



Chair Updates

Moment of Remembrance for Mary Kaiser

We would like to take a moment to honor the memory of Mary Kaiser, who passed away on Nov 25th, 2023. Her enduring dedication and invaluable service to our community and the ringette family here in the Western Region will always be cherished and remembered.

1. Financial Support and Policy Updates:

- **Referee Travel Expenses:** WRRRA will support referee travel expenses. WRRRA executives are considering providing financial support.
- **Policy Updates:** WRRRA policies and procedures are being updated and will soon be posted on the website.
- **Expense Claims:** WRRRA will establish a process for reporting expense claims.

2. Referee Development and Events:

- **Referee Clinic:** Waterloo Ringette is organizing an event to create a template for other associations. Contact Carolyn at Waterloo Ringette for more details.
- **Evaluators at Tournaments:** WRRRA is collaborating with RO and regions to ensure evaluators are present at tournaments. Any issues with officials should be communicated to Mark and WRRRA.

3. Goalie Clinics and Communication:

- **Goalie Clinics:** Appreciation to associations running clinics. Encouragement to accept registrations from outside associations. Reminder to use WRRRA email announcement systems.

4. Operational Updates and Responsibilities:

- **Coordinator Hiring:** RO has hired Savannah and Brooke to focus on operations and tournament support.
- **Tournament Host Communication:** Recommending tournament hosts introduce themselves and ensure effective communication channels are established.

5. Upcoming Events and Bidding:

- **2023-24 Adult Cup:** No responses to the call for hosts. Southern/Central regions asked to consider hosting by Jan 5th.
- **Call for 2024-25 Provincial Hosts:** Encouragement for bids from various regions. Interested parties in the Western Region to inform Mark.

6. Administrative Updates and Funding:

- **Provincial Funding:** Funding released by the Government with no specific details yet. Expectations of meeting current season's budget.
- **Anticipated Increase:** Ministry communicated the expectation of an increase in funding next year, details pending.

7. Championship and Regional Concerns:

- **U12 Championship/WRRL Regionals:** Presidents urged to provide direct feedback to RO. Various concerns highlighted, including late notices, team fees, travel, and branding issues.

8. Challenges Monitoring and Future Plans:

- **U19 Challenges:** Significant increase in disciplinary issues. Monitoring and follow-ups by WRRL and WRRRA ongoing.

9. Future League and Team Formation:

- **SCWRRL:** Discussions underway to create a new fully incorporated league using WRRL policies/procedures.
- **Provincial Team Formation:** Discussions for the 2024-25 season will begin in late December/early January.

10. Regional Direction and Communication:

- **Western Region Direction:** Mark to schedule meetings with presidents for discussions on regional direction and roadmap.

Wishing everybody a safe and happy holiday season!

Thanks

Mark DeLaFranier, Chair Western Region
chairwrra@wrra.ca