

**Western Region Ringette League
Annual General Meeting
June 22, 2009**

Present: Dorchester (Peter VanLoy), Elora-Fergus (Terry Williams), Exeter (Michele Hodgert), Goderich (Shelley Peet), Hanover (Dave Eccles), London (Melinda Suchard, Jody Goldhawk), Mitchell (Rob Sawyer, Grant McKellar), Owen Sound (Sean Vermilyea), St Marys (Jay Armstrong), St Thomas (Joy Johnson, Mike Johnson), Seaforth (Dave Garrick), Tara (Mike Bryans), Tillsonburg (Paul Martin), Wellington North (Kevin Hanlon), Woolwich (Brenda Poole), Kendra Vermilyea, Janet Logan (past Western G&T) and Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (Western Region G&T)

Absent: Chatham, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, St Clements, Stratford, and Waterloo

- 1) Meeting called to order 7:10 pm by Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling; Minutes kept by Janet Logan
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Constitution of the WRRL Motioned by Woolwich; Seconded by Wellington North; Carried
- 4) Election: President –(3 year) Kevin Hanlon Wellington North
Vice President–(3 year) Kendra Vermilyea Grey-Bruce/Owen Sound
Secretary–(2 year) Jody Goldhawk London
Treasurer–(2 year) Dave Eccles Hanover
Eastern Commissioner–(3 year) John Mezenberg Guelph
Western Commissioner–(3 year) Jay Armstrong St Marys
- 5) Working Sessions: Nancy divided the attendees into 3 working groups to discuss rules and areas of concerns that would be considered important for the new league to cover and implement. After 45 minutes the groups were asked to name one area in each of the discussed categories that they felt were important these were noted and discussed amongst the larger group.

Rules: Overage maximum of 3 players; approval by conference unless there is crossover play in the division and then both conferences would be approving
Substitutions maximum of 5 games plus one tournament; must follow ORA guidelines on roster requirements; goalies would be exempt
Cross-Conference play will be determined based on the number of teams in the division.

Scheduling: declare teams by September 15th of the playing season; 1st half Oct-Dec 31st and 2nd half Jan- ?; changes to seeding to be done by December 15th(?)
12 games 1st half and 8 games 2nd half (more tournaments are attended from January until end of season)

scheduler/coordinator for each age division; coaches to work with scheduler, supply black out dates for tournaments as early as possible; standard game times (50 minutes of ice)

Concerns were raised about having to work around WORL ice allocations
Should attempt to have multiple teams from a centre travel to same association to minimize trips and family stress.

U9 (Bunny): Concerns about no score were voiced

Two coaches on the ice at least to start the season

No games scheduled by league prior to December 1st but may play exhibition or scrimmage before

Timelines: creating teams-league to determine

Reseeding to be done as close to December 1st as possible to allow schedule for 2nd half to be distributed before Christmas for January

Small division- could schedule full season

Whole season to be used for ranking teams for Regionals?

Playoffs?

Referees: all refs to be paid same across league plus mileage (Janet suggests checking the WORL ref mileage chart)

One ref shows up?- process suggested

- Is the official feeling capable of doing game on their own? If yes, then both coaches are consulted and if they are in agreement game sheet is signed by both that the game is to count. How much to pay a single official will be determined by league

Other: shot clock (what age groups; does everyone have them; paid or volunteer)

Game cancellations (what is a good reason; weather; deadline for cancellation for other than weather emergencies; fine for late cancellation; procedure for rescheduling)

Team bond cheques

Current accurate information

Approach Western Region for website space

6) Announcements

7) Adjournment 9:10 pm