



# WESTERN REGION

## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON  
Thursday, 16 April 2015

Regrets: P Richardson

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
Roll Call: Absent - London Open Ladies, St Clements, St Thomas Adult, SWIRL, Western University Ringette		
<b>BUSINESS:</b>		
Establish a vote count & Verification of Quorum	Confirmed, we have quorum.	
Additions to the Agenda	None	
Adopt Minutes from the 17 April 2014 AGM	Chatham/Exeter-Seaforth Carried.	
Business arising from the 2014 AGM Minutes	None	
Treasurer's Report	See report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. London/Guelph, carried.	
Coordinator Reports	Elite – absent Refer to report.  Sport Development Refer to report. The second set of skills matrix and your activity logs are needed by April 30 <sup>th</sup> . U8 goalie pads – the wording will change to <i>should</i> wear goalie pads. Not mandated, if the child wishes to stay in net and not be rotated. Feedback will be taken into consideration for the skills matrix. Progress throughout the year has been shown. Issue with U12 Provincial and B & C teams.	

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Co-ordinator Reports	<p>Adult Development - vacant</p> <p>Coaching Refer to report. Thank you Guelph, London, Kitchener, Chatham and Waterloo for their help with supplying locations and ice for clinics this year. Welcome Todd Marrow to the facilitator/evaluator team. We ask that every Association spend time in their arenas watching how things are going. The Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement applies to everyone throughout the game.</p> <p>G &amp; T Coordinator Refer to report. Note, player suspensions included 4 match penalties at the 2015 Regionals. These penalties will carry over into the 2015-16 season. Reminder, substitutes must be approved in advance prior to the tournament. We cannot have girls playing without the proper approvals. Bench staff - put your highest rank on the TRF.</p> <p>Officiating Coordinator Refer report.</p> <p>Membership Services Refer to report. No tribunals in our Region this year. 160 players down over last year. Come Try Ringette is successful. Very important for you to know where your players are trying out. Next week, the AA process will begin. Make sure you know where you want to be next year.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ~ WORL Report Refer to report. Rich Gratton will be the new President of WORL. Western Region is one of the best regions in the Province. Boys are not allowed to play at the Provincial level but are may play at the regional level. We should be trying to keep a healthy balance on each of our teams.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ~ WRRL Report Refer to report. Regional tournament was great success! Keep growing the sport, we are inching along. Thank you to everyone for making this great game of ringette.</p> <p>Motion to accept all coordinator reports. Owen Sound/Elora Fergus. Carried.</p>	<p>P Richardson E Beuglet J Mezenberg N Nicolson-Houghtling D Pelletier M Suchard M Guiler B Woolley</p>

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Chair's Report	<p>See report. I encourage those of you who really want to make a difference and play an active role in the ongoing development of the sport to consider one day being our Chair. ORA Annual General Meeting is quickly approaching. Encourage every association to send a delegate to the meeting. This year's meeting is being held in Sudbury. Should you be unable to attend, you can send a delegate or you must complete and sign a proxy vote, which would allow P Westelaken authorization to vote on your behalf if you are not in attendance. Send email to all association presidents to find out if they are coming. See website for form. Thank you.</p> <p>There remains some confusion within our regions as to where and when boys can play ringette. Boys can play regional ringette at all levels. Provincial level ringette is strictly for girls.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Chair's Report. Kitchener/Goderich. Carried.</p>	P Westelaken
New Business	<p>U14 sportsmanship ~ Kitchener. U14 Jacks division Sportsmanship - London. U16 AA Jacks – London</p> <p>Tournament allocation proposal match the teams that will limit the number of tournaments being offered. There are concerns. Proposal based on each region.</p> <p>Standing Committee meetings are being held August 7-8 in Toronto.</p>	All
2015 Elections	<p>Chair – 2 year term Nominations from the floor No other nominations from the floor (2 xs). Mike Guiler, Chair of Western Region</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – 2 year term Nominations from the floor No other nominations from the floor (2 xs). 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – WORL President, Rich Gratton</p> <p>Secretary – 2 year term Nominations from the floor. No other nominations from the floor (2 xs). Secretary – Wendy Allen</p>	

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Announcements	AAA year tryouts begin in May. Take this information back to your Associations, announcing the tryouts. Goalie clinics – in Waterloo both fall and winter - offered to anyone. A goalie clinic is being held at the Hespler Arena. See website.	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn. Forest/Woolwich. Carried.	

Secretary - Wendy

Friday, June 19, 2015