



WESTERN REGION

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

At Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON
Thursday, 23 November 2017, 7:00PM

Session Item	Notes: (e.g. Information, Discussion, Action, Reflection, Learning	Responsibility
Welcome everyone!		
BUSINESS:		
Welcome	Welcome everyone!	B Breckles
Roll Call	Regrets: Kerry Box, Western University, Goderich, Wellington North, St Clements Late: Woolwich, Owen Sound, Forest	W Allen
Adopt Minutes of Previous September 2017 Meeting	Motion to accept the minutes as printed. As mended. Hanover/N Nicolson-Houghtling. Carried.	All
Adoption of Agenda		All
Co-ordinator Reports	Officiating See report. Looking forward to next year, and currently looking at the Eastern model. This will be brought forward to membership.	D Pelletier
	Treasurers Report No report. The report will be posted to the website with a close off date of November 30 th , 2017.	J Saint
	Coaching See report. Code of Conduct forms – contact J Mezenberg directly.	J Mezenberg

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Co-ordinator Reports continue...	<p>Games & Tournament</p> <p>See report. New rules for tournament participants & hosts.</p> <p>Note 8.8.1 teams withdrawing from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline and before the schedule is posted.</p> <p>8.8.2 Teams withdrawing from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline.</p> <p>8.9.2 Teams that voluntarily forfeit a game during a tournament will be fined \$500 per game. Fine is paid to ORA.</p> <p>Check manual for Adult substitutions.</p>	<p>N Nicolson-Houghtling</p> <p>Chris Sharpe</p>
	<p>Membership Services</p> <p>See report. Reminder to coaches to complete injury forms!</p>	<p>M Suchard</p>
	<p>Webmaster</p> <p>No report.</p>	<p>K Kaiser</p>
	<p>Elite</p> <p>See report. Presentation by P Westelaken. Challenge Cup next event will be held December 8-10, 2017 in New Market. AAA budget, looking for donated practice ice. After their practice they will do drills, activities with the players within the association. Call them even if it is short notice.</p> <p>New jerseys and pants were purchased. Ontario Winter Games – there was some confusion with the trillium applica. Initially, it was thought we would have to change the jerseys but the issue has now been resolved.</p>	<p>P Westelaken</p>
	<p>Sport Development</p> <p>No report.</p>	<p>T Pettit-Tracey</p>
	<p>Adult Development</p> <p>See report. Note the reports for team breakdowns.</p> <p>Should a decision be reached, not be to your satisfaction, then you can come see us. First Step - Take the conversation to M Van Oirschot and she will take it to ADP.</p>	<p>M Van Oirschot</p>
	<p>1st Vice President – WORL Report</p> <p>See report.</p>	<p>P Singeris</p>

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	<p>2nd Vice President – WRRL Report</p> <p>See report. Remember to refer to the fair play policy and sportsmanship. Expectations are listed.</p> <p>Please note the re-seeding meeting, on December 7, 2017.</p>	T Butcher-Parsons
Directors Report	<p>See report.</p> <p>Mike Beaton will be retiring in 2018 as the ORA Executive Director. The new position will be called President, CEO.</p> <p>Motion to accept all co-ordinator reports as printed.</p> <p>St Thomas/Exeter-Seaforth. Carried.</p>	B Breckles
New Business	<p>Awards were presented at the banquet/dinner last year. St Thomas 40th Anniversary. Forest 35th Anniversary, host U12 event, U12 won sportsmanship award. Wellington North 30th Anniversary (not in attendance).</p>	
Announcements	<p>Overage player, or 2 player agreement – pick up your copies from M Suchard.</p> <p>N Nicolson-Houghtling - Anyone not staying for the discussion, please hand in your Provincial and Regional cheques and your Intent to Proceed.</p>	All
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Kitchener/Waterloo Carried.</p>	

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<p>President's Round Table Discussion</p>	<p>Player Tryout Form. Top part of the form is permission to skate. As a President, they should know the rules - the top part is permission to skate. e.g. timeline in Alberta of 72 hours. London to Guelph, you would have to skate at all Associations between the two cities, and receive releases from each. The form must be completely filled out when your signature goes on the form. Important to know all the rules. Summer holidays can be a challenge. You cannot ignore the request. We do not have a time line in our Region, but maybe we need one. President needs to know where they are going and record it. An open conversation with the family keeps the communication lines open. Signature doesn't have to be the President, it could be the Vice-President. Remember all the boxes must be completed.</p> <p>Sport Injury report form – on-line only.</p> <p>Collect status on concussions – head injury. Collect information on paper and then when you get home complete information on-line. Importance of this form. e.g. twisted knee may be more serious than you first thought, and you didn't fill out the form. No recourse to ORA. Head injury, think about the repercussion. Parents complete Part 2 insurance part should be filled out as well just to be sure, within 7 days of injury.</p> <p>Someone on your Executive should be keeping track of the substitutions. Must be marked on the game sheet SUB 1, SUB 2, etc. until maximum is reached.</p> <p>Dressing room etiquette – Exeter/Seaforth – had a bullying situation. Developing a policy – 2 ladies in the room until U16 and then for older, at coaches discretion. Responsible coaching movement.</p> <p>Building the foundation of our association, keep building, focus on regional teams. Community supports us, coaches all talk to one another, stay at the same hotel. The grass roots of our sports are our house league programs, and building them. Balance of regionals and provincial. Small community connection by open house, etc. results in a lot of parents volunteering. Volunteer hours. Ice availability. 2 teams work together and share ice so they each get an hour ice time.</p> <p>Dorchester – Mentorship Programs. High school kids can use it for community hours. Coaching is key to attracting children to the sport.</p> <p>Approach the University teams to come out and work with the younger girls. e.g. skills – showing them how to do things correctly and make it work.</p>	<p>All</p>

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	<p>The growth is sitting around this table. Share information with everyone around the table. Next meeting in February, bring any marketing materials – bring them to display. T Pettit-Tracey has been working very hard.</p> <p>St Mary's – how to make your coaches better so kids will love them and the game to be with their friends. Watch a higher level team play.</p> <p>Build from the bottom up!</p> <p>Jim F., Richmond Hill. In the larger centres, there is competition with hockey, soccer, lacrosse, etc., contact him for new strategies.</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Tuesday, February 13, 2018