



WESTERN REGION GENERAL MEETING

April 17, 2014

Chair's Report

My apologies for my absence at this meeting but my U19A team is competing at the Eastern Canadian Championships. Our 1st Vice Chair Mike Guiler has generously offered to chair the meeting in my absence. Thank you Mike!

As the Director of Western Region I continue to be inspired by the passion, pride and commitment that all of you, our volunteers, give to this sport, our players and the communities in which we live. I am also honored to be the Director of what continues to be the largest and most successful Regions in Ontario.

The Western Region Ringette League WRRL continues to do an excellent job managing and developing the skill set of our players at the Regional level. Evidence of this was the well balanced competitiveness of our Regional Tournament held in Guelph and Elora Fergus. Once again a huge thank you goes out to Keith Kaiser, Mary Kaiser and Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling who worked diligently for hours to organize this event.

The Western Ontario Ringette League WORL also does a superior job at providing our Provincial level players with a excellent opportunity to hone their skills and develop into elite Ringette players. Teams from our Region were very successful at the U12 Provincial event in Sault Ste. Marie, at the Provincial A Championships in Kitchener and at the Provincial AA Championships in Nepean. I am sure our Elite Coordinator Paula Richardson will make reference to all of these teams in her report.

While I draft this report the Guelph U19AA and U16AA teams are competing At the Canadian Championships in Regina. I wish them luck. Both teams are very strong and should do very well. The Eastern Canadian Championships begin tonight (April 17th) in Mississauga. Good luck to St. Marys U19A team, the Mitchell U16A team and the London U14AA team. Bring home the gold !!!

Final congratulations to the 5 Western Region teams that brought home the Sportsmanship awards from the Provincial Championships and the U12 Event.

The ORA AGM is being held May 30th - June 1st - 3rd at the Oshawa Quality and Conference Center. It is a great opportunity to have your voice heard, your vote counted and to have the rest of the province see what Western Region is all about. At the very least it would be great to have the Presidents from all of our associations present at the ORA AGM.

I will finish off by thanking my fellow executive members and coordinators not only for their support but also for the administrative work they do to ensure your needs are met at the Regional level. Like many of you they are parents or grandparents of players, they are members of bench staffs, they are actively involved with their local associations and yet they still give their volunteer time to sit on this board.

Thank you very much and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Peter Westelaken
Director, Western Region