

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 13, 2021, 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			Tournament Director		
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Maxine Samson	Ways & Means Director		x				

**Others in attendance:**

**Call to Order: 6:32pm**

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review minutes from September Executive meeting for approval and WFRA records/website records.</li> <li>-Updates for agenda: Correspondence regarding play at Open level.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion:</b> “To approve the minutes from September 2021 meeting.” Motioned by Stephen and seconded by Lori. All in favour.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> “To adopt today’s agenda and updates.” Motioned by Lori, seconded by Erin. All in favour.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Trina will send Lori minutes to post on our WFRA website.</p>	
<b>Action Items from Previous meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Update from Return to Ringette Committee (Erin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-do we continue this as a separate report to House League?</li> <li>-yes since this group deals with access to venues and changes to COVID rules</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

	<p>-no longer a restriction on capacity at arenas and still wearing masks and checking verification-players under 18 don't need to show vaccine record; coach passes no longer relevant as of October 12</p> <p>-no other changes with RO-still in Level 3, they have sent a chart of the different restrictions in different cities and Darren to forward to Erin</p> <p>-no longer a capacity limit for skaters on the ice any longer</p> <p>b) Goalie clinic with Lakers (Stephen)</p> <p>-looking at ice in January, 2022 and Lakers will host a goalie clinic</p> <p>-no 2022 ice contract yet and Marc will accommodate this request</p> <p>c) House league working group (Erin)</p> <p>-house league has started and a strong collective effort; everyone was very patient and worked well</p> <p>-combined U8 and U10 and separated skaters on the ice depending on skill</p> <p>-U12 has 2 teams and have started games; rotating goalies</p> <p>-U14/16 combined and bench staff is organized-2 goalies-one is new and getting support in her training</p> <p>-U19/Open-4 teams are balanced well-some feedback from weaker players that pace of game is very fast with addition of Lakers players-Stephen will discuss further with them</p> <p>-extra jerseys have been ordered</p> <p>-reduced rate for players that are away for part of season?-vaccine related issues then, offer a credit if player is away or \$225 as a student rate-only available to those living out of town, or pay RO fees and then drop in rate as options</p> <p>d) Christmas parade (Marc)</p> <p>-received package in mail and theme-A Reboot Christmas</p> <p>-need request in by November 14 and parade is November 21</p> <p>-will we walk it or float it; how do we want to proceed-what to hand out?-good idea to build our brand</p> <p>-will need to formulate a parent committee to organize</p> <p>-not allowed to hand out paper or brochures</p> <p>-ideas: mannequin challenge and show players in ringette positions, but need to have players harnessed if standing on float</p> <p>-parent committee is a good idea but need to find volunteers-suggest</p>		
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	<p>having a parent from each team connect with Marc-Marc can draft email and will send to membership to see if interest  -Darren will connect with Meaghan for players who were interested in volunteering to communicate with Marc</p> <p>e) Online motions:  -Billboard payment-Motioned by Darren on Oct 3, 2021: “1 motion that we pay the outstanding invoice for this billboard with Gateway Signs.” Pam and Marc, as a part of this payment, can we make sure in a clear but non-confrontational way, that WFRA considers the billboard account paid in full and that the issue of the billboard is closed. \$450 has been paid today to Gateway Signs.</p> <p>-Online motion for purchasing equipment bags. Options were getting 30 basic junior size bags in black for \$805.50 + tax or 30 basic junior size bags in black with WFRA logo for an additional \$150 + tax. On September 20, 2021 the majority of Executive voted for B-with WFRA logo. This will be purchased with equipment budget money from last season.</p> <p>a) Issues with wfra google groups? How to update this email list? Help from Lori/Renee/Brennain.  -forwarding emails is working well so Lori suggests we will create a WFRA Executive list to replace this wfra board google group  -how is membership list being updated? -take advantage of RAMP and use this instead of google groups to ensure everyone who is registered is getting emails  -until consultation with Renee, if sending an email to membership, then cc to Josee so she can send out with RAMP  -Renee can still draft emails for Publicity and then send to Josee for distribution</p>		
<b>President’s Report</b>	<p>-RO AGM-going to be changes with new legislation Not for profit Corporation Act (ONCA) and need to ensure compliance-will need to review our bylaws (ie. changes to nomination process, voting  -strategic pathway draft to be updated and looking to start in November  -Melissa Lapalme is President of NER and monthly meetings for the region</p>		
<b>Vice President’s Report</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	-all refunds and credits issued and new statements sent		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-new registration request for U16</li> <li>-will not be billing tryout ice time for rep teams and Erin has collected monies</li> <li>-Josee will talk with Tania to update RAMP when payments are received</li> </ul>		
<b>Publicity Director</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-let her know that agenda items will be deferred</li> </ul>		
<b>Ice Director Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-working on November and December schedule</li> <li>-work on competitive night-google sign up-30 players to participate-Erin will discuss further with Josee to use RAMP-use pinnies or jerseys; look at trying to market this event on our Facebook page for younger players to join</li> <li>-Nov 20 at 3pm-Lakers vs Nipissing at PP</li> <li>-is ice being distributed evenly between all players? U14/16 with 9 ice in October and 5 for U19/Open-giving back Saturday morning and afternoons</li> </ul>		
<b>Registrar</b>	<p>Update on registration numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-first time players should only play \$99 regardless of division</li> <li>-fee for out of town players will be \$225 but will be dependent on the situation; if they are away for most of season and here sporadically, then charge fee of \$100. Mark will clarify this information for Josee so it shows in RAMP as well.</li> <li>-need coaches registered as such in RAMP</li> </ul> <p>-insurance information on whether someone can try ringette outside of formal event-Bring a friend event?-setting aside a few practice sessions to accommodate this; Darren spoke with Tyler and confirmed we have insurance coverage and advised you can do as a specific day or during practice as long as skill level is met</p>		
<b>House League Director's Report</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Rep Director's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-U12 rep team and holding tryouts soon and will try to develop all players and not displace anyone</li> <li>-U14 rep team-have secured enough numbers and Meaghan will lead this team and will get bench staff approved next month</li> <li>-U16 rep team-have applicant to coach-Geoff Houle. Erin reviewed his qualifications and Erin will work with him. Need certified female on the bench as well.</li> <li>-U19A team-we have enough to run a West Ferris team</li> <li>-Open team-tryouts have been held and still looking for players, if 18+ you can play wherever you want and no specific release needed</li> <li>-still waiting for sanctioned tournament information from RO</li> <li>-fundraising ideas for U16 team-contactless bottle drive and pick up empties that have been left out-Erin will discuss further with Kelli about COVID rules</li> </ul>	<p>Motion: "To nominate Geoff as Coach for U16 rep team." Marc will put forth motion. All in favour and carried.</p>	
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Nothing to report.		

