



WESTERN REGION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Feb 16th, 2023 - 7-9pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83175748190>

Agenda

- 1) Welcome – Chris Sharpe
- 2) Roll Call – Mark DeLaFranier
Absent: Goderich, Kitchener, Wellington Noth
- 3) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Mark DeLaFranier
Motion to approve minutes: 1st Guelph, 2nd Forest, Carried
- 4) Reports
 - a) Marketing Director – Megan Carberry
 - i) New region logo being rolled out
 - ii) Marketing Grant Application open
 - iii) Photo submissions
 - iv) Stick program for new year?
 - (1) St. Mary's had to purchase 5 extra
 - (2) Tillsonburg had to purchase about 20 more
 - (3) London players were very appreciative, bright colours, fun!
 - (4) Dorchester players really liked it
 - (5) WRRRA expenses was about \$9k in sticks
 - (6) St. Thomas – is there anyway to tie back to registrations?
 - b) High Performance Director – John Mezenberg
 - c) Membership Services Director – Elly Simpson
 - d) Treasurer – Barbara Green – Budget Proposal
 - e) Coaching Director – Vacant – No Report
 - i) CI Evaluations – Evaluator from Eastern Region coming.
 - ii) Coaching Directors should be looking at evaluations for next years coaches to happen before Nov next season.
 - f) G&T (Competition) Director – Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (Regionals Chair)
 - i) Regionals Update
 - g) Goalie Clinic Update – Mark
 - h) AA/A Play VP (GLRL Region Rep) – Shelley Handley

- i) A/AA Committee Selected Shelley as Chair for next term
- i) Adult Play VP – Stephanie Smith
- j) B/C Play VP / WRRRL League – Jason Vermeiren
 - i) Please advise status of B/C committee Chair selection status
- k) Chair – Chris Sharpe

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- 5) RO, Region Updates – Chris
 - a) Officiating Incident & Guelph Tournament
 - b) Adult Pathway from minor ringette to adult – Can we put a taskforce together?
 - i) 18+ AA, A, B, C
 - ii) 18+ U
 - iii) NRL
 - c) Mary and Keith Kaiser Scholarship applications are open.
Link:
<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/wrra/files/Resources/WRRRA%20Mary%20and%20Keith%20Kaiser%20Scholarship%20Award%20and%20Application.pdf>
 - d) Reminder to have your board complete Conflict of Interest forms prior to team formation discussions for next season.
 - e) AGM, nominations for positions will open soon.
 - i) Positions up for re-election for 2-year term: Chair, Secretary, Coaching, Membership services, Marketing directors.
 - Adult Rep is also open, Need to discuss how to handle if adult committee is not active
 - ii) Positions up for election for 1 year term (vacant or will be vacant): High Performance, Competitions, Officiating directors.
 - f) U12 A/B/C Changes announced by Ringette Ontario.
 - Teams Tiered A/B/C all levels will be “mixed gender”.
 - New U12 Event for all levels of U12 (Location and time TBD)
 - Fall Team formation is firm
 - Tournaments to be 3 game guarantee for all levels of U12.
 - “Club Created” teams, releases for level of play will not be permitted.
 - Associations will have to work together and consider combined teams??
 - Link to notice:
<https://3.basecamp.com/4131766/buckets/18153333/messages/5809394548>
- 6) In Camera – Chris
- 7) New Business

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: 1st Dorchester, 2nd Guelph, Carried