

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**June 15, 2021 at 6:30pm
Zoom meeting, North Bay, ON**

Name	Position	Attended	Regrets	Name	Position	Attended	Regrets
Darren Pace	President	x		Shannah Smales	Equipment Director		x
Stephen Hamilton	Vice President		x	Lori King	Web Director		x
Mark Webster	Treasurer		x	Kyra Brownlee-Barnett	Referee-in-Chief	x	
Marc Desroches	Ice Director	x		René Baker	Publicity Director	x	
Josée Lebel	Registrar		x	Meaghan Spykerman	Technical Director	x	
Vacant	House League Director			Pam Voght	Sponsorship Director	x	
Erin Johns	Rep Director	x		Niko Gregorin	Tournament Director		x
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Maxine Samson	Ways & Means Director		x				

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	-Introductions of Executive to new members-Darren and Kyra. -Minutes from May 2021 meeting will be reviewed and approved at our next meeting since not enough for quorum to vote		
Action Items from Previous meeting	a)Online motion initiated by Erin on May 28, 2021- "The WFRA will acclaim Darren Pace to be the President of the WFRA Board for the 2021/2022 season" "The WFRA will acclaim Kyra Brownlee-Barnett to be the Referee in Chief of the WFRA Board for the 2021/2022 season" They are both one year terms. 9members responded and were in favour. This motion was carried on May 30, 2021. b) Continue discussion on ringette activities to keep players engaged-NRS summer	Action: Discuss survey to membership and	

	<p>camp has been cancelled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -as per RO, unable to return to ice until Stage 3 but can do dryland training -can also look at doing online challenges (ie. planks, shooting skills)-target to start in July and then look at dryland into August and September -can look at doing some outdoor training/conditioning in Stage 2-likely in August; can survey membership to determine interest-2 part survey along with interest in rep program -can also ask about whether parents/players are interested in volunteering with WFRA-Junior Executive interest as well -will work on recognizing players on our website -difficult to promote rep program and Learn to Skate until we know more -offer Early bird registration to membership to engage-stay tuned for registration and plan for getting back on the ice! -Renée will draft survey for membership and send to group for review-explore different avenues-email, Facebook, Instagram and players helping to announce <p>c)Further discussion about our position on transgender athletes at our next meeting, we agreed to sign petition and will look for guidance from RO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Darren will be discussing this further with Tyler and inquire further about working group regarding transgender athletes and inclusion policy, and see if someone from our Association can be involved. <p>d)Sign on Hwy 17-Trina to get information from Leslie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Leslie spoke with owner at Price Signs that says he's owned the company for 20 years and has never had a contract with WFRA or RO. He thinks it was owned by another company because it's been replaced. If we were to want a sign, he has a spot on the way to Ottawa for \$1800 for the initial sign and approximately \$150 monthly there after. <p>e)Discuss partnering with Rogers for marketing. Email from Erin forwarded to group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Renée will reach out to contact person with Rogers regarding their marketing program. Erin will forward the presentation attachments to the group. 	<p>what will be included. Confirm plans to offer outdoor challenges to membership</p> <p>Action: Bring forward to next meeting to discuss the inclusion policy.</p> <p>Action: Bring forward to next meeting to discuss signage options.</p> <p>Action: Erin will forward the Roger's presentation attachments. Renée will share information from Rogers regarding marketing options at next meeting.</p>	
<p>Business Arising</p>	<p>None</p>		

President's Report	<p>-Darren highlighted recent emails from Ringette Ontario including online coaching modules and joint venture with Hydro</p> <p>- in partnership with Hydro One, CAO (Coaches Association of Ontario) is excited to announce the launch of the <i>Return to Coaching Community Grant</i> to support Ontario coaches and participants with up to \$2,000 for the tools they need to get back on the playing field while keeping safety top of mind. Application open until August 8, 2021.</p> <p>-Darren will recirculate this email from RO and start discussion about this venture</p> <p>-As per RN, no sanctioned events until January (ie. traditional tournaments) but where permitted, clubs may hold small events and/or festivals with Ringette Ontario's approval, and may be a window of opportunity to continue with Learn to Skate.</p>	Action: Discuss Return to Coaching Community Grant at next meeting.	
Vice President's Report	Nothing to report.		
Treasurer's Report	Nothing to report		
Publicity Director	Nothing to report.		
Ice Director Report	<p>-He has received email from the City requesting the winter season scheduling and is due on July 5, 2021. Will need to discuss our plans for winter season. Very little information on whether 1 or 1.5 hour blocks of time and specific COVID restrictions. Plans to submit times as we would have originally planned for pre-COVID.</p> <p>-Insurance and advance payments will still be mandatory</p> <p>-Cleaning and screening protocols are not in place yet with City</p> <p>-Indoor sports allowed in Stage 3-near the end of July pending and still unsure if summer ice will be allowed until that time</p> <p>-he will include Darren as secondary contact with the City for correspondence</p>		
Registrar	Nothing to report.		
House League Director's Report	Nothing to report.		
Rep Director's Report	-will send survey to group to determine interest in rep program and keep membership posted as soon as we know more		
Ways and Means Director's Report	Nothing to report		
Equipment Director	Nothing to report.		
Web Director's Report	Nothing to report.		

Referee in Chief	Nothing to report.		
Technical Director	Nothing to report.		
Sponsorship Director	Nothing to report.		
Tournament Director's Report	Nothing to report.		
New Business	<p>1. Ringette COVID relief grant-WFRA was granted \$3087.00 (Erin) -This grant was made possible through the Ministry of Ontario Funding to Community Sport Clubs program. Each Provincial Sport Organization was provided with a set amount of funds by the Ministry which would then be allotted through an application process to local clubs. Clubs, through the application process, were required to demonstrate expenses incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which could include PPE, rentals, and other programming costs which may have been incurred due to the pandemic. The funds, however, may not be used for recruitment and advertising for the coming 2021-2022 season. -have to determine how we will use the funds-likely towards ice and Erin will ensure Tyler has our e-transfer email address</p> <p>2. Zoom meetings going forward. Currently using Zoom account from Brennain and Northwatch (Trina). -look at getting our own account for WFRA-approx \$300 per year -could use our COVID grant money toward Zoom account -Renee will look into options/costs for WFRA Zoom account</p> <p>3. Discuss Recruitment and retention committee (Meaghan) -we had this informal committee 2 years ago and would be nice to bring back to help with recruitment-can look for volunteers -can add to survey as example for volunteering and bring back to next meeting-will need someone to Chair</p> <p>4. Discuss vacant position of House League Director -no other interest in this position -we may need to be creative in how to run this position and may have to look at dividing duties between Executive members-fill in gaps until we find someone to fill permanent position -can have convenors in each division and bring feedback to Executive instead of HLD; best if that convenor does not have connection to that division and less biased-clear impartiality -necessary for communication with membership, coaching staff -involved with many aspects-player conditioning, events, day to day issues and they become public face of WFRA -how to make this position more palatable?</p>	<p>Action: Defer to Business arising-</p> <p>Action-Defer discussion about vacant HLD position to Business Arising.</p>	

	<p>-Meaghan offered to help find coaching staff for houseleague</p> <p>-pool membership if any interest in convening a division in House League</p> <p>-Return to play committee becomes ad hoc HLD</p>		
<p>Adjournment:</p> <p>Next meeting:</p>	<p>Adjourned at 8:02pm.</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday-July 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.</p> <p>Motioned by Darren Pace, seconded by Pam Voght.</p> <p>All in favour.</p>	