

Western Region Ringette League (WRRL)
April 14, 2010 – Spruce Lodge , Stratford – 6:00 pm
Executive Meeting

Present:

President:	Kevin Hanlon - Wellington North
Treasurer:	Dave Eccles -- Hanover
Western Commissioner:	Jay Armstrong – St. Mary's
Eastern Commissioner:	John Mezenburg - Guelph
Secretary:	Jody Goldhawk - London
Absent:	Kendra Vermilyea , Vice-President

Meeting Called to order @ 6:15 pm. By Kevin Hanlon

1.) Comments about WRRL 1st Season

No complaints about the season except for the 2-3 week gap around March Break just before Regionals. Huron Perth league thought it as OK and might use this as an opportunity to move Championship day into March as preparation for Regionals.

Everyone agreed that we need better communication of all meeting dates, schedule dates, and when season will end, etc. Look at pre-setting meeting dates for whole season.

There was some confusion on who was running Regionals – Keith or Nancy ?

Everyone agreed that all the groups for Regionals were good and had even Tiers. All the games were close, and only a few were over 7 goal spreads.

U7 was a little confusing, people wanted to play more games. WRRL left it up to the coaches to organize exhibition games, but these are new coaches who don't know what to do. Discussed having the league schedule U7 minor games, but decided that creating a contact list for the coaches would work.

U9 – received positive feedback about not keeping score. Guelph received sponsorship from 4 Tim Horton stores and thus got a Timbit program going in the area.

2.) Approval of Previous Minutes from March 8/09

Change the winner of the West U16C Banner champion to Goderich from Forest.

Motion to accept minutes -- Dave, 2nd Jay, All approved.

3) U10 Tiering

Most e-mails were in favour of U10 tiering, but it has benefits for both. WRRL wants to look at changing names from B, C1, C2 to C major, C intermediate, C minor

Teams would have to declare one of the above then will have cross play major vs intermediate and intermediate vs minor, but never major vs minor.

Motion to tier U10 division using C-major, C-intermediate, C-minor – John, 2nd Dave , all passed

This motion will be presented at the AGM to the membership.

4) Tiering for U12-U19

Tiering for the U12-U19 will have no B for league purposes, but Tier 1 and Tier 2 if required.

5) Uniforms

Should home team always wear one colour. All agreed that the WRRL doesn't want to enforce this, it would be a Western Region issue if someone wanted to pursue further.

6) Cross – Conference Play

WRRL will review year by year. It will depend on the numbers and WRRL would approve at U12 and up if possible and works with everyone.

7) Player Substitution

ORA affiliate Player Substitution rule need clarification. Look at having lower age player replace player on team only if the team has less than 10 players. Discussion on whether we can do this just for experience for players. WRRL will look at this process in September since it needs further research. This potentially could help the numbers problems for some associations who have double team players.

8) Schedules

For the 2010/2011 season will have Kendra Vermilyea do the East Schedule, and Jeannine Van Kessel the West Schedule.

Kendra and Jeannine will determine template for ice times, and have it ready ahead of time to give to associations with lots of time.

East and West Commissioners to approve schedule before its sent out.

WRRL will adopt the same schedule timetable as last year, which will be confirmed in August.

All changes to the schedule will not be posted to the WRRL website since there are too many changes to manage.

9) Volunteer Positions

Everyone is on for a two year term, therefore all the same executive will stay on for another year.

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10) Treasurer's Report

\$1826.80 bank account balance with all expenses paid.

11) New Business

Financial Year End for the WRRL will be April 30.

Motion to accept – Dave, 2nd Jody, all approved.