



## WESTERN REGION

### MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

At Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON  
Thursday, 22 February 2018, 7:00PM

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
<b>BUSINESS:</b>		
Welcome	Welcome everyone! Phil Singeris will be chair tonight.	B Breckles
Roll Call	Regrets: B Breckles, D Pelletier, T Pettit-Tracey, J Mezenberg, M Suchard, K Kaiser, T Parsons  Regrets : Woolrich  Absent: London Open Ladies, St Clements, Wellington North	W Allen
Adopt Minutes of Previous November 2017 Meeting	Motion to accept the minutes as amended. Dorchester/Waterloo, Carried.	All
Adoption of Agenda		All
Co-ordinator Reports	Officiating - absent  See report. Regionals 2018 will be a great place for referees to get evaluated.	D Pelletier
	Treasurers Report  No report. After 30+ years, J Saint has stepped down as our Treasurer. Acting Treasurer, A Eastman for the remainder of the season. Final Regionals 2018 payment is due tonight. After the meeting has concluded, she will take your payments.	A Eastman

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	<p>Coaching - absent</p> <p>See report. Reminder that all coaches are required to complete professional development to maintain their coaching credentials on a five-year cycle. Code of Conduct – coaches, all bench staff. It is important to remind coaches that they are responsible for the conduct of your fans during all sanctioned events. Ringette for parents, presented by official – basic rules.</p> <p>Social media and networking policy, social media guidelines, Kitchener, London, &amp; Dorchester have it listed on their website</p> <p>ORA Sport Administration – review page 19-21</p> <p>Ringette Canada – refer to manual</p> <p>Ringette Canada – transgender policy coming.</p>	J Mezenberg
Co-ordinator Reports continue...	<p>Games &amp; Tournament</p> <p>See report.</p> <p>Minor officials – timekeepers, scorekeepers, shot clock keepers. Please volunteer. Kitchener/Waterloo/Woolwich. Various arenas, St Jacobs, Sports World, Woolwich M.C., Albert McCormick, Activa. Volunteer schedule will be published.</p> <p>“A” Ranking posted tomorrow.</p> <p>U12 hosted by Waterloo Ringette</p> <p>Behaviour starting to change at 3:59 minute mark.</p> <p>Out of Province – unaware of this rule. ORA Sanction handbook should be updated.</p> <p>Written by G &amp; T – a lot of questions are being asked. Communication of the rule change to all in our Region should have come from the ORA board. Very slow in coming. The rule still needs some work. There are some concerns. Rule change process with Ringette Canada using an experimental process. Go back to your coaches and ask for their feedback and bring it forward. Please send any issues or concerns to G &amp; T – N Nicolson-Houghtling and/or C Sharpe and cc B Breckles</p>	N Nicolson-Houghtling Chris Sharpe
	<p>Membership Services – absent</p> <p>No report.</p>	M Suchard
	<p>Webmaster – absent</p> <p>No report. Preparing for Regionals 2018.</p>	K Kaiser

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	<p>Elite</p> <p>No report. Newmarket Challenge Cup – our team received the gold medal. The team is really coming together.</p>	P Westelaken
	<p>Sport Development – absent</p> <p>See report. New U12P Team Formation Policy – please note.</p> <p>Any questions email Tania. Skills Matrix is due March 31, 2018. Failure to submit results in a fine of \$500.</p> <p>Be Aware – Fair Ice policy impacts ALL teams not just regional teams.</p> <p>Try out in the spring vs try outs in the fall – bring to WORL meeting on Monday night.</p>	T Pettit-Tracey
	<p>Adult Development</p> <p>See report. Looking for any association that is interested in hosting an adult come-try ringette event. Contact Margie V.</p> <p>BB – add team name</p> <p>Update revised published report – M Van Oirschot will ask K Kaiser.</p> <p>November 23, attachment – approvals of substitutions – should this be public knowledge? No harm – open communication sharing of information.</p> <p>Communication – N Nicolson-Houghtling/M Van Oirschot contact SWIRL, L Pfanner. Teams in our league, contact J Larksworthy (anything disciplinary in nature).</p>	M Van Oirschot
	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – WORL Report</p> <p>See report. Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Email asking for declarations and team selections. All players interested in playing at the provincial level to register their intents on-line at the WRRRA website. In the best interest of the sport, player development – players need to development their skills. In order to move the team to the next level.</p>	P Singeris
	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – WRRL Report</p> <p>See report. Reminder of the mandatory bench staff meeting on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</p>	T Butcher-Parsons

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Directors Report	<p>See report.</p> <p>At our executive meeting last week, the WRRRA unanimously supported this new Matrix effective immediately. Please take some time to review the new matrix and send your questions by March 31<sup>st</sup> should there be any discrepancies. Membership Services will review the matrix every 2 years and make changes as needed.</p> <p>The next ORA board meeting is being held in Toronto the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns that you want me to bring forward, please notify me directly.</p> <p>Note, the call for nominations for the ORA awards will be open shortly – please try and think of some of your outstanding volunteers and leaders within your association. This includes players in various positions of forward, goaltender and defense.</p>	B Breckles
New Business	Matrix	All
Announcements	<p>J Saint, who held the position of Treasurer of Western Region for many years, has just learned that she has an inoperable cancer tumour. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family at this difficult time.</p>	All
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Waterloo/Kitchener Carried.</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Tuesday, July 24, 2018