

	<p style="text-align: center;">WESTERN REGION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov 26, 2020 - 7-9pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting ID: 851 3331 5282 Password: 270238</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85133315282?pwd=cE96N0h3TU54SnpHUHplRzRYdJlRUT09</p>
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Agenda

- 1) Welcome – Chris Sharpe
- 2) Roll Call – Chris Sharpe
 - Attendees: Chris, Phil, Jason, Barb, Craig, Nancy, Denise, John
 - Associations: Chatham, Dorchester, Elora-Fergus, Forest, Goderich, Guelph, Hanover, Kitchener, London, Mitchell, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, Waterloo, WRIARA
- 3) Correction to previous minutes
 - i) Nancy noted that WRIARA had attended but had not been included within the Association Roll Call.
- 4) Motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting – Chris Sharpe
 - Guelph/Dorchester, Carried
- 5) Reports
 - a) Officiating Coordinator – Denise Pelletier
 - i) Verbal report provided.
 - ii) RO running clinics and Level 1 & 2 have been provided although unable to do on-ice portion.
 - iii) Recent conference call with RO held to discuss issues around officiating & game play:
 - RO recommending: 5-on-5 play, and that play should look like ringette (ie use of blue lines).
 - Officials to look for ‘prolonged contact’ and limit play against the boards. When called, the ring will be turned over to the other team.
 - Working with RO to clear up inconsistencies in language and in the understanding of modified games rules.
 - Pulling the goalie is allowed in modified play
 - Associations don’t need to use team jerseys but if jerseys do not have numbers, they will not know who scored or who may have had multiple penalties in a game.

- b) Treasurer – Barbara Green
 - i) Report provided
 - ii) Association Presidents are encouraged to apply for the \$5,000 marketing grant, which is split between the 1st & 2nd halves of the season. Applications for the 1st half are due by Dec 20th. No applications had been received as of the meeting. Any funds not spent in the 1st half will be included in the 2nd half allotment. Reach out to Barbara if you have any questions.

- c) Coaching Coordinator – Craig Hennessy
 - i) Report provided
 - ii) Recommend Association encourage players (age 14+) to consider being part of the Junior Coaching program. No need for CSI, only Intro to Coaching and Respect for Sport (approx. total cost \$50)

- d) G&T Coordinator – Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling & Jordan Kovats
 - i) Report provided
 - ii) All tournaments have been cancelled by RO
 - iii) G&T recommends that WRRRA look to hold local rather than region-wide end of season event (*will review & confirm this approach at the WRRRA Jan 21st meeting*)
 - iv) Seeking hosts for 2022 for Regionals & Provincial events – those that had been slated to host in 2021 could host in 2022 but applications would need to be re-submitted.

- e) Membership Services Coordinator – Elly Simpson (absent)
 - i) No report submitted

- f) Webmaster – Keith Kaiser (absent)
 - i) No report submitted
 - ii) Continuing to evaluate RAMP

- g) Elite Coordinator – John Mezenberg
 - i) Report provided
 - ii) Sheri Markle has been appointed as the Head Coach for the 2023 U20 Team Ontario (Canada Winter Games) team.
 - iii) High Performance Program is accepting applications. Players must be registered with their local Association in order to apply. 300 applications have been received to date.

- h) Sport Development – Position Vacant
 - i) No report submitted

- i) Adult Development – Stephanie Smith (absent)

- i) Report provided
 - ii) Any player who is registered on a sanctioned team is UNABLE to participate in unsanctioned play as it will void their insurance and break the cohort rules.
- j) 1st Vice President / WORL – Phil Singeris
- i) Report provided
 - ii) Continue to be in holding pattern until move to Stage 5.
- k) 2nd Vice President / WRRRL – Jason Vermeiren
- i) No report submitted
 - ii) In same holding pattern as WORL
- l) Chair – Chris Sharpe
- i) Report provided
 - ii) Summary of Players by Association included in report. Most Associations are down in overall numbers of registered athletes with the largest decrease in adult players.
 - iii) Top 10 Priority List update provided in report.
 - iv) No obligation for Children’s ringette this season.
 - v) Still looking for Player Development volunteer.
 - vi) RO Update:
 - Potential for paid role to support Pam on programs
 - RO is financially ok due to receipt of JumpStart grant
 - Christmas Shutdown will be Dec 24th – Jan 10th inclusive. No ringette activity to be held.
 - Let Chris know if RO shutdown decision will create financial pressure (ie cost for contract ice that can’t be returned)
 - Basecamp has been a very successful tool to support Presidents & CSLs during COVID. Looking at potential to use in Region.
- 6) Association updates on RTR – Brief Association verbal status report
- i) Most Associations are in Stage 3 and have been engaging in mini-league play with other Associations in their Health Unit or in house leagues.
 - ii) Several Associations have recently moved to Orange & Red and others expect they will be Red soon.
 - iii) Many Associations in Red have opted to cancel their practices until after the Christmas Shutdown.
- 7) New Business
- i) None
- 8) Adjourn – Guelph/Elora-Fergus, Passed