



WESTERN REGION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Nov. 21, 2019
Spruce Lodge, Stratford
7-9 pm

Agenda

1. **Welcome** – Chris

2. **Roll Call**

Present – Dorchester, Elora-Fergus, Exeter-Seaforth, Forest, Guelph, Hanover, Kitchener, London, London Open, Mitchell, Owen Sound, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, WRIARA

Regrets – Chatham, St. Thomas Adult, Wellington North, Owen Sound Ladies, UWO, Goderich, St. Thomas, Waterloo, SWIRL, St. Clements

3. **Adopt Minutes of Previous September 18, 2019 meeting.**

Motion to accept London, Guelph. Carried

4. **Director's Reports**

All reports available online <http://www.wrra.ca/reports/112119.php> were reviewed by respective Director's with no issues to discuss.

Items to note:

Adult

Year-end tournament in Oshawa has been scheduled for Easter Weekend beginning the Thursday, April 9th, 2020 and to wrap up Saturday so that all can enjoy the remainder of the Easter weekend.

Chair

Please review Chair Report from this meeting as there is a substantial amount of information
<http://www.wrra.ca/reports/112119drp.pdf>

- WRRRA has seen an increase of 96 new ringette players this season. Majority of that growth has occurred in Adult division. There is massive opportunity for Associations to expand in this older demographic.
- Chris presented a slide show presentation from Ringette Ontario of Competition Review. This slide show presented information on areas RO may focus on Long Term Player Development as well competitive ringette. More information from RO will be presented at a meeting in January 2020. Chris will report back with additional information at the next WRRRA General Meeting.

5. **Motion to accept all Director's Reports**

Dorchester, St. Marys. Carried

6. New Business

Dorchester brought forward the concern with WRRRA's lack of co-ed rules and that there may be a need for a specific policy on the number of males vs females required/allowed on the ice on any given shift.

Open discussions occurred with a final suggestion that Dorchester submit a proposal for the Executive to review and discuss to determine if a co-ed policy should be adopted for the 2020-2021 season. This proposal would need to be submitted by February 20, 2020, the date of the next WRRRA General Meeting.

7. Announcements

Rogers TV broadcasted three gold medal games from the London Ringette Tournament. Those that were able to view the broadcast said the quality was great. If you are holding a tournament or special ringette event, consider contacting your local broadcaster to ask if they would be willing to cover a game (or a portion) to promote ringette.

8. Motion to Adjourn

London, Adult Director. Carried.

Next WRRRA General Meeting:

Thursday, February 20, 2020 Spruce Lodge, Stratford 7pm