<b>Director's Report</b>			
<b>Equipment Director</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Web Director's Report</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Referee in Chief</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Technical Director</b>	-All house league teams now have coaches and am working on getting them qualified and registering in Ramp		
<b>Sponsorship Director</b>	-Gateway Signs' bill has been paid and can move on with purchasing signs for rink dividers -half of dividers will be moved to West Ferris arena -get 1 set of signs with WFRA logo on them-1 divider per set to have WFRA logo on them-Pam will clarify costs to WFRA Executive-approx \$250 for 2 sides of 1 divider and she will clarify costs and send to group for approval with costs -1 sponsor is confirmed and paid for-charging \$250 per sponsor		
<b>Tournament Director's Report</b>	Regionals confirmed for March 11-13, 2022		
<b>New Business</b>	<p>1. Vacant Tournament Director role. Any ideas who can fill this role? Information for Regionals will come from NER and it will not be directed like Provincials. Need to publicize to membership that we need more volunteers and looking for help. Josee will draft this request for help and put on our website.</p> <p>2. WFRA swag online-Trina will communicate with Source for Sports to open WFRA swag and advertise online to membership.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Continue to discuss Regionals at each meeting. Need to set up subcommittee once Director role is filled.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Trina will follow-up with Source.</p>	
<b>Adjournment: Next meeting:</b>	<p>Adjourned at 8:19pm. Next meeting Wednesday-November 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm. Motioned by Erin, seconded by Lori . All in favour.</p>	