



# WESTERN REGION

## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON  
Thursday, 13 April 2017

Regrets:

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
Weighted Vote: Association Reps Absent - Owen Sound, St Clements, Woolwich, Owen Sound Ladies, St Thomas Adult & Western University		
<b>BUSINESS:</b>		
Establish a vote count & Verification of Quorum	In the past we established our quorum for this meeting by the number of registered members in attendance. Tonight, we are using the weighted vote system.	
Additions to the Agenda	none	
Adopt Minutes from the 14 April 2016 AGM	Motion to accept the 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes as printed. St Mary's/Kitchener. Carried.	
Business arising from the 2016 AGM Minutes	None	
Treasurer's Report	See report. Currently working towards our fiscal year end of 30 April 2017, Statement submitted (1 May 2016 – 10 April 2017) by B Breckles. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Guelph/SWIRL. Carried.	

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Co-ordinator Reports	<p><u>Elite</u></p> <p>See report. S Borland, Head Coach of the Western Region AAA teams is in the process of identifying the members of his AAA bench staff. Note tryout dates, times and locations. See the attached Competition - Development multi-sport modules memo from Ringette Canada.</p> <p><u>Sport Development</u></p> <p>See report. This September will be our first ever Come Try Ringette month! We will also be offering a CTR certification course in September. Fair Ice Policy &amp; LTAD Compliance - we have decided to organize a mandatory education session for all coaches for the fall. To avoid fines, submit your outstanding Skills Matrix forms by April 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><u>Adult Development</u></p> <p>See report. Note – the seeding process will be reviewed and a different system for seeding will be introduced in the fall.</p> <p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>See report. Thank you to the associations who hosting coaching clinics. A reminder to all coaches that you are required to complete the PD in order to maintain your coaching certification. PD clinics will be hosted. Bench staff code of conduct form - make sure your coaches read what they are signing. We have had a number of issues this past season, we must work to reduce these violation.</p> <p><u>Games &amp; Tournaments</u></p> <p>See report. A tournament coordinators meeting will be held in early May. We welcome Chris Sharp to the G &amp; T Committee beginning April 2017.</p> <p><u>Plaques Awarded</u></p> <p>Pickering A – Dorchester Ringette Mitchell, Forest, Kitchener, St Mary's, Forest.</p> <p><u>Officiating Coordinator</u></p> <p>See report. Continued growth of our officials and the push to achieve higher level ranks by being evaluated and attending clinics. We have a shortage of referees in the rural areas - develop some strategies to address the need for next season.</p>	

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Co-ordinator Reports continued....	<p>Ringette Canada Rule – Note: minimum age of 14 years for referees – maturity level, fans, coaches to take some abuse. Potential, for a hockey referee - they would still be required to take a ringette clinic to officiate. Start the mentoring process - certainly worth asking.</p> <p><u>Membership Services</u></p> <p>See report. Reminder – players that are attending tryouts in other associations, to complete the Permission to Skate form. Once offered a spot and accepted the bottom half of the form needs to be completed with all signatures and handed into M Suchard.</p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ~ WORL Report</u></p> <p>“He is going to make ringette great again!” by P Singeris. Congratulations to each Western Region team that earned post season successes at Provincials and the Canadian Ringette Championships. Thank you to our officials, on-ice and off-ice for their dedication and commitment to our League.</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ~ WRRL Report</u></p> <p>Mandatory coaches meeting for both Re-Seeding on December 5, 2017 and Seeding for Regionals 2018 on March 6, 2018. Overaged player agreements – process changes.</p> <p>Motion to accept all coordinator reports. Mitchell/Waterloo. Carried.</p>	
Chair’s Report	<p>The Chairman’s report.</p> <p>Special thank you to K Kaiser and N Nicolson-Houghtling, and all the volunteers for the huge success of Regionals 2017. The ORA AGM will be June 9-11 in Toronto. Please try and send a delegate from your association.</p> <p>The Ontario Ringette Association will be releasing a new website at the AGM. Membership Services – being re-done.</p> <p>B Breckles &amp; K Kaiser over the summer plan to re-do the Western Region website. Following the RFP process.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Chair’s Report. Goderich/Dorchester. Carried.</p>	B Breckles
Regionals 2017	<p>Western Regional 2017 was attended by 86 regional minor teams, including 12 U8 and 5 Adult teams. Thank you to everyone who contributed!</p>	

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Adoption of New Constitution	<p>In-Corporation By-Laws – see draft document</p> <p>Some history - In the past 10 years the Government of Canada has revised their rules governing Non-Profit Corporations and the Ontario Government in 2010 created a NEW Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act. It has then become a priority for WRRRA to move towards Incorporation for many reasons including but not limited to the protection of our members, the board, the availability to pursue government funding for our sport, coaches and officials. The Proposed By-Laws have been through review by the Executive, by a Committee comprised of the Executive, and two Associations whom volunteered, has been reviewed by the Executive Director of Ontario Ringette, and has been circulated to all member (associations) in Western Region. Since circulated minor changes were made, and revised fiscal year to April 30<sup>th</sup>. The document itself is a derivative of the By-Laws as defined in the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, the Ringette Canada By-Laws, The Ontario Ringette By-Laws as enacted by sister Regions, our old By-Laws, and most import the fundamental principles and methods we currently use to manage the Region. Thank you to all who participated in this process.</p> <p>May I have a mover and seconder for the motion from the membership to adopt the By-Laws of the Western Region Ringette Association as presented.</p> <p>Motion to accept by Guelph/Tillsonburg. Carried.</p> <p>WRRRA By-Laws will not affect any Association that might already be Incorporated.</p> <p>Thank you Keith.</p> <p>We will now work with the lawyer and move forward with the process. It may take 4-17 weeks to be final. As of tonight, we will be governed by these new By-Laws.</p>	K Kaiser All
2017 Elections	<p>Elections – P Westelaken</p> <p>Chair (2 year term)</p> <p>Secretary (2 year term)</p> <p>Nominations from the floor</p> <p>Open for nominations</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Nominations from the floor for a 2 yr term</p> <p>B Breckles nominated by St Mary's. B Breckles accepted nomination. Any other nominations - none.</p> <p>No further nominations 3 x. No others.</p> <p>B Breckles, Chair 2017 - 2019, Congratulations!</p>	P Westelaken

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<p>2017 Elections Continued...</p>	<p>Secretary Nominations from the floor for a 2 yr. term Nominated by K Kaiser. W Allen accepted nomination. Any other nominations. No further nominations x3. No other. W Allen, Secretary 2017 – 2019 Congratulations!  All coordinator positions will be determined at a closed meeting immediately following the AGM.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Dorchester Ringette Association has initiated a mentorship program within their Association. 2018 Provincial A – Kitchener, March 15-18 2018 U12 Provincial Event – Waterloo, March 1-4 U7-8 Sport Development - playing on half ice. All Regional Directors have been asked. Contact T Pettitt - Girls 12-15 years to help organize event. Sports training for young girls (full day) dry land training, nutrient, yoga, etc. – girls of all ages, hosted by the University of Guelph. Are you interested in hosting?</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn. St Mary's/Elora/Fergus. Carried. Enjoy the refreshments, have a great summer, and a safe drive home!!</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Monday, February 26, 2018