

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 18, 2021 at 6:30pm  
Zoom meeting, North Bay, ON**

Name	Position	Attended	Regrets	Name	Position	Attended	Regrets
Erin Johns	President	x		Shannah Smales	Equipment Director	x	
Carrie Read	Past President		x	Lori King	Web Director		x
Leslie King	Vice President	x					
Mark Webster	Treasurer			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 Director	x	
Lorrie Nolan	House League Director		x	Pam Voght	Sponsorship Director		x
Kelli Van Buskirk	Rep Director	x		Niko Gregorin	Tournament Director	x	
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Claire Periard	Ways & Means Director		x				

**Others in Attendance:** Maxine Samson, Renée Baker

**Call to Order:** 6:35pm

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	<p>-Introductions of Executive to new members.</p> <p>-Minutes from April 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved. The minutes will be posted on the website as reviewed and approved.</p> <p>-addition to agenda-discuss investment account under Treasurer’s report</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> “To approve the minutes from April 2021 meeting.” Motioned by Meaghan and seconded by Marc Desroches. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> “To adopt today’s agenda and updates.” Motioned by Mark Webster, seconded by Stephen. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Trina will send Lori minutes to post on our WFRA website.</p>	

<p><b>Action Items from Previous meeting</b></p>	<p>1) Update from Erin and Marc to organize awards week recognizing WFRA groups.          -Erin did recognize various WFRA groups at the AGM. Other ideas include having coaches nominate players by end of May and recognize on social media-Marc and Erin will organize          -it is recognized that WFRA has a history of giving specific volunteer and team awards out yearly and due to the pandemic, we will recognize players and volunteers in a different way this year</p> <p>2) Update from Leslie about sign on Hwy 17          -no update. She has called them twice and still waiting for return call. The sign is now down.          -we don't have an invoice for the sign and unsure if it has been sent to Ringette Ontario</p> <p>3) Update from Erin on Elite Development program          -AAA redeveloped without any input from our Region unfortunately-no communication with Associations and we are at a disadvantage for access to the program          -AAA is centralized with RO and waiting for further details and still up for debate at this time</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Update from Leslie on sign on Hwy 17 at our next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Business Arising</b></p>	<p>None</p>		
<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<p>Update from President:</p> <p>a) Board recruitment-still have 3 positions left to fill          -in the past we have internally appointed for vacancies or can convene a Special membership meeting or can put out another call for nominations and if we get more than 1 candidate for those positions, then will hold a Special meeting, otherwise will appoint          -discussion on being transparent and complete vote with membership and give opportunity for others to come forward          -if position appointed, then will need to vote at next AGM for the 2 year position to continue into year 2          -Referee in Chief candidate: Kyra Barnett. Jeff Graham is unable to continue in partnered role and Stephen will mentor her.          -Darren Pace indicated his interest in becoming President of WFRA-has good ideas in strategic planning and interest in supporting ringette. Has good vision to move our Association forward.</p> <p>b) Update membership on new Board          -welcome to new Board members          -saying goodbye to many great Board members-Brennain, Kelli, Leslie, Lee Ann, Lorrie and thank them for their time and dedication</p>	<p><b>Motion-</b>“To inform the membership of nominations received for both Referee in Chief and President, issue a final call for nominations and if no other nominations, will appoint Kyra Bennett and Darren Pace as RIC and President for 1 year terms. If there are other candidates, we will hold a Special Membership meeting.” Motioned by Stephen Hamilton. 100% agree in a vote and carried.</p>	

