



Western Region Ringette Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2020 @ 7:00pm
via Zoom Conference

1. Welcome & Call to Order – **Chris Sharpe**

Chris welcomed all associations to WRRRA's first Zoom AGM and expressed wishes all are keeping safe in these unprecedented times.

2. Roll Call – **Mark DeLaFranier**

Absent associations: Exeter-Seaforth, Goderich, Hanover, London, Mitchell, St. Thomas, Wellington North, London Open, St. Thomas Adult, Western University

3. Establish a vote count and verification of quorum – **Peter Westelaken**

Peter verified quorum and noted the process for voting.

4. Additions to the Agenda & Approval of Agenda – **Mark DeLaFranier**

There were no additions requests to be added to the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda
Forest, Owen Sound, Carried.

5. Adopt Minutes of May 2, 2019 AGM – **Mark DeLaFranier**

Motion to accept the AGM minutes from May 2, 2019 as printed and posted to website.
Woolwich, Dorchester, Carried.

6. Business arising from 2019 AGM Minutes – **Chris Sharpe**

None

7. Treasurer's report & Approval of Membership dues and related fees – **Astrid Eastman**

Astrid presented and reviewed the treasurer's report and financials. There was some discussion around the amount of money in the bank and the strong position WRRRA is in. Many associations are worried about the uncertainties they will face come September 2020

and when, if they will be able to return to ice and what programming might look like. There was hope that WRRRA would look at options to support associations for the upcoming season. Chris conveyed his willingness to have WRRRA support where it is needed, but also encouraged associations to reach out and work with their local governments to explore options as well.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report.
Waterloo, Guelph, Carried.

8. Coordinators Reports

1. Elite – **Peter Westelaken**

See report. A couple of questions were asked about the future of Elite and AAA given that Ringette Ontario (RO) has eliminated a formal Elite position in their new structure. Peter is not aware of any discussions or plans from RO that would see the elimination of AAA. In fact, RO is looking to revamp and elevate the program. Look for information from RO in the coming season.

2. Sport Development – **Chris Sharpe**

No report published

3. Adult Development – **Stephanie Smith**

See report. Interest in Adult ringette remains strong within the region, but the overhead of red tape is causing confusion and frustration. Stephanie is working with the adult groups to find ways to simplify some of the processes, explore ways to increase recreation style adult ringette and perhaps spread some of the overhead required by RO policies.

4. Coaching Coordinator – **John Mezenberg**

See report. A great year with an increased efforts to run clinics to support coach development. Reminder for associations to review the development requirements and the pathways from RO. In addition, western region is always looking for associations to host clinics. Reach out to John if interested. CI and CSI are going online and will not be done in person. Coaches will be able to go to any session run in Canada, not restricted to attending the ones hosted by WRRRA or RO.

5. G&T Coordinator – **Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling**

See report. Nancy reviewed many of the points.

6. Officiating Coordinator – **Denise Pelletier**

See report.

7. Membership Services Coordinator – **Melinda Suchard**

See report. Thank you Melinda for serving as Membership Services Coordinator the past several years.

8. 1st Vice President – WORL Report – **Phil Singeris**

See report. A year like none we have seen before. Disappointing and abrupt end to season. Huge thanks to the many volunteers whose efforts allow WORL to function. Hoping to build a couple of options for a return to provincial ringette for the upcoming season. Anticipating that the season will be delayed and a possible ramp up style of return to normal. Working closely with RO.

9. 2nd Vice President – WRRL Report – **Jason Vermeiren**

See report. Like WORL, a disappointing end to the season with no regionals or league banners. All activity on hold until direction provided by RO.

9. Chair's Report – **Chris Sharpe**

See report. Chris expressed gratitude for all the volunteers who planned for a normal season and then reacted in a professional manner to see actions taken for the safety of our members to minimize the impact. Working almost daily with RO to understand the current state of this very dynamic environment and to ensure that WRRRA is aligned. Despite an abrupt season conclusion, there were many successes and congratulations to all. WRRRA will do all it can to help associations as they plan to, hopefully, return to ice in fall. There were over 2700 replies to the RO survey and RO is aware there is a strong desire for players to get back to normal. RO working close with government bodies and public health to build a framework to safely return to the ice. WRRRA will communicate information as it becomes available. Wish everybody to stay safe.

10. 2020 ELECTION - **Peter Westelaken**

Treasurer

Nominations from the floor for a 2 year term.

Barb Green was nominated by Chris Sharpe. Barb accepted the nomination. Any other nominations – none.

No further nominations 3 x. None.

Motion to accept Barb as Treasurer

St. Marys, Waterloo, Carried

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Call for Tournament Hosts

Western Region is calling on application for associations willing to host the following tournaments:

- 2022 AA Provincials
- 2022 WRRL Championship

Application form to be posted on website by end of June.

2. Call for Tournament Section Committee Members

Western Region has a standing committee to review applications to host tournament and nominate an association to the executive. The committee consists of:

- WORL President (WRRRA 1st VP)
- WRRL President (WRRRA 2nd VP)
- WRRRA G&T Coordinator
- WRRRA Treasurer
- WRRRA Elite Coordinator or WRRRA Assistant G&T Coordinator
- Member at large

The committee is currently seeking a chair a member at large. Please email Chris Sharpe if you are interested.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

St. Marys, Chatham-Kent, Carried