



# WRRL MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2022

7:00pm

Zoom Meeting (See Below)

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call-Associations and Executive

### Present:

- Jason Vermeiren (President)
- Erin Schmid (Elora Fergus)
- Brian Hesse (Goderich)
- Shannon Crinklaw (Secretary)
- Ian Sizer (Hanover)
- Eric V (Chatham)
- Chris Dowson (Mitchell – Treasurer)
- Kristen Cadotte (Tillsonburg)
- Nicole Perkins (Guelph – Eastern Commissioner)
- Paul Norris (Chatham)
- Shae Stanbra (Forest)
- Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (Competitions)
- Graeme Hamilton (Goderich)
- Margie Van Oirschot (Western Commissioner)
- Shelley Handley (Dorchester)
- Brian Kittes (Kitchener)

### Absent:

- Exeter/Seaforth
- London
- St. Mary
- St. Thomas
- Owen Sound
- Waterloo
- Wellington North
- Mark LaFranier (Vice President)

3. Approval of Agenda-January 20, 2022
4. Executive Reports
  - a) Financial report by Chris Dowson
    - No changes to financials
    - Ringette Ontario cheque for \$150 was never cashed and voided

**Current Financial Statements 01 10 2022**

Prepared by Chris Dowson (WRRL Treasurer)



Income Statement	
Aug 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Team fees	\$ -
NOTE : Association Team information TBD.	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Fees (Paid to date)	\$ -
Meeting Room Rental	\$ -
Software (Paid to date)	\$ -
Banners	\$ -
Additional bank Fees (est.)	\$ -
Credit to W-N RA, 2019 Overpayment	\$ 10.00
Credit to Kitchener RA, 2019 Overpayment	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Expenses (Estimated)</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Estimated)</b>	<b>-\$ 35.00</b>

Balance Sheet	
<b>Assets</b>	
Bank Account- current	\$ 6,419.96
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,419.96</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Banners	\$ -
Additional bank Fees (est.)	\$ -
Credit to W-N RA, 2019 Overpayment	\$ 10.00
Credit to Kitchener RA, 2019 Overpayment	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Liabilities (Estimated)</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Year End Bank Account (Estimated)</b>	<b>\$ 6,384.96</b>

## 5. Games and Tournaments

### a) Return to Ringette

- Government Announcement made today for reopening plan
- Ringette Ontario has not officially announced next steps
- Any competition scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> needs to be re-scheduled
- Suggestion is to have 2 game plans while waiting on more information:
  1. First plan to get back on the ice January 31<sup>st</sup>
  2. Second Plan for extended return could include just practices

### b) Year End Tournament

- Currently still planned to go ahead on March 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Deadline to cancel is March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Currently working for Score 2 Stats to get team registration set-up

- If the entire tournament is cancelled, there still may be small cost that cannot be recuperated
- Set fees per team were slightly increased this year
- U12A fees will be higher because this division has 4 games guaranteed, all other regional teams has guarantee of 3 games
- Extremely short on ice on Sunday so some championships will be done on Saturday
- The amount being charged is inline with current tournament costs published

## **b) Current Tournaments**

- Ajax and Niagara Falls are the only tournaments that are still not official cancelled but are under review
- U12A teams being shifted between Hamilton Tournament and London Tournament. London Tournament will have 6 U12A teams attending.

## **6. Presidents Message**

- a) Games in December and January cancelled
- Proposal is to keep the schedule as is and try to re-schedule as many games as we can
  - Seeding will only be looked at up until March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Games can still be held after March 6<sup>th</sup> but won't included in seeding for final tournament
  - Dorchester requested that the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> half schedule be redone to make sure there are even ice times amongst teams
    - This may not be possible to have only 1 week to collect ice times, design the schedule and release the schedule
    - Dorchester requesting that the whole 2<sup>nd</sup> half schedule should be redone by the league to ensure regional games are scheduled before provincial make-up games
    - Suggestion made to send email to have ice scheduler prioritize regional games because provincial teams can play games later and let ice schedulers plan on their own
    - Associations don't have any more ice now than they did when it was submitted at the beginning of the season and associations need to make the decision as to what ice they will use for what activities
    - Suggestion to set-up a standard set of games that each team would be expected to play – not able to get 12 games in this year
      - Will have minimum target before March 6th – 8 games would be the target
      - Suggesting a Sunday night meeting with ice schedulers

