



**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**April 26, 2018
6:30 PM
Pete Palangio Boardroom
North Bay, ON**

Name	Position	Attended	Regrets	Name	Position	Attended	Regrets
Kelli Pace	President	x		Dan Sawyer	Equipment Director	x	
Carrie Read	Vice President	x		Keith Boegel	Web Director	x	
Tania Beatty	Treasurer	x		Stephen Hamilton	Referee-in-Chief	x	
Marilyn Ablett	Ice Director	x		Brennain Lloyd	Publicity Director	x	
Tiana Cote	Registrar	x		Leslie King	Technical Director		x
Ryan & Carrie Culhane	House League Director	x-Ryan		Kerri Moreau	Sponsorship Director		x
Erin Johns	Rep Team Director	x		Niko Gregorin	Tournament Director		x
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Richard Spykerman	Ways & Means Director	x					

General Membership Attendance: Dee Johnson, Laura Johnson, Meaghan Spykerman, Claire Periard, Barb Guay, Phillip Penna, John Swales, Shawnah Smales, Janice Ostojic, George Seymour, Terry Ablett, Darren Pace.

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	Reading and adoption of 2017 AGM minutes. -No Business arising out of these minutes.	Motion to approve the minutes- Ryan Culhane. Seconded-Erin Johns. All in favour. Carried.	
President’s Report (Kelli Pace)	-2017-2018 was another great season for the WFRA. Our numbers are steady, programs are strong and we are doing well financially. We have 2 major tournaments coming to our city in the next 2 years-Provincials in 2019 and Regionals in 2020 that will highlight our Association and the amazing sport of ringette. -She will not be running again for President of WFRA.		
Treasurer’s Report (Tania Beatty)	-Please see attached Treasurer report as of May 31, 2018, including the Income Statement and Balance Sheet. In summary, the books are balanced for a fifth consecutive season and we have maintained a strict budget. She reviewed a trend in that the house league registration revenue has been declining over the past 5 years from \$56 960.00 in the 2013-2014 season to \$47 450.00 in the 2017-2018 season.		
Registrar (Tiana Cote)	-We had 160 active players for the 2017-2018 season with 32 registered players under the age of 8 and 127 registered players over the age of 8 years. We have 193 people registered to the Association in 2017-2018, which includes players, coaches and Executive and Nipissing University players. Tiana was questioned about active players registered for 2016-2017 season, and it was 165.		
Ice Director Report (Marilyn Ablett)	-Effective April 1, 2018, there was an 8.3% increase to the ice rate at \$156.98 from \$144.93. In summary-our winter ice bill for 2017-2018 was approximately \$54, 0000-up \$6000 from the previous year. Exhibition game between Nipissing and U19 was successful, along with goalie clinics. Noted that the Association gets 6 meeting rooms free of charge in either arena for each calendar year. Registration fees will		

	remain the same for the 2018-2019 ringette season.		
House League Director's Report (Ryan Culhane)	-Please see attached House League report. In summary, Ryan reviewed the House League teams and noted some issues in the U16 and BO Divisions. He highlighted the East-West game as well as recipients of special awards at the WFRA Banquet. It was a successful year!		
Rep Director's Report (Erin Johns)	-Erin reviewed some highlights of the rep teams at each level. In summary-there was good development and a great experience for the U10 and U12 rep teams. Richard Spykerman announced to the group that the U12 team won the Sportsmanship Award at the Provincials as well. The U14A team celebrated many successes and the U16B rep team was competitive in their division. The U19A team won the Sportsmanship Award at the Provincials and had a very successful season-capping it off with a berth to the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships in Nova Scotia-where they finished in fourth place. -We had solid representation from the WFRA in the Regional program, having several players playing U14AA, U16AA and North East Region AAA.		
Ways and Means Director's Report (Richard Spykerman)	-Richard thanked Brennain and Kelli for helping with the Bingo schedule this season. We still do have the second Bingo and continue to look for parent volunteers.		
Equipment Director (Dan Sawyer)	-We had many first year players taking advantage of our loaning equipment program and the majority of players will be returning next season. Discussion on equipment needs for next season (ie. new jerseys) will take place with the new Equipment Coordinator.		
Web Director's Report (Keith Boegel)	-Please see attached report from Keith. He highlighted there has been a dramatic increase of visitors to our site throughout the 2017-2018 season-average number of monthly visitors increased by 47%. There were no service interruptions. There were 26 new informational posts and 13 content pages created and uploaded. -There was a request to have a site similar to Barrie and SSM whereby email addresses are not posted and a request for information form is completed instead-may lessen risk for email scams? Keith will investigate further. Another request to add a tracking availability-		

