

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 12, 2022 at 6:30pm  
Virtual via Teams**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
Darren Pace	President	x		Pam Voght	Equipment Director	x	
Stephen Hamilton	Vice President		x	Lori King	Web Director		x
Kelli Van Buskirk	Treasurer	x		Kyra Brownlee-Barnett	Referee-in-Chief		x
Erin Johns	Ice Director	x		Jade Cayen	Publicity Director	x	
Josée Lebel	Registrar		x	Meaghan Spykerman	Technical Director	x	
Shannah Smales	House League Director	x		Olivia Parker	Sponsorship Director	x	
Marc Desroches	Rep Director	x		Chris Phillips	Tournament Director	x	
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Maxine Samson	Ways & Means Director		x				

**Others in attendance:** No others in attendance.

**Call to Order: 6:34pm**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points of Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status – Contact Person</b>
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	-Review minutes from September Executive meeting for approval and WFRA records/website records. Pam did -Addendum-Player Code of Conduct under New Business	<b>Motion:</b> “To approve the minutes from September 2022 meeting.” Motioned by Pam and seconded by Meaghan. All in favour.	

		<p><b>Motion:</b> “To adopt today’s agenda and updates.” All in favour.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Trina will send Lori minutes to post on our WFRA website.</p>	
<b>Business Arising</b>	No business arising.		
<b>President’s Report</b>	<p>-Standing items for ongoing meetings: Volunteer Engagement-one of our strategic pillars/recruiting and retaining volunteers, along with Player Safety and Volunteer Engagement</p> <p>-to be able to demonstrate that these are topics we will discuss and use this matrix as a tool, including player safety as well.</p>		
<b>Vice President’s Report</b>	Nothing to report		
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	<p>-received \$4200 cheque from Nevada</p> <p>-financially healthy and making approximately \$3000/month from Bingos, \$20 000 balance in Operating account</p> <p>-has worked out kinks at TD Bank and signing authority is up to date, along with TD signing authority for Bingo accounts; she can now e-transfer payments and Kyra will collect emails for minor official and referees ; up to Kyra on timing of payments for minor officials and referees</p>		
<b>Publicity Director</b>	<p>-20 skaters now registered with Pecore division and advertising over last month has been effective</p> <p>-ordering rep swag from Skater’s North and working with them for WFRA store and will include ringette pants</p> <p>-has reached out to news outlet to discuss our Pecore division and CTR event, but has not heard back from anyone</p> <p>-fully stocked for ringette sticks and slides at Skater’s North</p> <p>-should she be promoting goalie clinics, minor official or any coaching clinics? Meaghan has list of people who volunteered to help with goalie clinics. Kyra is working on another date for minor official clinic</p> <p>-she will send out Respect in Sport reminder and ringette promotional events in town</p> <p>-anything else to focus on for Publicity?-looking for more sponsors</p>		

<b>Ice Director Report</b>	<p>-posted schedule for October and Novemeber and working on December schedule          -has not had to turn back much ice and make best use of our ice times-power skating booked and goalie clinic; some black out dates in November so schedule is not as busy          -Christmas Skate booked already, and looking at dates for East/West</p>																																														
<b>Registrar</b>	<p>-Registration numbers to date; very good growth numbers with younger ages</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="449 399 1486 1097"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Regular</th> <th>New players</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fun1</td> <td>3</td> <td>20</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fun 2</td> <td>2</td> <td>6</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fun 3</td> <td>14</td> <td>12</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U12</td> <td>16</td> <td>9</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U14</td> <td>16</td> <td>1</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U16</td> <td>16</td> <td>2</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jacks</td> <td>29</td> <td>8</td> <td>37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pecore</td> <td>2</td> <td>19</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nipissing</td> <td>23</td> <td></td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>198</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>-will likely have to find someone proficient in RAMP game sheet app-Olivia and Meaghan are willing to learn more about it and review videos and bring back to group</p>		Regular	New players	Total	Fun1	3	20	23	Fun 2	2	6	8	Fun 3	14	12	26	U12	16	9	25	U14	16	1	17	U16	16	2	18	Jacks	29	8	37	Pecore	2	19	21	Nipissing	23		23				198		
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<b>House League Director's Report</b>	<p>-Fun1 and Fun2-most are brand new skaters and Nipissing players have been helpful to volunteer          -Fun3-more than enough for 2 teams and lots of help to coach and on-ice assistants-helpful to have a practice and game each week in November for this group and introduce referees-games on Sundays and practice during the week          -U12-2 good sized teams and still some new registrations -well matched teams          -U14/16-3 teams in this division</p>																																														

