

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**February 3 2021 at 6:30pm
Zoom meeting, North Bay, ON**

Name	Position	Attended	Regrets	Name	Position	Attended	Regrets
Erin Johns	President	x		Shannah Smales	Equipment Coordinator	x	
Carrie Read	Past President		x	Lori King	Web Director	x	
Leslie King	Vice President	x					
Mark Webster	Treasurer	x		Stephen Hamilton /Jeff Graham	Referee-in-Chief	x-Stephen	
Marc Desroches	Ice Director	x		Brennain Lloyd	Publicity Director	x	
Lee Ann Truax	Registrar	x		Meaghan Spykerman	Technical Coordinator	x	
Lorrie Nolan	House League Director	x		Pam Voght	Sponsorship Coordinator	x	
Kelli Van Buskirk	Rep Director	x		Niko Gregorin	Tournament Coordinator	x	
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Claire Periard	Ways & Means Coordinator		x				

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	--Minutes from January 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.. The minutes will be posted on the website as reviewed and approved. -no further additions to agenda	Motion: “To approve the minutes from January 2021 meeting.” Motioned by Leslie and seconded by Mark Webster. All in favour. Carried. Motion: “To adopt today’s agenda and updates.” Motioned by Meaghan, seconded by Lori King. All in favour. Carried. Action: Trina will send Lori minutes to post on our WFRA website.	
Action Items from Previous meeting	a) End of season fun tournament-brought forward by Lorrie at last meeting and Executive agreed it was a great idea but still many unknowns until we get back on the ice -can wait until the season restarts and then look to plan this end of season tournament	Action: Lorrie will reach out to the Executive once lockdown lifted and City permits us on ice, to make plans for end of season tournament.	

	<p>-discussion on when season would finish if we do restart on Feb 11, 2021 and will depend on finances and when ice is coming out in North Bay</p> <p>-replace the playoffs with this end of season tournament as a possibility</p> <p>-will need to ask City for more ice and determine how many games we will play</p>		
Business Arising	<p>a)Return to Ringette Committee</p> <p>-still in Stage 3 and will return to this Stage once we do open; no recent meetings since players not on the ice yet</p> <p>-RO is encouraging spring and summer ice once play resumes.</p>		
President's Report	<p>a)Update from President</p> <p>-Ringette Ontario is encouraging Associations to have spring and summer ringette. Lorrie can reach out to NRS to see if they can run summer camp in North Bay this year.</p> <p>-ideas: Springette similar to program with Barrie Association-scrimmages in each division and was every other weekend-not as much of a commitment-could look to start this in May</p> <p>-Club Development Manager hired by Ringette Ontario-part of role will be to review policies with each Association. Defined role by RO for Club Development Manager is they will work with and develop strategies for all clubs to meet a high standard of operational excellence that will ultimately benefit the participants of this incredible sport and grow the game in the Province.</p> <p>-seminar on Conflict and Complaint Management-Pam, Meaghan, Stephen and Erin also attended-confirmed we have good policies and presented ideas we can also work on such as contingency plans.</p> <p>-The next RO webinar will be Best Practices in Risk Management seminar and held on February 16.</p> <p>-Brief discussion on recent press in Quebec regarding transgender player. RO has an inclusion policy and we have adopted this policy and ensure we are as respectful as possible in these situations. Ringette Ontario will make final decision on competitive play for transgender-play with team you identify. Quebec does not have inclusion policy and they adopted Ringette Canada's trans-inclusion policy. This transgender player, who identified as male, was not permitted to play competitively on a female team.</p>	<p>Action: Discuss spring and summer ringette ideas for our Association (ie, camps) at our next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Lorrie can reach out to NRS to see if they can offer a summer camp in North Bay.</p>	
Vice President's Report	Nothing to report.		
Treasurer's Report	<p>a) Update on WFRA financials:</p> <p>-Goal was to have updated financial report for this meeting-still reconciling payments with Tania and that is not complete yet-issue is that TD doesn't put name beside payments with e-transfers so makes e-transfers more challenging</p> <p>-operating account has approximately \$46 000 and lottery account has been used up for ice.</p> <p>-looking at expenses and should have a healthy account</p> <p>-clarification on cost of Memorial Gardens vs Pete Palangio ice in case we have to finish season at Memorial Gardens-approx \$20.00 more per ice time in comparison</p>		

	-have to renew Nevada lottery license with City each year-\$1200		
Publicity Director	-Discussion on sending correspondence to our membership on return to play and ideas on how to frame this communication. -potential for positive publicity and have a press release that once the Province allows us, we are ready to go -important to let membership know we have a plan but not a formal media blitz-share on our social media posts with optimistic message that we are ready once we get the green light; focus that we had a great season despite COVID -agreed with internal communication with membership and then share on social media as initial plan until we know more	Action: Publicity Director will email the membership to update them we will return to play once approved by province and City.	
Ice Director Report	-Update on February schedule -Marc has distributed updated February/March to Executive earlier today -Lori will update this schedule on the website		
Registrar	-wanted clarification on payment for recent registration and Mark will follow-up with her. -RO will automatically update registration forms later in the spring and be ready for next season.		
House League Director's Report	-Team picture discussion will depend on whether we return to ice and then have coaches communicate with team members about individual pictures that can be put into a collage		
Rep Director's Report	-RO has communicated there will be no spring try outs and can only start on September 1, 2021 so will not be formally choosing coaching staff until that time. Can still request interest from coaching staff in the spring. -has reached out to RO about deadlines to declare rep teams and no confirmation from them -Ringette Ontario is running a High Performance program online at this time for interested players.		
Ways and Means Coordinator's Report	Nothing to report.		
Equipment Coordinator	Nothing to report. -pinnies are ready to go and Erin will pick up from Kings		
Web Director's Report	Nothing to report.		
Referee in Chief	-Injury to Jeff Graham and unable to ref for remainder of season.		
Technical Coordinator	-waiting to hear from coaches with outstanding certifications		

	-still waiting to get NCCP numbers from some coaches-Lorrie offered to help and reach out to those coaches; Lori can put the link on our website as well -RO is doing coaching series for development required		
Sponsorship Coordinator	-Nothing to report.		
Tournament Coordinator's Report	-Nothing to report. -will be available to help with end of season tournament if confirmed		
New Business	1. Confirm date for AGM -discussion on dates and agreed to have it on May 5, 2021 at 6:30pm-have upgraded our Zoom capabilities and can now have as Zoom meeting or Zoom platform -confirm which positions will be open to advertise and recruit -will still recognize winning teams from last year when able		
Adjournment: Next meeting:	Adjourned at 7:48pm. Next meeting: March 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm. Motedioned by Meaghan Seconded by Lori King. All in favour.	