

# Western Region Ringette League (WRRL) November 25/09 – WERC Guelph 7:30 pm

## **Present:**

President: Kevin Hanlon - Wellington North  
Vice-President: Kendra Vermilyea - Owen Sound  
Treasurer: Dave Eccles – Hanover  
Western Commissioner: Jay Armstrong - St. Mary's  
Eastern Commissioner: John Mezenburg – Guelph  
Secretary: Jody Goldhawk - London  
Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling - Western Reg G & T  
Keith Kaiser – Western Region

## **Meeting Called to order @ 7:30 pm. By Kevin Hanlon**

### **1) Minutes of last meeting**

No one had any issues with minutes, All approved.

### **2) Treasurer Report**

Clarification on U7 & U9 teams – Only the U9 teams pay regular league fees, U7 teams do not pay dues.

Everyone is paid up except for the following discrepancies to resolve.

Cambridge has a U9 team, and still needs to pay.

Chatham – paid for two U9 teams, but they are not on the schedule.

Dorchester have not paid for U9 team, but do they want to play 2<sup>nd</sup> half of schedule.

St. Thomas have paid for U7 team, do they have U9 team for 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Goderich paid for U7 team

Seaforth was thought to have U9 team, but Jay confirmed it should be listed as U7, therefore no payment is required.

Kitchener paid for U7 team, but there is no charge for U7 teams, Dave will reimburse

All U7 & U9 teams in question above will be confirmed by their respective Conference Commissioners and if a refund is necessary then it will be issued immediately.

*Motion to Accept --Jay , 2<sup>nd</sup> Kendra, all passed.* **Action Item:** Jay & John to resolve with teams, and advise Dave of any refunds needed.

### **3) Re-seeding meeting – Dec 8 , location TBD**

Currently the meeting is booked for Waterloo Rim Park. Discussion on need to find a location that works for everyone. Do we need to have all the associations at the re-seeding meeting? All agreed that Stratford was a more central location to ensure the West teams don't have 2 hour drives.

Discussion regarding how the WRRL will re-seed teams at the meeting. Last year North Waterloo had stats for the meeting, but John did the re-seeding before the meeting to save time.

Discussion regarding conference cross play for teams. It was agreed that if a team wants to request conference cross play then they will have to submit a request into their respective Conference Commissioner.

Statistician will look at Western Region website to chase down the missing games. Then Jay and John will run reports. Statistician will have to be done by Dec 4. Jay and John will do pre-seeding before the meeting.

Statisticians for WRRL:

West -Kate Dayman – Dorchester

East –Terry Williams -- Elora Fergus

**Action Item:** Kevin to draft E-mail with re-seeding meeting details, process to request cross conference play , and advise Associations that they must hand in ice by Dec 8 in the format required by schedulers.

#### **4) Misc Items:**

Jay reported that the overage player requests for West will be done soon. WRRL executive approved them and Jay will sent out with his signature to Keith.

Mississauga U9 team wanted to join WRRL. John will work with them whether they want to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season. If they join WRRL they can't pick and choose which teams they will play. They will have to decide by Dec 8 whether to join WRRL for 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Kevin is looking into a possible surgery for his back, and thus would have to take a leave of absence from the WRRL for a period of time.

A question was received from an association about the TRF makeup of another associations teams - Proper procedure is to forward the actual game sheets in question through the league to Membership Services and G&T Coordinators. They can verify game sheet participants against actual TRF's and take appropriate action if required.

**Action Items:** Jay to forward signed Overage player requests to G & T. John to confirm with Mississauga U9 team whether they will join WRRL for 2<sup>nd</sup> half.  
Jay to scan Game sheets in questions and e-mail to Nancy to handle the TRF question.

#### **5) Playoff Structure:**

We will try to have 4 championship teams in each division for Regionals. The rest will go to the invitational side with tiering.

Final league standings will determine champions and seeding for Regionals. The WRRL will not have playoffs in Jan/Feb like previous years.

Schedule will go till Feb 28, and March 6 will be the deadline for all make-up games to be completed on the schedule.

Do a League Banner for the East & West Champions of each Tier. . Banners will be for WRRL play champions and metals will be given out at Regionals.

U10 B & C, U12 B & C, U14 B & C, U16 B & C, U19B for each East and West Conferences.

Mike Britonal from Exeter can do up all the banners for the WRRL League Champions.

**Action Item:** Jay to give Mike Britonal's contact information to Dave. Dave will be ordering banners for the WRRL.

## **6) Regionals – March 26-29 , Guelph**

Jan 21 all teams are to commit to Regionals with \$200 deposit.

Jan 21 – WRRL League will meet and determine divisions for Regionals. Will advise Keith these divisions and tiers.

Stats as of March 7 will determine the seeding for Regionals. Will need to pair the U9 teams for Keith. Jay and John to meet with U9 coaches to help rank them fairly for Regionals. WRRL to meet on March 3 to determine this seeding.

U7 Fun Day. Should be done outside of regionals.

## **7.) Schedule**

Conferences will try for 20 game schedule for whole season. 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of schedule will be Jan 2 till Feb 28/10.

Ice times need to be sent to ice schedulers in the format provided by Jeannine Van Kessel. All associations must submit their ice in the requested format via e-mail to schedulers before Dec 8 meeting or brought to the meeting.

Final schedule to be posted prior to Christmas.

WRRL Schedulers:

West – need ice divided by Tween/Junior/Belle – send to Jeannine Van Kessel and then

Bunny/Novice/Petite – send to Michelle Hodgert

East – Ice by division is preferred—send to Kendra Vermilyea

Blackouts dates are for Tournament unavailable days only.

**6) Next Meetings** Dec 8/09 – Re-seeding meeting, location tbd.

Jan 21/10 –General meeting Stratford immediately following the Western Region meeting.

March 3/10 –Executive only – Work on the rankings for Regionals.

**Action Item:** Kevin to contact Peter Westelaken to set up follow-up meeting on Jan 21. and book other meeting locations.

## **10) Adjournment 9:50 pm**

**Summary of Action Items:**Kevin Hanlon --

-Note to all association regarding Dec 8 re-seeding meeting, Cross Conference play, and available ice for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of schedule-due Dec 8

- Contact Peter Westelaken regarding having WRRL meeting Immediately following the Western Region meeting Jan 21/10Dave Eccles
- Follow-up with Jay and John regarding associations fees
- Order League Banners Jay
- Sign Overage Player requests and forward to G & T
- Give Dave contact information for Mike Britonal
- Resolve West Teams fees discrepancies
- Scan game sheet for Exeter teams and e-mail to Nancy
- Confirm whether Mississauga U9 teams will join WRRL East Conference for 2<sup>nd</sup> half.John