



# WESTERN REGION GENERAL MEETING

Feb 24, 2022 - 7-9pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87287600462>

Meeting ID: 872 8760 0462

## Agenda

1) Welcome – Chris Sharpe

2) Roll Call – Mark DeLaFranier

Regrets: Denise, Nancy/Jordan, Denise

Absent: Exeter/Seaforth, London, St. Thomas, Waterloo, Wellington/North

3) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Mark DeLaFranier

**a) Motion to approve previous minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Dorchester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Guelph, Carried**

4) Reports

a) Officiating Director – Denise Pelletier

b) Treasurer – Barbara Green

i) *AAA cheques in progress.*

ii) *Discussion around mileage claim rate.*

*(1) We should incorporate this into league budget*

*(2) Proposal to raise to \$0.48/km, consider making it retroactive to the start of 2021-22 season, but concerns over how to account for this as our year end is March 31/2022. This is a large effort for treasurer.*

*Proposal to raise \$0.50 as of April 1, 2022. Chris indicated this is an operational issue, no need for a vote. There were no objections.*

c) Coaching Director – Adam McKinlay

d) G&T (Competition) Director – Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling & G&T Asst: Jordan Kovats

e) Membership Services Director – Elly Simpson

f) High Performance Director – John Mezenberg

i) *Thunder Bay has been announced as the host for the Ontario Winter Games in Feb 2024*

ii) *Reminder live-stream game are being included*

*(1) Chris noted that for provincials this year, RO is looking at live streaming. Everybody should watch! RO will be reviewing the numbers to see if there is sufficient usage to support future efforts.*

- g) Marketing Director – Megan Carberry
  - i) *Megan reviewed posted report. No questions asked*
  
- h) AA/A Play VP (GLRL Region Rep) – Shelley Handley
  - i) *Shelley reviewed posted report.*
  - ii) *Positive feedback around tryout schedule and increased coordination of committee*
  - iii) *Note that the tryout committee will apply a “stricter” review of the willing to host applications to try to minimize team formation churn, for example no goalie listed or lower roster count.*
  - iv) *Request to update the tryout google form to send notifications to registrants. Form was updated*
  
- i) Adult Play VP – Stephanie Smith
  - i) *Discussion around the need to improve communication from RO around plans and direction of Adult*
  
- j) B/C Play VP / WRRRL League – Jason Vermeiren
  - i) *Huge thanks for Brian and association schedulers for their efforts in game rescheduling after the temporary January shutdown.*
  
- k) Chair – Chris Sharpe
  - i) *Discussion around consideration to revisit around closest association policy and how to apply the rule.*
  - ii) *Limit the required the distance of 100KM to have to go to the next closest association. For example, a Guelph player would not be required to move to Forest.*
  - iii) *Could be released out of region to optionally play in Cambridge or Mississauga.*
    - (1) *This would apply to regional teams as well*
    - (2) *Concerns about southern not applying the same policy*
    - (3) *No change to inbound players*
    - (4) *Lots of discussion on current region boundaries as a long-standing problem that impacts smaller associations more.*
    - (5) *Need to review distances as there are a few cases of 90-100km that might be of concern*

*Proposed Motion: Players are eligible to go out of region if the next closest association in region is greater than 100km in distance.*

*Chris to discuss with Southern and report back.*

- iv) *Lots of positive feedback about finding a solutions to goalie shortage.*
  - (1) *Should we consider goalie grant, like the marketing grant?*
  - (2) *Review 2 team substitution policy*
  - (3) *Review 1 vs 2 goalies on teams*
  - (4) *Provide training*
  - (5) *Provide extra equipment*
  - (6) *Everything on the table.*
  - (7) *Please reach out to Chris if you have some additional ideas.*

v) AGM coming up and the following roles are up for election – Treasurer, Competition, Officiating and HP.

***Motion to accept director reports: 1<sup>st</sup> Guelph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elora/Fergus, Carried.***

- 5) Return to play after Covid Discussion– Chris Sharpe
  - a) *Chris reminded everybody that local PHU have final jurisdiction.*
- 6) Provincials Update – Chris Sharpe \*\* Need Convenors & Minor Officials \*\*
  - a) *Things are going well. As noted above need exists for officials*
- 7) Regionals Update – Melinda/Nancy
  - a) *Reminder substitutions must submitted at least 2 days in advance!*
- 8) Tryout Update – Shelley Handley
  - a) *Update given during the VP A/AA Play. See the report for additional information*
  - b) *We are current at just under 300 intents, expect a large surge towards the deadline. Last year we had 610 and 679 prior year*
- 9) Elora-Fergus Marketing Grant Presentation
- 10) AGM Reminder – April 27, 2022
- 11) New Business – Chris
  - a) *None*
- 12) In Camera - Chris
- 13) Adjourn

***Motion to Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Guelph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elora/Fergus, Carried.***