

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 28, 2020 at 6:30pm  
Zoom meeting, North Bay, ON**

Name	Position	Attended	Regrets	Name	Position	Attended	Regrets
Erin Johns	President	x		Shannah Smales	Equipment Coordinator	x	
Carrie Read	Past President		x	Lori King	Web Director	x	
Leslie King	Vice President	x					
Mark Webster	Treasurer	x		Stephen Hamilton /Jeff Graham	Referee-in-Chief	x-Stephen	
Marc Desroches	Ice Director	x		Brennain Lloyd	Publicity Director	x	
Vacant	Registrar	x		Meaghan Spykerman	Technical Coordinator	x	
Lorrie Nolan	House League Director	x		Pam Voght	Sponsorship Coordinator	x	
Kelli Van Buskirk	Rep Director	x		Niko Gregorin	Tournament Coordinator	x	
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Claire Periard	Ways & Means Coordinator		x				

**Call to Order: 6:31pm**

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	<p>-Minutes from September 2020 meeting, Special meeting and this meeting’s agenda were reviewed. The minutes will be posted on the website as reviewed and approved.</p> <p>-additions to agenda-updates from Lorrie and Marc, addition to new business-</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> “To approve the minutes from September 2020.” Motioned by Meaghan, seconded by Marc Desroches. All in favour. Carried.</p> <p>Motion: “To approve the minutes from Special meeting on October 7, 2020.” Motioned by Brennain and seconded by Mark. Approved</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> “To approve today’s agenda.” Motioned by Leslie, seconded by Mark Webster. All in favour. Carried.</p>	

		<b>Action:</b> Trina will send Lori minutes to post on our WFRA website.	
<b>Action Items from Previous meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 2 new members for signing authority on WFRA account -Mark and Erin will work on completing paperwork on 2 new members for signing authority-Leslie and Erin</li> <li>b) Final decision on pinnies and update from Mark-sponsors for pinnies will include AG Wealth/Mark, Kendall Sinclair, Kings and looking to ask 2 other sponsors-we have approx 90 pinnies with numbers and various sizes-blue, white and red (30 of each)</li> <li>c) -plan to return jerseys from last year's coaching staff: not missing many but will continue to collect jerseys from last year for house-league and rep</li> <li>d) Registrar position and communicating new Executive to membership- Erin did reach out to Brianne and Anne-Marie. Anne Marie is interested in learning as a Board member and no reply from Brianne. Anne-Marie was invited to attend this meeting. Plan: If Anne-Marie does not want this position on the Board, we will communicate this available position to the membership, and otherwise we will cover this position until next AGM since a slower time for Registrar.</li> <li>e) E-newsletter for winner recipients from last season-Brennain is working on it.</li> </ul>		
<b>President's Report</b>	<p>-Discuss fundraising with Flip give for development ice: online shopping platform and percentage of sales goes to team; invite the whole membership or to those playing with development ice; plan to launch for the entire development program and a pot of money to be utilized as needed per cohort/equalization-cost of program is \$15/player and doesn't always cover the ice for each group; development/rep is what keeps players in ringette; helps to offset costs, no specific budget since no rep teams; any additional monies will stay within WFRA and can offer development ice without a charge. -we need 17 players to break even with development ice while charging \$15/player</p> <p>-written complaint received and it is on the record and it has been dealt with following process. Complaint was given to President or delegate-VP-Leslie has handled the situation.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> "Register with the Flip give program for WFRA development program." Motioned by Erin, seconded by Lorrie; all in favour and carried.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Erin will register with Flip give as West Ferris 63's.</p>	