	<p>-will announce new members as of June 1; put out call for nominations tomorrow and give 7-10 days (from May 19-26) and if no other nominations, then can acclaim new members</p> <p>c) Marketing with Rogers-RO wants us to partner with Rogers and will be deferred to next meeting. Erin will forward information to the Executive.</p> <p>d) Stephen reported that Tyler from RO had given some good ideas for recruitment: identify time commitments with each position and what is expected to help with recruitment</p> <p>e) Return to Ringette-deferred to next meeting</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Discuss partnering with Rogers for marketing.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Deferred to next meeting-get time commitments from outgoing positions and ask other members to report on this at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Discuss return to ringette updates at next meeting.</p>	
<b>Vice President's Report</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>a) Update on WFRA financials</p> <p>-have almost completed reconciling accounts and providing refunds</p> <p>-once President confirmed, will have new people for signing authority and new bank account for Nevada and need to confirm names on this account</p> <p>-will check bylaws to see if anything specific on who should be signing authority; Bylaw 14.08-disbursements to be signed by 2-president, treasurer and another designated executive members-update from Stephen</p> <p>b) Discuss investment account</p> <p>-IG Wealth-Sue Weiskopf-currently in high interest savings account, recommendation: 0.8% on cash-recommend we take the existing investment and move into cash and take advantage of great interest rate; then can discuss what to do with remaining balance</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> "Moving our investment of \$46000 from high interest saving paying 0.25% moving to cash paying 0.8%." Mark motioned and Stephen seconded. All in favour and carried.</p>	
<b>Publicity Director</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Ice Director Report</b>	No news from the City.		
<b>Registrar</b>	Update from Ringette Ontario-have advised us to wait until July 1 for RAMP registration to open. No early bird registration at this time. Will notify the membership of updated timeline and will still be offering early bird registration but no specific dates.		
<b>House League Director's Report</b>	<p>-Lorrie will leave the return of the equipment and jerseys to Shawnah and the new board to retrieve when allowed. The same goes for the gym ringette equipment, Steve has two sets.</p> <p>-Lorrie will return all the WFRA belongings from my home to either Shawnah or Pam if she has room in her garage. Some score sheets are still in the box at PP.</p>		

	<p>-The NRS will let us know if the summer camp is cancelled 4 to 5 weeks before the camp start date. Will need to follow up with Steve and the Lakers in regards to having another summer camp if ice is available.</p> <p>-Lorrie has updated the HLD overview for the next HLD's information. It has a good description of what a typical house league season looks like without all the COVID-19 stuff. I have it printed out and placed in the HLD binder as well as attached for convenience.</p>		
<b>Rep Director's Report</b>	<p>-RO is getting more and more involved with organizing competitive programs and our Association will need to get more vocal to ensure our region is heard</p> <p>-important to volunteer on working groups with RO so our region is represented</p>		
<b>Ways and Means Director's Report</b>	Nothing to report		
<b>Equipment Director</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Web Director's Report</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Referee in Chief</b>	-Jeff Graham is stepping down for his last year of term as RIC		
<b>Technical Director</b>	<p>-NCCP-coaching qualifications will be linked in RAMP</p> <p>-Wants to discuss ideas of possibly accessing ice for games in outlying areas to put ringette in those communities and to expose people to it who may have never thought of playing</p> <p>-consider ice in Burks Falls over the summer (COVID-19 permitting), especially if North Bay ice is delayed</p> <p>-great ideas and will have to wait and see what is allowed going forward</p>		
<b>Sponsorship Director</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Tournament Director's Report</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>New Business</b>	<p>1.New motion from Stephen Hamilton-</p> <p>-there actually is no specific policy with Ringette Canada to support females who identify as males and playing at certain levels</p> <p>-discussion on how we will promote as an Association after signing this petition</p> <p>-we welcome and have trans athletes in our Association but until the policy is changed with RO/Ringette Canada, there is still gender biased that will work against it</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> "The WFRA supports the petition from Dawson Ovenden-Beaudry to request Ringuette Quebec to make all of its leagues accessible to athletes of all genders by registering all leagues as mixed." Motioned by Stephen and all in</p>	

	<p>-have decided to sign petition as an Association and need to decide on how we want to communicate that decision to membership</p> <p>2.Next steps for new Executive members-ensure communication with new Board members before transition on June 1.</p>	<p>agreement and carried.          -Stephen also noted we can support and sign for change.org petition on our own behalf as well</p> <p><b>Action</b>-Further discussion about our position on trans athletes at our next meeting -will look for guidance from RO</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment:</b>  <b>Next meeting:</b></p>	<p>Adjourned at 8:24 pm.          Next meeting: Tuesday-June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.          Motioned by Mark Webster.          All in favour.</p>	