



WESTERN REGION

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON
Thursday, 02 May 2019

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
Association Reps Absent: Chatham, Goderich, Hanover, Owen Sound, Owen Sound Ladies, St Thomas Adult RA, Wellington North, Western University Ringette (new – Beth Emery)		
BUSINESS:		
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. However, tonight, we are using the weighted vote system.	
Additions to the Agenda	None Motion to accept the Agenda Dorchester/Elora-Fergus, Carried.	
Adopt Minutes from the 03 May 2018 AGM	Motion to accept the 2018 Annual General Meeting minutes as printed. Waterloo/St Mary's. Carried.	
Business arising from the 2018 AGM Minutes	None	
Treasurer's Report	See report. Discussion: Perhaps we should be looking at a Marketing position, someone knowledgeable in that field. Point raised, that we need to remember that not all associations have the same requirements. When budgets are drafted for the 2019-20 season, perhaps we should set aside \$20,000 for this purpose. Suggestion - distribution of \$\$ to be divided between each association which would be beneficial to all of us. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Forest/Mitchell. Carried.	A Eastman

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Co-ordinator Reports	<p><u>Elite</u></p> <p>See report. The structure of the Challenge Cup events has been modified slightly to put the focus more on development. This is to be more in line with the High Performance stream as players prepare for Canada Winter Games, NRL, and National Teams. This year Western Region has decided to establish a High Performance Development Program to promote the development of players in Western Region who may show an interest and potential to play at the elite level in the future. To be considered for selection as a Development Player, a player must attend the Western AAA tryouts, and must be registered as a player with Ringette Ontario during the AAA season. Note tryouts: May 11 & 12 at \$100/player.</p> <p><u>Sport Development</u></p> <p>See report. This September will again be our Come Try Ringette Month! The Region will help support any association that wishes to participate with Marketing, Equipment & Training. If you are interested in participating, please let me know by June 1st. This past season the Guelph Association ran a trial program for U7 on half ice in conjunction with Ringette Canada and Ringette Ontario as a part of our planning for a province wide launch in 2020-2021. Another 10 associations will be piloting this program in the fall. While we are still in the planning phase of this roll out, I strongly recommend that centre's start having conversations with their local municipalities about half ice program opportunities.</p> <p><u>Adult Development</u></p> <p>See report. Adult has had a very good year! An important note is that tournament and recreation teams are increasing in our Region with only 28 of the 52 teams registered, playing in a league. There was significant change to the 2-team agreement rules this year which caused confusion among players and teams. Note - TRF Adjustments can take up to 48 hours to process. Any interest in hosting Come Try Ringette, please contact Stephanie.</p> <p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>See report. Reminder that all coaches are required to complete professional development in order to maintain their coaching credentials on a five year cycle. All bench staff are reminded that they signed the Bench Staff Code of Conduct Agreement. Coaches, you are responsible for the conduct of your fans during all sanctioned events. Everyone is reminded that should an incident occur for which a complaint is to be filed, contact the association president first. Review the Ringette Ontario Operating Manual, especially sections on Coaching, Games & Tournaments and Sport Development. Email J Mezenberg with your request to have clinics in August before school starts.</p>	P Westelaken T Pettitt-Tracey S Smith J Mezenberg N Nicolson-Houghtling D Pelletier M Suchard P Singeris T Parsons

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Co-ordinator Reports continued....	<p><u>Games & Tournaments</u></p> <p>See report. WRRL wrapped up another successful year! Regionals 2019 was attended by 82 regional minor teams, including 12 U8 teams. Many thanks to Tillsonburg Ringette! Reminder that your completed and signed (by G & T as well as yourself) tournament hosting applications must be received at the Ringette Ontario office no later than June 10th. Watch for the next Ringette Flash for details and submission deadlines. Ensure that N Nicolson-Houghtling (G&T) has your coaches' and presidents' contact information by June 1st. Note – all teams should be aware that there are sanctions for withdrawing from a registered tournament. AA ranking games are eliminated for next season and will use the same assignment and ranking process as A.</p> <p><u>Officiating</u></p> <p>See report. This year we welcomed approximately 40 new referees to Western Region! Regionals 2019 was a huge success! Next year will once again be a rule change year, so we will be looking for associations to host referee refresher clinics as well as rules clinics for coaches.</p> <p><u>Membership Services</u></p> <p>See report. Come Try Ringette is a very effect tool when trying to increase your U6-U8 player enrolment. Reach out to any Executive member, if help is needed. Attending tryouts in other associations requires a signed Permission to Skate form. Once accepted, the bottom half of the form is to be completed and given to M Suchard.</p> <p><u>1st Vice President ~ WORL Report</u></p> <p>Divisional Champions were determined by league play. Congratulations to each Western Region team that earned post season successes at Provincials, the Canadian Ringette Championships and the Eastern Ringette Championships! There have been ongoing meetings this past season involving WORL and CORL, Directors of Western, Southern and Central Regions. A new league named GLRL (Great Lakes Ringette League) has been proposed for all AA, A & U12P teams. This would bring all the A teams in the 3 Regions together with scheduled games under this new league. We hope to gain final approval this summer.</p> <p><u>2nd Vice President ~ WRRL Report</u></p> <p>T Parson presented League Banners to U9 Guelph, U10 Guelph, U12 Elora/Fergus, U14 Exeter/Seaforth, U16 St Mary's and U19 Mitchell. Regionals 2019 went well! Remember for next season, ALL teams must bring two sets of jerseys to the games. Currently looking for a new President, as Tina will be retiring at the end of this season. Thank you Tina! It was suggested, to have someone already on the Executive move into this position and Dorchester would take a new role.</p>	

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Chair's Report	<p>The Chairman's report.</p> <p>Western Region saw 27 teams win medals and sportsmanship awards at Provincials, Easterns and Nationals. Congratulations to all of the teams that took part at the Regional Championships hosted by Tillsonburg. A special you to N Nicolson-Houghtling, and the Tillsonburg Association and their volunteers for their tireless work to make the event a huge success! A reminder, the Ringette Ontario – AGM, in Toronto is quickly approaching (June 8th).</p> <p>Thank you Brian for serving as Director of Western Region for the past 3 years!</p> <p>Motion to accept all reports. Guelph/Tillsonburg. Carried.</p>	B Breckles
2018 Elections	<p>Elections – P Westelaken</p> <p>Explanation of weighted voting guidelines.</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Nominations from the floor for a 2 year term</p> <p>Chris Sharpe nominated by Dorchester. Chris Sharpe accepted nomination. Any other nominations - none</p> <p>No further nominations 3 x. No others.</p> <p>Motion to accept Chris Sharpe as Director. Dorchester/Elora Fergus. Carried.</p> <p>Chris Sharpe, Chair 2019 – 2021 Congratulations!</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Nominations from the floor for a 2 year term</p> <p>Mark DeLafranier nominated by Phil Singeris. Mark DeLafranier accepted nomination. Any other nominations - none.</p> <p>No further nominations 3 x. No others.</p> <p>Motion to accept Mark DeLafranier as Secretary. St Mary's/Kitchener. Carried.</p> <p>Mark DeLafranier, Secretary 2019 - 2021, Congratulations!</p> <p>All coordinator positions will be determined at a closed meeting following the AGM.</p>	P Westelaken
Recognition	<p>A special presentation to Wendy in acknowledgement of the many years of service as secretary of Western Region. Thank you!</p>	

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Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn. Waterloo/London. Carried. Enjoy the refreshments, have a great summer, and a safe drive home!!	

Secretary - Wendy

Wednesday, May 27, 2020