	<p>-U19+-4 teams with 11 goalies          -Pecore-1 dedicated goalie for this division and Jade has started a list to organize goalies from U19+ division coming out each week          -has requested names of U16 players interested in call-ups to U19+ division          -had talked about ideas to foster team building with house league teams-looking at organizing a bowling night for some groups</p> <p>-some issues with U19+ group with players not communicating if they will be absent and not showing up and no reasons given</p>		
<p><b>Rep Director's Report</b></p>	<p>- Approving the bench staff for rep teams.</p> <p>-Online vote for U10 Development coach sent to group on Sept 28, 2022-Erin and I conducted an interview for the U10 Development Rep coach. Caillin Vince is a former NRL player and has a great deal of knowledge in the game of ringette. She was an assistant to this team last year and also coaches U10 House league and plays in the Pecore division.          He has had some preliminary discussions regarding her bench staff and assigned a manager.          We would like to recommend her for Board approval for the position of U10 Development Rep coach.          Results of online vote? 14 yes and all in favour</p> <p>-Marc to send names for bench staff for U12 and U14 rep teams.          -no bench staff named yet for U10 team since still developing the team          -U12- Marc provided info on bench selection. They include Marc Desroches-Head Coach, Shawnah Smales and Isabella Cristiano-Assistant Coaches, Rob Lamarch-Goalie/Assistant Coach, Brian Samson-Trainer, Maxine Samson-Manager. Motion to accept bench staff.          -U14 -Marc provided info on bench selection. They include Meaghan Spykerman-Head Coach, Jade Cayen-Manager/Assistant Coach, Pam Voght-Assistant Coach, Chris Caven-Trainer. Motion to accept bench staff.          -U16-still having discussions and will deal with this bench staff in a separate forum and will send along info via email with updates.          -U19A-some West Ferris players will be playing with the U19A Sault team, along with some other AA teams in the province.          -Open B team-Marc provided info on bench selection. Meaghan Spykerman-Head Coach and Kelli Van Buskirk-Manager. Motioned to accept bench staff.          -All teams are planning to go to the Sudbury tournament in November and some exhibition games happening in November as well.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> "To accept bench staff for U12 team". Motioned by Marc, seconded by Darren. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> "To accept bench staff for U14 team." Motioned by Marc, seconded by Erin. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> "To accept bench staff for Open B team." Motioned by Marc. All in favour. Carried.</p>	
<p><b>Ways and Means Director's Report</b></p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>		

<b>Equipment Director</b>	<p>Discussion on ideas for how to put holds on equipment loans since not as many people are able to provide cheques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-can add extra fees in RAMP if someone does not return equipment</li> <li>-can get credited if they return equipment</li> <li>-1 year trial of not asking for cheques and if see if equipment is still returned; this year only 1/3 of people had cheques and can see if items are returned</li> <li>-can table for another meeting-Pam will reach out to minor hockey to see how they manage loaning of equipment and deposit</li> <li>-has no other adult equipment available to loan except for sticks and pants, and will look for straps for rings</li> <li>-has purchased new goalie equipment and all of it has been loaned out</li> </ul>	<b>Action:</b> Pam will reach out to minor hockey and see how they manage with deposit for equipment loans.	
<b>Web Director's Report</b>	-Nothing to report.		
<b>Referee in Chief</b>	-Nothing to report.		
<b>Technical Director</b>	-Ensuring new House league coaches and On Ice Assistants are meeting requirements		
<b>Sponsorship Director</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-still looking for new sponsors and a few from previous years have said no-IG Wealth Management is no longer sponsoring a team so will no longer use those jerseys</li> <li>-unable to connect with Paul at Skater's North and Kelli will reach out to him</li> <li>-has not heard back from Canadian Hock Exchange and Harwood and waiting to hear back from owners-Pam will talk with owners of Harwood</li> <li>-still waiting for payment from Active Running and Lefebvres's-Olivia to follow up with them; Erin to follow up with Grecos</li> <li>-Tim Hortons jerseys have been ordered-3 sets</li> <li>-Shawnah can bring sponsorship letter to Cementation and they can likely sponsor a team</li> <li>-we need sponsors for approximately 4 teams (U10, U14 x 2, U19+) and she will look for additional sponsors on social media as well</li> <li>-ensuring that sponsor's requests have been honoured by house league teams</li> </ul>		
<b>Tournament Director's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-we have some upcoming power skating sessions for 3 groups- Fun3, U12, U14/16 each with 1 hour block, some high-school volunteers helping and asking for food donation or cash donation for Foodbank</li> <li>-he will be helping to organize Christmas skate and East/West games in the future.</li> </ul>		
<b>New Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Player code of conduct-some players swearing in changeroom. Jade will send communication to membership with reminder about following Code of Conduct and sending link from RO, along with cell phone use-ensure room is locked.</li> <li>2) Marc-Santa Claus parade-same weekend as Sudbury tournament and can put out request if house league teams/parent volunteer can help to spearhead this project; use social media to recruit-good publicity for Association; theme is Christmas characters except for Santa/Mrs.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Action:</b> Jade to send communication about Code of Conduct.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Will reach out to house league teams for participation in</p>	

	Claus; Kelli will ensure we have insurance; paper handouts are not permitted and unable to throw candy	Santa Claus parade/parent volunteer to lead.	
<b>Adjournment:</b> <b>Next meeting:</b>	Adjourned at 7:55pm. Next meeting Wed-Nov 9, 2022 at 6:30pm. Hope to have it in person and Darren and Erin and Kelli will look for potential sites-arena boardroom, Twiggs, library. Back up plan will be a virtual meeting via Teams. Will look to plan ahead and book a meeting location for next few months.	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. All in favour.	