



WESTERN REGION

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

At Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON
Thursday, 12 January 2017

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
BUSINESS:		
Welcome	Welcome everyone!	B Breckles
Roll Call	St Clements, Wellington North, Woolwich	W Allen
Adopt Minutes of Previous September Meeting	Motion to accept the minutes as printed. St Mary's/Goderich. Carried.	All
Co-ordinator Reports	<p>Officiating</p> <p>See report. Remind all coaches of the "code of conduct" signed by all coaches at the start of the season, and that coaches are responsible for the conduct of their fans. We have experienced a few issues with coaches/spectators so please ensure this message gets back to your coaches. Coming soon, the call for officials for Regionals 2017.</p>	D Pelletier
	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>See report.</p>	J Saint
	<p>Coaching</p> <p>See report. Coaches wishing to become CI Certified have until January 31st to complete their evaluation. Coaches are reminded about the MED requirements. Reminder of the Code of Conduct that all bench staff signed - talk to your coaches and players for the need to be mindful of our minor officials.</p>	J Mezenberg

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	<p>Coaching – continued...</p> <p>NOTE- 5.5.3 new this year in the ORA Manual – Coach Suspensions for misconduct penalties are now: first offense – one game, second offense = three games, third offense = five games, fourth offense = ten games, fifth offense = lifetime suspension.</p>	J Mezenberg
Co-ordinator Reports continued....	<p>Games & Tournament</p> <p>See report. Reminder, if you have a player or coach ejected from a game they are automatically suspended for at least one game. You are required to contact G&T (Nancy) and contact Coaching (John) if it involves a coach.</p> <p>Contact N Nicolson-Houghtling for clarification on substitution rules.</p> <p>Discussion – Easter weekend 2018 falls on the last weekend in March. The main issue is ice availability. Request applications to host the 2018 Regionals.</p>	N Nicolson-Houghtling
	<p>Membership Services</p> <p>See report. Make sure your TRFs are accurate. Facility audits are due. Encourage your coaches to carry blank injury forms with them to the rink. Remember, if an injury form has not been completed you will not be able to submit an insurance claim.</p>	M Suchard
	<p>Webmaster</p> <p>Problem with game scores being submitted with the return email of yahoo.com, they are not come through.</p>	K Kaiser
	<p>Elite</p> <p>See report. Western Region AAA Coach selection and interview process have been completed. As Elite Co-ordinator for Western Region, I put forth a motion to the board that Mr. Scott Borland be awarded the position of Head Coach for the Western Region AAA team. The WRRRA Board met on January 5th, and passed the motion. Scott Borland was awarded and has accepted the position of Head Coach for the next AAA team. As Head Coach, there lies a great opportunity to mentor the next potential Head Coach by adding her/him to your upcoming bench staff. It was announced that the Ontario Winter Games will be hosted by Orillia.</p>	P Westelaken

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	<p>Sport Development</p> <p>See report. Skills Matrix assessments are now due. Reminder, failure to submit after January 15th will result in a \$500 fine.</p> <p>Fair Ice Policy impacts ALL teams, not just regional teams.</p> <p>Second set of skills matrix assessments are due by March 31, 2017 with no extensions given.</p> <p>Contract T Tracy if interested in another skills matrix workshop.</p>	T Pettit-Tracey
	<p>Adult Development</p> <p>See report. Working on pilot project for Adult Come Try Ringette program. Registration deadline for OAIC Tournament in Oshawa. Re-seeding for the second half is complete.</p>	M Van Oirschot
	<p>1st Vice President – WORL Report</p> <p>See report. Region representatives are to be decided 4 weeks prior to Provincials. Wild card teams to be declared by G & T. Link available for submission by March 29th, 2017 to register your Intent to Play at the Provincial level.</p>	P Singeris
Continued...	<p>2nd Vice President – WRRL Report</p> <p>See report. Reminder, mandatory meeting for all coaches/bench for Regional seeding March 7th, 7:30PM, at the Spruce Lodge, Stratford. No excuses! President/ice scheduler contact information – privacy concerns. Contact list of coach information exchanged between coaches therefore not on website. When all else fails please call one of the Executive.</p>	T Butcher-Parsons
Directors Report	<p>See report. A few associations have expressed interest in finding a software solution for scheduling. If interested, contact B Breckles. Chris Sharpe is taking the lead on this initiative. Please share at your association meetings. ORA board meeting, January 27-29, if you have any questions or issues you want me to bring forward please let me know.</p> <p>Forest hosting the Provincials A tournament - plan a team event to go and watch.</p> <p>AAA Challenge Cup events hosted throughout the province. In the past, St Mary's have hosted one for our Region. We are looking for ideas to showcase our sport. Contact B Breckles. e.g. 3 different associations hosting, 3 different windows of time.</p> <p>Motion to accept all co-ordinator reports as printed.</p> <p>Guelph/Goderich. Carried.</p>	B Breckles

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New Business	<p>J Saint announced that she is still waiting for Region Dues from London Open Ladies, St Clements, Western University Ringette, & SWIRL \$70 each. Past due fees will mean – Members Not in Good Standing.</p> <p>Constitution drafted and submitted – voted on this AGM and next year AGM will go into play.</p>	
Announcements	<p>At our next general meeting, on February 23rd. the balance will be due for your teams to participate in Regionals 2017. Invoices will be on the website for each association attending.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Owen Sound/Dorchester. Carried.</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Tuesday, January 17, 2017