



WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



**October 7, 2024 at 6:30pm
Virtual via Google Meetings**

Name	Position	Attended	Regrets	Name	Position	Attended	Regrets
Chris Phillips	President	x		Shannah Smales	Director of House League	x	
Marc Desroches	Vice President	x		Meaghan Spykerman	Director of Rep Programming	x	
Andrew Busch	Treasurer	x		Maxine Samson	Director of Ways & Means		x
Karley Lalonde	Secretary		x	Rob Lamarche	Director of Equipment		x
Olivia Parker	Director of Communications & Community Liaison	x		Pam Voght	Director of Volunteers	x	
Michelle Fish	Director of Ice	x		Alex Parker	Referee-in-Chief	x	
Josée Lebel	Registrar	x					

Others in Attendance: Erin Johns

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order at 6:31pm by President, Chris Phillips. The approval of minutes was deferred to the next meeting. Quorum was met. There were no additions to the agenda. 		
Business Arising	Nothing was discussed.		
President’s Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Minor hockey has purchased their own dividers at WF Arena, and they are piled with ours. We were informed that we may use them if needed. We will avoid use as much as possible. Waiting to hear back from RO to hear back about our club application. 		
Vice President’s Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Santa Claus parade this year is November 17th – weekend before Sudbury. We will put in an entry. A discussion took place about getting a new banner. An RO insurance certificate application will be sent in for this parade. Team photos – working on getting quotes. 		
Treasurer’s Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The balance sheets were presented. Since June 1st there has been a net profit of \$6-7K. Working on treasurer’s access to bank accounts. 		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance certificates have been received from South River, East Ferris and Warren for the season. If anyone wants to use ice in Sturgeon Falls, there will need to be an additional certificate application. 		
Communications Director/Community Liaison's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Will reach out to See More Graphics for a new banner for the parade. Sponsors for this season's house league include Tim Hortons, Grecos, Rorab Shrine Club, Active Running. Three sponsors have also been acquired for CTRFF, including Northern Credit Union, Northern Honda and Bernard Rochefort. Sponsorships do help with covering jerseys for players, equipment, officials and minor officials. It was discussed to put together a committee to discuss sponsorship costs and conditions. 		
Director Ice's Report	Nothing was discussed.		
Registrar's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Adult Come Try Ringette for Free (16+) on October 6 had two pre-registrations and only one attended. The teams are all organized on RAMP. There has been a FUN1/2 "Volunteer Team" set up to organize volunteers and track attendance. 		
Director of House League Programming's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> FUN 1/2 started on October 6. U11 has 2 teams. U14 has 3 teams. U16/19 has 2 teams. Open has 3 teams. Pecore division started October 6 with lower attendance. There have been some major issues with attendance in the Open division in the last week with each team forfeiting once. There has been a sub-committee put together to strategically schedule this divisions games around tournaments and university breaks. They will be meeting in a few days to discuss changing team player assignments. A concern was brought up by a parent that players from the U12 rep team was pulled up to the U14 division, whereas others were brought down to the U11 division. This was done in consultation with on-ice evaluations and with the U12 coach. A discussion took place about any other solutions for this problem. 		
In Camera	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to by consensus to go into camera at 7:32pm. Agreed to by consensus to come out of camera at 8:46pm. 		
Director of Rep Programming's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of overage requests have been made this year, including some U16s wanting to play on the U14C rep team and some U12s wanting to play FUN3. The skill level of the two U16 players is appropriate to move down to the U14C team. There have been three requests at the U12 division to move down to the FUN 3 Development Team. One request, for Brinlee Baker, was based on skill level, as she scored nearly 20 points lower than any other player on the ice at U12 sort outs. The two other U12 players who have asked to be moved down to the FUN3 Development Team but have both withdrawn their requests. 	<p>Motion: Both U16 players that have applied to be overaged players on the U14C are to be approved. Motioned by Meaghan Spykerman, Seconded by Pam Voght. All in favour.</p> <p>Motion: Brinlee Baker to be approved as an overaged player on the FUN3 development rep</p>	

		team. Motioned by Meaghan Spykerman, Seconded by Marc Desroches. All in favour. CARRIED.	
Ways and Means Director's Report	Nothing was discussed.		
Director of Equipment's Report	1. Jersey colours for house league teams were discussed.		
Director of Volunteers' Report	1. Around half of coaches have completed their qualifications, and still awaiting VSCs. 2. Mandatory goalie coaching meeting will be taking place on October 19 th . It is mandatory for all rep and house league teams to send a bench staff representative.		
Referee-in-Chief	1. 2-3 new refs signed up for this season. Several new timekeepers. Training on-the-job this month for timekeepers and shot clockers, with a clinic/review planned for November. 2. This year's level 1 Referee clinic will be taking place on October 20 th in Sudbury. 3. Information for tablets for RAMP Scoresheets is being gathered from other associations to inform the decision to order ours.		
New Business	1. Regionals – The application has already been sent to RO. There is a website that has been set up. A sub-committee will be put together to discuss sponsorship packages and the tournament logistics. There will potentially be divisions from 2. Sports in North Bay Forum – Discussed struggles associations have with the City of North Bay, and how working together may help make change.		
Adjournment: Next meeting:	The next meeting of the Executive Board of Directors will be on Monday, November 4 at 6:30pm at the Pete Palangio Arena Boardroom.	Motion: The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm. Motioned by Josee Lebel, seconded by Michelle Fish. All in favour. CARRIED.	