	perhaps linking to Team Snap to our schedule. Keith will investigate this request further.		
Referee in Chief (Stephen Hamilton)	-Current roster includes 12 officials and 16 timekeepers. There has been some challenges with having qualified officiating at the BO level and will need to develop and train this roster. We have healthy numbers for timekeepers and scorekeepers.		
Publicity Director's Report (Brennain Lloyd)	<p>-In summary, Brennain noted we have had great success with the Overtime magazine and working on feature pieces on the History of Ringette as well as on the shot clock. She welcomes any ideas for stories and/or writers to contact her.</p> <p>-WFRA attended 3 events this ringette season-"Let the Learning Begin", Canada Day Kidzone, and YMCA Healthy Kids Day. Some other highlights include there were 100 posts made to the WFRA Facebook page with 347 followers, as well as a Twitter account being established. We also have a media list with 16 contacts, including coverage from Bay Today and the North Bay Nugget. We distribute many flyers for Come Try Ringette and promoted the exhibition game between our U19A team and the Nipissing Lakers ringette team.</p> <p>-Brennain noted that she may try postering for the new season. Discussed ensued about the success of curb-side signs for other Associations. Stephen Hamilton noted success for ski hill with use of Hoot Suite, Google Alerts and Instagram for the population we are looking to reach.</p>		
Technical Director (Leslie King)	-Coaches and bench staff are up to date on their qualifications and police checks. She suggests an easier tracking system.		
Sponsorship Director (Kerri Moreau)	-No report provided.		
Tournament Director' Report (Niko Gregorin)	-West Ferris will be hosting the Provincial Championships in 2019 and we have started the groundwork for this huge tournament. We are expecting 60 teams and approximately 2000 people to our city. Our next meeting is May 9, 2018 at 1830 and actively looking for volunteers.		
By-law Amendments	n/a		
Election of Officers-	President: Carrie Read was nominated. She agreed to allow her name	-All in favour. Carried. (2 year	

nominations	<p>to stand.</p> <p>Vice President: Tania Beatty was nominated. She agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>Treasurer: Tiana Cote nominated Kelli Pace for this position. Kelli agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>Registrar: Barb Guay was nominated. She agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>House League Director: Carrie Read nominated Meaghan Spykerman for this position. Meaghan agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>Rep Team Director: Erin Johns was nominated. She agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>Equipment Director: Shawnah Smales was nominated. She agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>Tournament Director: Niko Gregorin was nominated. He agreed to allow his name to stand as per Kelli Pace.</p> <p>Ice Director: Dee Johnson was nominated. She agreed to allow her name to stand.</p> <p>Referee-in-Chief: Stephen Hamilton was nominated. He agreed to allow his name to stand.</p> <p>Technical Director: Karl Giesbrecht was nominated. He has agreed to allow his name to stand-as per Stephen Hamilton.</p> <p>Sponsorship Director: no nominations received</p> <p>Ways and Means Director: Claire Periard was nominated. She has agreed to allow her name to stand.</p>	<p>term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (1 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (2 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (1 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (1 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (2 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (2 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (1 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (2 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (2 year term)</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried. (1 year term)</p> <p>-Vacant for 1 year term.</p> <p>-All in favour. Carried (1 year term)</p>	
New Business	<p>1.Meaghan Spykerman reported a new ORA policy being implemented is that anyone on the bench must have a criminal record check. Discussion ensued about criminal record checks and how to do them and when to do them and who will cover the charges. As an Association, we must follow the ORA policy and also look at going another step further and ensuring that any parent in the dressing room or bench, must have a valid criminal record check on file.</p> <p>2. Phillip asked about whether any further progress made about boys playing ringette-specifically at the A level. Terry Ablett reported that there has been no further changes at the Provincial level.</p>	<p>Action-This will be added as a motion for the next WFRA Executive meeting in May.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm</p>	<p>All in favor. Carried.</p>	

