ELITE REPORT: 2012 AGM

This has been an excellent year for the Elite division of Western Region. Teams were competitive in all tournaments and improved throughout the year.

During the first part of this season, we were focused on the AAA Team. This team was coached by a group of dedicated coaches who spent countless hours preparing for practices, games, driving from here to there and encouraging the players throughout the challenge cups and the Winter Games. The players from all regions were outstanding and determined throughout these events. Although Western Region did not place in the medals, they were a group of players who never gave up and continued to learn from their experience. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PLAYERS OF THE WESTERN REGION AAA TEAM!!!! CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GO OUT TO THE GROUP OF DEDICATED COACHES WHO GUIDED THESE PLAYERS—KEN ROWE, DAVID KELTON, SCOTT BORLAND, KERRY BOX, ERIN O'GRADY AND RHONDA FISHER.

I was very fortunate to be able to attend the AA Provincials in Whitby, A Provincials in Ottawa, and the Winter Games as well as the National Championship in Burnaby B. C. RINGETTE AT IT'S BEST!!!! We were very well represented at these Championships by our Western Region teams. I have attached the list of medalists at these events. Congratulations to all!!!

From the Provincials, Western Region had 5 teams venture on to National event. London U16 played extremely well and had many come from behind wins to lead their division. In the Gold Medal team they played tirelessly but could not overcome the Pickering team. This was a well deserved SILVER medal. In the U19 division, St. Clements showed their colours. Their speed, excellent play making skills and their goal scorers made it look easy. I am sure the other Provinces were a bit jealous of this team. They were the proud winners of the Gold Medal.

The U14, U16, U19 Belle, U 18+ Open Eastern Championships were held in Montreal in the same timeframe as the Nationals. As a Region we were able to send the teams to all divisions. Stiff competition was waiting for them. The

results of this event have been difficult to obtain—as they are not posted on the website. The results we do have are as follows:

U14 Tween: Team Ontario (Guelph) Gold in their pool

Elora Fergus won Gold in their pool

These two teams then had to play off against each other. They finished 1, 2 Gold for Guelph and Silver for Elora Fergus.

These teams also did very well in the skills competition.

U19 Belle: Won all their round robin games and the Gold Medal. This team also won the skills competition.

U18+ Open A: Waterloo (Duncan) won some of the skills competition and Gold in the final.

Goalie Skills Competition: Ontario won the goalie skills competition in all four divisions!!! This is quite an accomplishment.

At the Provincial Petites held in North Bay Western Region won 5 medals and sportsmanship awards. Congratulations to the Petites.

Overall there were 23 medals and sportsmanship awards awarded to Western Region at the Provincials. Congratulations to Western Region Teams!!!

I would like to thank the Region for the support they gave to these Elite teams, players and coaches.

The WORL league report will be given by the Chair of the League, Mike Guiler. Mike has done an excellent job of guiding the league through this season of play. The league makes continuous changes to help the teams function better and the competition better. It does seem to be working well!!!!

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