- Focus on keeping the current games that are scheduled and just adjust what is needed to meet the minimum
  - Suggestion made to have a zoom meeting with all ice schedulers to discuss what is needed and work together to get the games re-scheduled – this suggestion received good feedback
  - Need a standard to have feedback turned around 24-48 hours or this will result in a forfeit
  - Suggestion is that the main concern should be fairness in # of games played. That should be the focus of the ice scheduler meeting. This will allow for ice schedulers to focus on who actually needs re-schedules and teams that have already met the target will not need to re-schedule.
  - **Final Decision made:**
    - a) President (Jason) to send email to all ice schedulers to request them to look at schedules to have each team have 8 games scheduled by March 6th
      - Ice Schedulers should have reviewed each of their teams to understand which teams need games scheduled. Fun 3 and above to have 8 games before March 6<sup>th</sup>. Fun 2 to have 6 games before March 6<sup>th</sup>.
      - Come to the meeting with available ice times to it can be scheduled during the meeting
    - b) Ice scheduler meeting will be scheduled to have ice schedulers to work together to get games scheduled. Ice Schedulers to attend only if they have teams without 8 games scheduled.
      - Meeting to be scheduled for Monday January 24th
    - c) Schedule will be entered into the system
      - Games can still be scheduled after March 6<sup>th</sup>, but those games will not be counted towards the seeding for the final tournament.
      - Games that were scheduled at the beginning of the season to take place after March 6<sup>th</sup> should be left as is and played
      - Put plan above to the floor for a vote – No one opposed
- b) Medals for Fun2**
- An email will be sent to each Fun2 team to provide number of players for medal purchase
  - WRRL to provide numbers to WRRRA to purchase medals for all Fun 2 players.
- c) Reflection for Next Year – Games in December**

- In reflection, games could've been scheduled a little earlier in December
- Next year, Provincial tryouts will be scheduled in Spring so the same issues should not occur next year with delays in team formation and schedules

**d) Updating WRRL Constitution, Rules & By Laws**

- Activity to occur this Spring
- Last update was 2016 and new changes need to be reflected
- Request to set-up a working group to go through the bylaws
- Request for volunteers to be on the working group to reach out to Jason

**7. Important dates: Original Plan**

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022** WRRL MEETING – 7:00pm VIA Zoom

- Final player numbers required to order Regional tourney medals

**MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>**: WRRL League games end & all scores submitted

**MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>**: WRRL MEETING – 7:00pm VIA Zoom

- MANDATORY COACHES Meeting / Bench staff code of conduct & rules presentation / Regional tourney pools/

**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup>**: Regional tournament

- Location: TBD

**APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**: WRRL AGM 7:00pm VIA Zoom

**\*Changes to important dates are coming please watch out for them on Basecamp**

**8. New Business**

- Dorchester requested WRRL to consider putting in co-ed rules with more boys entering ringette and at the regional level. Request to add co-ed rules to the league to limit the number of boys on the ice at one time. The request is to try and get ahead of future issues. The current rule allows coaches to put in any players for last 2 minutes of the game and this could be unfair

**9. Next Meeting Date – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn – Hanover
- Seconded by Kitchener

**Action Items:**

1. President to send email to Ice Schedulers by end of day January 21<sup>st</sup>
2. President to schedule ice scheduler meeting on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>

3. President to send emails to Fun2 teams to get medal counts for ordering and provide numbers to WRRRA
4. President to send email to remind teams of March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for seeding