

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**January 6, 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: 6:41pm

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	<p>-Welcome to Lee Ann as a new member to our WFRA Executive.</p> <p>-Minutes from November 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.. The minutes will be posted on the website as reviewed and approved.</p> <p>-additions to agenda-update from Kelli, added distribution list to new business.</p>	<p>Motion: “To approve the minutes from November 2020 meeting.” Motioned by Stephen and seconded by Mark Webster. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p>Motion: “To adopt today’s agenda and updates.” Motioned by Leslie, seconded by Meaghan. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p>Action: Trina will send Lori minutes to post on our WFRA website.</p>	
Action Items from Previous meeting	<p>a) Development ice-Discussion on costs. Current charge is \$15.00/player and to what degree will we be subsidizing the ice.</p> <p>-Approximately 8-10 players in U10 division, and 12 players in U16/19 and good numbers in U12/U14-at least 18-20 players</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cost is \$255 for 1.5 hours and breakeven is 17 players. -important for the Association to keep providing this development ice since there are many other out of pocket expenses that aren't happening this year. -Charges will remain the same 		
Business Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Return to Ringette Committee— -Update from RO-They have sent a message to the COVID Safety Leaders/Presidents that when the “lockdown” is lifted, associations can return to whatever stage they were at before Christmas and are still expected to adhere to all PHU and facility rules and guidelines. -the season is supposed to start next week on January 12; can extend the season if necessary 		
President’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update from President -RO is offering a webinar series for Associations beginning January 2021-free of charge and open to all Board members and volunteers. The first topic will be Conflict and Complaint Management-check out the link from RO for info on dates. -Erin plans on attending as well as some other members on the call. Hoping for some useful advice and recommendations from RO that can be brought back to our Board. 		
Vice President’s Report	Nothing to report.		
Treasurer’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update on WFRA financials: -Not much has changed and the Associations is still in a solid position financially. -we have approx \$3000 in Bingo account and need to pay for January and February ice with this -meeting with Tania tomorrow to reconcile development ice -update on financials to be presented next month -there was an outstanding invoice to pay from Nevada but still ahead in Nevada revenue 		
Publicity Director	Nothing to report.		
Ice Director Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update on January schedule -schedule has been sent to membership and on website. -City will be doing February and March schedules together and keep things status quo and some of the ice at Memorial Gardens may be affected if OHL commences -City guidelines won't be changing until end of season -may look at having April mini tournament 		
Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Welcome to Lee Ann Truax -we had 1 new registrant in U8 division-should not charge her as a full registration when/if she registers next year. 		
House League Director’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on house league teams -End of season fun tournament -Team pictures 		

	<p>a)-JBO teams were adjusted by moving a few players and adding 3 new Lakers players to even out the competition and to make up for the attendance issues. Steve and I headed up the challenge with the final decision being made by a vote of all the JBO coaches. The vote was unanimous for option 1.</p> <p>-coaches ranked their players 1-5 and may look at implementing this going forward to make up teams</p> <p>-All other teams are the same. U8/U10 are doing well - U10 has named their teams, very cute.</p> <p>U12 teams will be using referees for the remainder of the season.</p> <p>U14 is training a goalie and has the U12 goalie coming up for every other game.</p> <p>b)-Goalie Clinic should have 5 goalies from U12/U14. Just need confirmation for shooters.</p> <p>-Nipissing will be hosting goalie clinic at the end of January during scheduled time and Stephen will communicate with Lorrie for goalie contacts</p> <p>-An idea to have a separate shooting clinic</p> <p>c)-Team pictures-There has been no arrangements for team pictures this year but was thinking we could have the players submit a photo of themselves in their jersey or full gear, except the helmet, to their coaches to make a collage of the team?</p> <p>-WFRA Executive feels it is a good idea and she can ask the coaching staff about it</p> <p>d)-End of season fun tournament-Wondering if we could have a fun 3 vs 3 tournament near the end of the season - maybe the players can sign up if interested? Was hoping Niko or Steve can help out if the board agrees?</p> <p>-May work to have this tournament at the beginning of April, need to look at finances for WFRA to cover costs and/or may ask for nominal fees</p> <p>-defer to next meeting to discuss details</p>	<p>Action: WFRA Executive think having players submit their own pictures is a great idea and in full support.</p> <p>Action: Will defer discussion on end of season fun tournament for house-league to next meeting.</p>	
Rep Director's Report	-Nothing to report		
Ways and Means Coordinator's Report	<p>-Nothing to report.</p> <p>-received more revenue from Bingo than expected as well as from Nevada</p> <p>-no Bingos at this time due to provincial restrictions and hope to reopen in the new year</p> <p>-solid with 2 Bingos/month and more difficult to staff with volunteers with some of the extra Bingos</p>		
Equipment Coordinator	Nothing to report.		
Web Director's Report	-new COVID form on website and updated		
Referee in Chief	-Nothing to report		

Technical Coordinator	-still a few coaches with outstanding certifications required and she will follow-up with them once her computer is working properly		
Sponsorship Coordinator	-sponsors have asked about team pictures and want to send them to sponsors once they are completed		
Tournament Coordinator's Report	-WFRA has put in request for 2022 NE Regionals. Will need 4 pads and likely will need to access ice in East Ferris as well.		
New Business	<p>1.Update distribution list. -Have always left the Past President on the distribution list for 1 year and they are meant to help in transition -Erin will reach out to Carrie and ask if she wants to remain on the distribution list and stay involved</p> <p>Update from online discussion and discussion:</p> <p>-Email to WFRA Executive from Erin-Dec 11-As discussed at the last board meeting, Mark and I talked numbers to come up with a prorated amount to charge the Nipissing University ringette players. As a refresher, the purpose of this is allow for spares, as teams have been short, and now to replace players that have had to leave due to unforeseen circumstances (medical reasons and players having to return to an out-of-town campus for the second semester). Due to limited numbers permitted on the ice, we have been capped at the number of players for the teams so we haven't had much room to invite more players out until now. With the recent players moving/leaving, we now have room for a few more players. Some teams have struggled with attendance due school, work and personal commitments so it would be great to have a pool of players to draw from. - Here is how we arrived at this total for proposed motion: \$425 (total fee for a season in JBO) -\$75 (RO - they have already paid) \$350/5 months of ringette (October to February) \$70 x 2 (2 months left) \$140 - \$40 (January starts late and the players were not part of September conditioning) \$100 - this will assist the league and offer some ringette to the player as much of their season is up in the air right now.</p> <p>Action-Proposed motion-"To charge \$100 per player who would like to join in January and commit to a team for the remainder of the season. To charge \$10 per game (billed to the Nipissing University Team) for any players picked up on an on-call basis. These players have all registered through WFRA and have paid the \$75 RO fee. -Motion carried on Dec 12 after online votes. 10 in favour and 1 abstention.</p>		

Adjournment: Next meeting:	Adjourned at 7:35pm. Next meeting: Feb 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. Motioned by Mark Webster, seconded by Marc Desroches. All in favour.	