



## WESTERN REGION

### MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

At the Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON  
Thursday, 17 September 2015

Regrets:

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning)	Responsibility
Welcome everyone! Introductions were held.		
<b>BUSINESS:</b>		
Roll Call		W Allen
Adopt minutes of Previous Meeting	Motion to accept the minutes. Exeter-Seaforth/Chatham. Carried.	W Allen
Business arising from the Minutes	None	W Allen
Treasurer's Report	See report. Accepting your \$60 region dues from associations tonight. Regionals 2015 payout to the associations should be completed by our next meeting.	J Saint
Co-ordinator Reports	<u>Officiating</u>  See report. This is a refresher year, therefore every official and bench staff, (head or assistant coach) member must attend a refresher clinic. They can represent both teams if applicable. Clinics are listed. There is an online registration process for all referee clinics through the Ringette Canada website. Create a profile on their website. Officials must be registered with the ORA before stepping onto the ice. We still have a shortage of high level refs until we build up our refs and get them through the ranks.	D Pelletier

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Co-ordinator Reports continued.....	<p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>See report. There have been several changes to qualifications that will take effect this season. All bench staff must sign the bench staff code of conduct agreement (ORA Form C-F-01). Remember you are responsible for your parents and are to deal with the issue at the arena.</p> <p>Coaching and officiating move to break out room.</p> <p><u>G &amp; T</u></p> <p>See report. Continuing the process of assigning tournaments for these divisions. Regionals 2016 is being held in London this year, March 24-26. Review Western Region substitutions process, and penalty and suspension reporting.</p> <p>Come Try Ringette – Western Region has a policy for reimbursement. Apply for the process, when all the applications have been received, the Executive will access, and make disbursements where applicable.</p> <p>U12 teams tournaments for provincials and/or Regionals (for team players) may change.</p> <p><u>Membership Services</u></p> <p>See report. All Association Registrars should be working on their TRFs with a deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> to ORA. Coaches should always carry a copy of their TRF. Two team contracts need to be completed, submitted and approved before the player plays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Facility Audits are due for the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Put them on your association website. A reminder, that Injury forms must be filled out and sent to the ORA office with a copy to M Suchard.</p> <p><u>Website</u></p> <p>Send your announcements to K Kaiser to be posted.</p> <p><u>Elite</u></p> <p>See report. Intent to Proceed to Eastern's and the Nationals form is due November 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Syd Nosal, Shae Reaman, and Abby Richardson for earning a position on the junior team Canada Ringette team.</p> <p><u>Sport Development</u> – vacant</p> <p>Complete your skills matrix.</p> <p><u>Adult development</u> – vacant</p> <p>See report. Phil Singeris has agreed to take over the president position. The schedule finalized.</p>	<p>J Mezenberg</p> <p>N Nicolson-Houghtling</p> <p>M Suchard</p> <p>K Kaiser</p> <p>P Richardson</p>

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Reports continued....	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – WORL See report.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – WRRL See report. Reminder that they look after all your B &amp; C teams. Declaration of teams, overage player forms and 2 team agreements.</p>	B Woolley
Chairman's Report	<p>See report. In remembrance, of the unexpected passing of a great man and an excellent leader, M Guiler. I am excited to take on the challenge, working alongside our executive and coordinators through this next term.</p> <p>Motion to accept all coordinators report.</p> <p>London/Owen Sound. Carried.</p>	R Gratton
New Business	<p>In order to attain a continued balance of responsibilities on our board throughout our Region, it is very important to have every position filled. The interest of these groups is not being represented at the table when vacant. We must remember, we are the biggest region in Ontario.</p> <p><u>Sport Development</u></p> <p>Is there an association interested in this position. Nominated Tania Pettitt-Tracey, Waterloo. No other nominations from the floor 2X. Carried.</p> <p><u>Adult Development</u></p> <p>Any association interest? Responsibilities were explained by N Houghling. SWIRL rep will ask this weekend, and identify a name of the coordinator.</p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – WORL</u></p> <p>P Singeris nominated as President of WORL. No other nominations from the floor 2X. Carried.</p> <p><u>Chairman of Western Region:</u> as per our constitution, R Gratton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President has accepted the position of Chair of Western Region. No other nominations from the floor 2X. Carried.</p>	

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New business continued...	<p>Incorporation of Western Region. M Guiler was diligently working towards moving forward with the Incorporation of Western Region. K Kaiser would be willing to continue his valuable work. It is the understanding, that it will be a 2 year process. Next year's AGM 2016 By-Laws will be brought forward and then finalized in the next year (2017).</p> <p>The main reasons for Incorporation: To create a distinct legal entity separate from the people who are involved in the business with extended liability protection. Disadvantage means more paperwork which we will be required to report to the Province, Minute books, and fees will be involved throughout this process. Protection.</p> <p>Process: Executive and Coordinators will work together to address the by-laws and bring forward to the membership at our next AGM.</p> <p>HST: Does not have to be charged.</p> <p>Further discussion.</p> <p>Motion to set aside a budget amount of \$1500 to explore the necessary processes and fees required to create a legal entity through Incorporation. K Kaiser/Waterloo. Carried.</p>	
Announcements	<p>Next weekend will be the first ORA board meeting. If there is anything you want addressed at the board level, please let us know and we will do our best for you.</p> <p>Shot clocks are in to be repaired this weekend. Requests accepted through M Kaiser.</p> <p>In future, remember if you are unable to attend the ORA AGM, complete and send your proxy to the Chair prior to the meeting.</p>	
Other Business	<p>Awards from the ORA , Annual General Meeting held in June 2015.</p> <p>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – St Clements</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Goderich</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Hanover</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Guelph/Chatham. Carried.</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Thursday, November 12, 2015