



## WESTERN REGION

### MINUTES

### GENERAL MEETING

At the Spruce Lodge, Stratford ON  
Thursday, 04 December 2014

Regrets: D Pelletier, J Mezenberg, P Westelaken, & P Richardson

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Welcome everyone!		
<b>BUSINESS:</b> In absence of the Chair, M Guiler, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair will conduct the meeting.		
Roll Call	Absent: St Clements, St Mary's, & Western University Ringette	W Allen
Minutes from the previous September meeting	Motion to accept the minutes as printed. Chatham/Seaforth-Exeter. Carried	W Allen
Business Arising from the minutes	None	W Allen
Treasurer's Report	See report. Noted, the following associations have missed the deadline for paying their annual dues for the 2014-2015 season. Mitchell, Owen Sound, SWIRL & Western University Ringette. Don't delay; mail your \$70 cheque to J Saint today!	J Saint
Reports:	<u>Games &amp; Tournament</u> See report. Reminder of player substitutions. All suspensions are to be reported to G & T within 24 hours or before your next game, with a copy of the game sheet. Non-refundable cheques are due at our next meeting for the \$200 for each team entered into the Regionals. The City of Guelph, unfortunately unable to be subsidies Adult teams. Last year, the price for each would have been approximately \$900 per team. Consider checking other tournaments – they may be more economical.	

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Reports	<p>We are planning a coaching meeting to be held before the Regionals Tournament begins. Reminder that bench staffs are required to complete the Code of Conduct form, which can be found on the ORA website. Ensure that you read thoroughly, and understand this form before signing! It is important to respect the game, officials, and our volunteers. ORA website – forms and appendices.</p> <p><u>Membership Services</u> See report. Two Team Contracts – the final deadline for these is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Facility Audits are due now. Reminder, Injury forms need to be completed.</p> <p><u>Coaching - regrets</u> See report. Reminder - CS1, December 13<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge &amp; CI-2, December 14<sup>th</sup> in Mississauga</p> <p><u>Officiating – regrets</u> See report.</p> <p><u>Elite – regrets</u> Shot clocks (5) contact M Kaiser. When using these shot clocks watch who is taking the unit down to ensure you get <u>all</u> the parts back. A reminder, K &amp; M Kaiser will be away on vacation for one month after January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you know you will need a shot clock in that time period, book now!</p> <p>Team Ontario – 5 players were selected from Western Region. A sponsorship donation of \$400 was given to each player. Emily Ferguson was able to attend our meeting tonight (she is 1 of the 2 goalies - Waterloo). Erin Markle (Waterloo), Shaw Raeman, Syd Nosal (St Clements), and Abby Richardson. In speaking on behalf of all the girls, she gave the Region a huge thank you for the sponsorship.</p> <p><u>Adult – vacant</u> It is important to note, that substitutions and level of play changes cannot be approved without an Adult Coordinator.</p> <p><u>Athlete – regrets</u> See report. U8 Goalies – it is your option, is there for goalies to wear full equipment if both teams agree but not a requirement. Matrix number to written in the same line as the team name.</p> <p><u>Website – no report.</u> As per request, a link will be added to the ORA website for the Code of Conduct form.</p>	<p>M Suchard J Mezenberg D Pelletier P Richardson E Beuglet K Kaiser B Woolley M Guiler N Nicolson-Houghtling P Westelaken</p>

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	<p><u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – WORL Report</u> All teams are reminded to submit scores within 24 hours of their scheduled games.</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – WRRL Report</u> Note the important dates in the report.</p> <p><u>Grow the Sport</u> – video and slide presentation by W McHarg WRRL primary objective is to develop, grow the sport, and player retention plan by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Ensuring that associations have the capability to utilize in spring/summer to grow the sport for Fall 2015. Marketing operational that works for you. The facilitator is key to the group and keeps them working together. Project Phoenix Questions were distributed. They hope to meet between Christmas and New Year's or early in the new year. We need to expand our sport whether in our existing associations or expand to new ones. The slide presentation will be posted on our website. Changes to be brought forward at the AGM in April. Take it back to your associations and encourage this conversation. Any questions, contact B Woolley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair or W McHarg (Hanover)</p> <p><u>Chairman's Report - regrets</u> See report.</p> <p>Motion to accept the coordinator reports as printed. Exeter-Seaforth/Guelph, Carried.</p>	
Announcements	<p>London Ringette is hosting the AA provincials, March 12 – 15, 2015. Contact M Sushard for sponsorship in our program, want to volunteer, we would appreciate your support.</p> <p>Tillsonburg Association is hosting their tournament, January 16-18, 2015. There are still a few spots available. Come out to watch Cambridge vs Gatineau on January 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>This weekend, St Mary's Tournament December 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
Next Meeting	Thursday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn. Kitchener/London. Carried.</p>	

Secretary - Wendy

Friday, December 05, 2014