



WESTERN REGION

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON
Thursday, 14 April 2016

Regrets: D Pelletier, P Richardson, S Townes

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
Roll Call: Association Reps Absent - Hanover, Mitchell, St Clements, St Thomas Adult RA, Woolwich		
BUSINESS:		
Establish a vote count & Verification of Quorum	Yes, we have quorum.	
Additions to the Agenda	Correspondence, ORA Annual General Meeting, and the AAA Team Motion to accept additions to the Agenda. St Mary's/Kitchener. Carried.	
Adopt Minutes from the 16 April 2015 AGM	Motion to accept the 2015 Annual General Meeting 2015 minutes as printed. Owen Sound/Elora-Fergus. Carried.	
Business arising from the 2015 AGM Minutes	None	
Treasurer's Report	See report. Guelph & Elora-Fergus, refunds distributed. Regionals 2016 disbursements to follow. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. London Open Ladies/Dorchester. Carried.	

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Co-ordinator Reports	<p>Elite</p> <p>See report. The Western Region AAA All Star team had an unbeatable season. Winning gold in all three Challenge Cups. Congratulations to K Rowe, his coaching staff, and all of the players. Congratulations to the Guelph U19AA team as they went undefeated to win gold at the Canadian National Championships.</p> <p>Sport Development</p> <p>Reminder to send your Skills Matrix, and Team Activity Logs – send out message within your association, they are needed by this Friday for meetings on the weekend. Come Try Ringette – new program to be implemented for Fall 2016. Look for updates to the WRRRA website – a request for equipment will be on our website for booking purposes, and resources that are available. We are also looking to purchase another set.</p> <p>Adult Development - vacant</p> <p>Coaching</p> <p>See report. Note bench staff qualification requirements. A reminder to all coaches that they must complete their online MED evaluation. Thank you to London, Waterloo, Dorchester, Guelph and Kitchener for their help in hosting these clinics. Bench staffs Code of Conduct – a number of issues this past season - we must work to reduce these violations. Thank you Mike Genereaux! J Mezenberg is looking for an assistant, please send the message out.</p> <p>Games & Tournaments</p> <p>See report. Western Region was very well represented at all levels of Provincials. Tournament hosts, remember if the deadline June 30th falls on a weekend, make sure they have your application in by the Friday. Regionals were a great success! No reported issues with minor officials! N Nicolson-Houghtling is looking for an assistant to eventually take over her position.</p> <p>Officiating Coordinator....See report.</p> <p>Officials and evaluators numerous upgrades to continue the growth. We need to ensure that messages are going back to your ringette community.</p> <p>Membership Services</p> <p>See report. Registration is down approximately 65 players from last year. No tribunals! Volunteer Nominations – received 3 nominations this year. Tryouts, remember players attending tryouts in other associations require a permission to skate form signed (only top half). The bottom half is signed only if they are accepted on the team. When completed, give to M Suchard. S Townes will take the lead role as coordinator next year. Thank you Melinda!</p> <p>1st Vice President ~ WORL Report</p> <p>See report. Western Region teams experienced tremendous success throughout the season having medal performances at</p>	

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Co-ordinator Reports continued....	<p>Tournaments across Ontario. Thank you to the parents and the many hours of dedicated work by our volunteers.</p> <p>2nd Vice President ~ WRRL Report</p> <p>See report. Communication with parents and coaches prior to the season is a key component in easing teams' frustration later in the season. We all have a common objective to grow this sport. Hanover's name was pulled from the hat to fill the president position. Unfortunately, Hanover will only be fielding one team in 2016-17. A please has gone out associations with more than 3 teams involved in Regional play to take on this leadership role. Thank you Brian!</p> <p>Motion to accept all coordinator reports.</p> <p>London/Exeter-Seaforth. Carried.</p>	
Chair's Report	<p>The Chairman's report will be posted on the website. I would like to stress the importance of the ORA AGM in June and it would be wonderful to see as many local associations as possible in attendance. If you are not able to attend, please ensure you assign your proxy.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Chair's Report.</p> <p>Guelph/Owen Sound. Carried.</p>	P Singeris
New Business	<p>AAA Team had a very successful year going undefeated! Unfortunately, they were unable to attend this meeting, and hope to have them attend our fall meeting.</p> <p>ORA AGM – We need a strong representation at the AGM. If you are unable to attend, please ensure you assign your proxy so your voice is heard. Being the largest region in the Province, we need your support to ensure that we have a healthy voice at this meeting. It will be held June 10-12, 2016 in Toronto. Refer to the ORA website for more details.</p> <p>Congratulations to London for hosting Regionals 2016 and the Ringette Nationals. Quite an accomplishment!!</p> <p>Correspondence – thank you note from K Kaiser.</p>	All

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2016 Elections	<p>Chair (1 year term) Rich Gratton fulfilled 1 year. Nominations from the floor for a 1yr term (2016 – 2017) Open for nominations Brian Breckles. Nominated by P Westelaken, seconded by M Suchard Any other nominations 3 x. No other. B Breckles, Congratulations!</p> <p>2nd Vice-President – WRRL President Nominations from the floor for a 2 yr. term – Hanover (only has one team) plea to associations with more than 3 teams Open for nominations M Suchard accepted nomination. T Parsons accepted nomination. Any other nominations. No further nominations x3. No other. M Suchard withdraws her acceptance of the nomination. T Parsons, Congratulations!</p> <p>Treasurer Nominations from the floor – 2 yr term. Jeanette Saint P Westelaken nominated J Saint. Any other nominations x 3. No other. Acclaimed J Saint as Treasurer.</p> <p>All coordinator positions will be determined at a meeting immediately following the AGM. We are still looking to fill the Adult coordinator position.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn. Kitchener/St Mary's. Carried. Enjoy the refreshments, and a safe drive home!!</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Monday, April 25, 2016