



WESTERN REGION

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

at Spruce Lodge, St Mary's ON
Thursday, 15 September 2016

Regrets: M Suchard, D Pelletier, J Mezenberg, K Kaiser

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
BUSINESS:		
Roll Call	Absent: Mitchell, Owen Sound Ladies, & UWO Ringette	W Allen
Minutes from the February 2016 meeting	Motion to approve the minutes as printed. St Mary's/Goderich. Carried	W Allen
Treasurer's Report	See report.	J Saint
Learning Co-ordinator Reports	<p>Officiating – See report.</p> <p>Ensure D Pelletier has your current email address. Clinics are outlined in the report. Fill out a registration form found on the ORA website prior to stepping on the ice to officiate your first game. Over the age of 18, Criminal Background Check is required. St Mary's cost should be \$95, with spaces available.</p> <p>Coaching – See report.</p> <p>Bench Staff Qualification Requirements were addressed. 2016 Coaching Clinics still have spaces available. Go back to your association and make sure your coaches get it done. Both have introduction to coaching. Coaching meeting to be held in October.</p>	<p>D Pelletier</p> <p>J Mezenberg</p>

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<p>Co-ordinator Reports continued....</p>	<p>G & T - Report – see report.</p> <p>Note change for this season only. Tournament assignments for U14 – U19 have been completed.</p> <p>Player restrictions. Substitutions. Tournament hosts. Hosts are reminded that their initial schedules are due to G & T four weeks prior to your tournament, or three weeks prior for 1-day events. U12PP tournaments may be reassigned in December. Contact N Nicolson-Houghtling at appropriate numbers provided.</p> <p>Suspensions and major penalties must notify N Nicolson-Houghtling immediately.</p> <p>Membership – see report.</p> <p>Make note, of important dates to ensure your forms are submitted on time. Any questions, contact her directly. Reminder, Injury Reports are important and must be completed. If you have any Release Forms with you, P Singeris will deliver them to M Suchard or you can take them to the WORL meeting.</p> <p>Webmaster - No report</p> <p>Elite – see report.</p> <p>The Western Region AAA coach will be chosen before December 31st 2016. Note bench staff requirements. Watch for the notice. The ringette flash will be sent out to request applications to host Challenge Cups. Pros and cons to stand-alone events vs during an association annual tournament. It needs to be a break-even event. Perhaps each Region should host a Cup. Call out for team Ontario coaches. Ontario Winter Games will be held in 2018, and hosted by Orillia.</p> <p>Sport Development – see report.</p> <p>In June at the Ontario Ringette Association AGM, T P Tania did a short presentation on Come Try Ringette, which was well received and many great ideas were shared across the Province. Skills Matrix Information was covered with a due date of February 15th. Come Try Ringette is currently a 6 hour session. A 3 hour session may be more realistic. The Committee looking in to this. Items of interest, give to the Chair to take to the next Board meeting. Remember, at ORA your votes are important. Use your proxy vote if you cannot attend to have your voice heard. At our AGM proxy voting is available for associations to sign and give to the Chair.</p>	<p>N Nicolson-Houghtling</p> <p>M Suchard</p> <p>K Kaiser</p> <p>P Singeris</p> <p>T Tracey</p> <p>T Parsons</p> <p>M Vanoirschot</p> <p>P Westelaken</p>

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Co-ordinator Reports continued....	<p>Section 7.0 in the Sport Development Section of the ORA Operating Manual with their athletes and their parents. "It is defined as equal ice times every game with noted exceptions". New and effective immediately, coaches who are not following the Fair Ice Policy as written are subject to penalties. Complaints will be submitted to T Tracey. Check the ORA website for this update.</p> <p>Adult Development – see report.</p> <p>OAIC for 2017 – we are waiting for decision by Hamilton. Note a change to 18+A division location has been announced. For the 2017 season the 18+A McCarthy and 18+ Lajeunesse divisions will be hosted at the AA Provincial Championships in Nepean from March 9-12th.</p> <p>WORL A/AA League – see report.</p> <p>Note declared teams, for both AA and A in this report. Dates to mark on your calendar: U12 Provincial events will be hosted in Forest, March 2-5, 2017. A Provincials hosted in Pickering, March 16-19, 2017, AA Provincials in Nepean, March 9-12, 2017</p> <p>WRRL – B/C League</p> <p>Schedule will be out, and games begin before October 14th. Waterloo Association – issue with cancellation of ice to be declared by December 1st. There are other associations doing the same, so if you can help Waterloo, let them know ASAP. There are other associations that do the same. U9 & U10 age category – lack of U9, make sure everyone is on side. Geography comes into play. Use U9 for a development perspective, more enjoyable. Collaboration with other associations but parents would have to agree. If division is small, use a mixed schedule for U09 teams play some other U10 teams for the experience.</p>	

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	<p>Director's Report – see report.</p> <p>Congratulations to our AAA team, who went undefeated last year! A – Hosted by Kitchener – March 2018, Waterloo is hosting the U12 event.</p> <p>Mississauga – December 2017 hosting the World's. How can we take advantage of this event to enhance our sport?</p> <p>Motion to accept all coordinator reports. Dorchester/Owen Sound. Carried.</p>	B Beckles
New Business	Volunteer Recognition – Western Region. ORA plaques that were presented at the AGM dinner in June were distributed.	
Adjournment	Adjourned .Motion to adjourn. Elora Fergus/Goderich. Carried.	
Next Meeting	Thursday, November 17 th , 2016, 7:30PM at the Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON	

Secretary - Wendy

Tuesday, November 08, 2016