received are missing information or not filled in correctly. This has been a reoccurring problem. **Please pass on to those responsible for completing the games sheets the importance of filling out all the information and submitting them to Cathy in a timely manner.** There has been some confusion when submitting scores including one of the London teams. Please note the names and level of each of these teams are as follows: London Storm B-, London B, and London Strike B+.

Discipline – Jane Larkworthy has nothing to report.

5. League Format – seeding issues

A concern was expressed that teams that are visiting London are using London B+ players as substitutes when playing lower level London teams, resulting in severe losses for the London teams. **Substitutions should be of the same caliber and repeated substitutions by the same players, for the same teams and players, should be avoided. If no same caliber players are available as substitutes and higher level players are used, these players should be put in a position as not to overpower the play. Substitution currently operates on the honour system for this to be followed. This will be revisited in September and if it continues to be an issue there may be a need for a ruling to cap the number of allowable times a player can substitute.**

There was also discussion around ORA seeding versus SWIRL seeding. The Stratford Stingers register with ORA on their TRF as CC; however for league play they are seeded B-. This is an option for any team if your team is finding it difficult competing in tournaments at the level you are seeded in SWIRL. Keep in mind that ORA may reseed you in December for tournament play if they feel you are incorrectly seeded.

**6. Other Business
Tournaments**

Current listing is on the ORA website under [Games and Tournaments](#)
[WRRA](#) Regionals – March 28-30, 2014, Guelph, Elora-Fergus - **\$200 bond is due at the next Western Region meeting. This tournament was originally priced at \$625 but may be as high as \$900. The Woolwich Beez will verify the cost and report back to Lindsay immediately after the Western Region meeting. Lindsay will then pass that on to the teams.**
[Adult Challenge Cup](#) – March 21-23, 2014, Western Fair Sports Centre, London **Due to the potential cost of Regionals this event is being promoted as an alternative. The cost is \$780 for 4 game guarantee. They hope to have 25 teams, 5 in each division. Register at www.2014oaic.com.**

Coaching Qualifications

See ORA Operating Manual, Coaching Development (available on-line at www.ontario-ringette.com). **To avoid any issues, bench staff should carry credentials when attending sanctioned events.**

7. New Business

ORA has approved affiliates between regional B/C teams for two team player contracts effective next season. Maximum of two affiliate players per team applies.

ORA is also proposing to allow a third year Belle to affiliate with an Open 18+ team of the same skill level. Currently the third year Belle must either play Belle or Open but not both. **After some discussion a vote was taken showing SWIRL is not in support of this proposal. Laura will report this to ORA.**

Laura has received communication from Steph Miller who is looking to play defense for a B or BB team in Cambridge next year. Steph also knows of a number of players that could result in enough for a second team in Cambridge. Contact Laura for Steph's contact info.

- 8. Next SWIRL meeting: September 21, 2014, 2:00 p.m., Location: Edelweiss Tavern, Kitchener – It is compulsory that all teams send a rep to each meeting.**
- 9. Adjournment – Motion: To adjourn at 8:35. M/S Kitchener Nites/St.Clements Carried**