<b>Vice President's Report</b>	<p>Update on masks, WFRA gear and online store.</p> <p>-Online store has opened with Source for Sports-includes WFRA gear and masks. Kings is unable to offer an online store but want to ensure we do give some business to Pat at Kings as a WFRA sponsor. Online store includes sweaters, shirts, toques and masks. Discussion on adding other items such as jogging pants, leggings and ringette pants. Brennain suggested a ball cap as well.</p>		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>-Update on WFRA financials:          -investment money has been moved as decided at last meeting, paid for November ice, \$4200 received from Nevada funds and another \$4000 from Bingo revenue.          -having to reconcile all the transfers from development ice and tracking it separately, Erin will give him money from development ice</p>		
<b>Publicity Director</b>	<p>-Update from Publicity:          -very excited we are moving to a single COVID form that will be time stamped          -e-newsletter is almost complete and should be out to membership soon.</p>		
<b>Ice Director Report</b>	<p>-Update on November ice:</p> <p>-no change in rules from RO-we are allowed to use time clocks and referees and may start seeing that more in other divisions.          -look at having some power skating and goalie clinics but likely status quo for November-typically are partially funded by WFRA-Peter Baldersaro has offered to lead a goalie clinic and it was very helpful last year-challenges with cohort divisions this year          --next ice contract: will look at adding these extra clinics in December</p>		
<b>Registrar</b>	<p>-total registrations to date-125 players          -need to ensure that proper forms have been completed for registration, using RAMP</p>		
<b>House League Director's Report</b>	<p>Updates on gym ringette, team formation, and coaches meeting:          -3 JBO teams and seem to be balanced-started using game sheets and in our box at Pete Palangio-Lorrie will collect them          -U12 and U14 will be forming teams and use referees, we only have 1 goalie in U14 so will likely rotate players as goalie          -wonder if able to get ice earlier since some parents were upset-Marc notes that we have to wait for direction from City and then he submits to Board to review-wish it was a better system          -Brennain will add information to next Publicity email that due to COVID,</p>		

	<p>each schedule is month to month and need to follow direction from the City, and can advertise on website when schedule is to be expected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-will include conditioning ice on the November schedule</li> <li>-gym ringette sets have been distributed-2 with Nipissing Lakers</li> <li>-update on coaches meeting-updates on training needed, excellent resources and guidance from Niko and Stephen</li> <li>-Stephen will need a few days to schedule referees for when U12 and U14 teams are formed</li> <li>-electronic whistles are carried at Source for Sports</li> <li>-can look at trying shot clock for JBO league-may increase speed of game and will ask JBO coaches for feedback and Stephen can schedule minor officials</li> </ul> <p>-Stephen notes that JBO teams look very unbalanced and depth of bench is difficult with attendance issues-she has approached teams and coaches but notes that players don't want to move-he can see some players are very frustrated on the ice and can become an unhealthy environment-suggests a possible shuffle of the players in the new year and he offered to help with this process if necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-noted that it is difficult for players to play in recreational mode-need to keep all teams healthy and happy-if any reshuffling does occur, make it a positive change; will need to discuss further with coaching staff; many factors to consider including new registrations and resignations and attendance at games</li> </ul>		
<b>Rep Director's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-development ice is scheduled in November; U10 development ice will start this month as well</li> <li>-no updates on rep team formation from RO and status quo</li> </ul>		
<b>Ways and Means Coordinator's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Nothing to report. Claire will ask Jeffrey if we can get more Bingos going forward into December.</li> <li>-able to fill Bingos well with our parent volunteers at this point</li> </ul>		
<b>Equipment Coordinator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Meeting with players/parents on an individual basis-needs to quarantine items and then put them away</li> </ul>		
<b>Web Director's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-working on online game keeping system, attestation forms and schedule updates</li> <li>-working on header and changing pictures and would like more pictures to post-please send to Lori</li> </ul>		
<b>Referee in Chief</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-officials assigned to JBO division at this time-difficult at times to implement new rules with the face paced game -made some changes and have implemented hard triangle, continues to improve and will apply to other divisions as we move forward</li> </ul>		
<b>Technical Coordinator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-emailing coaches with requirements necessary to fulfil coaching duties and sending</li> </ul>		

	<p>them necessary resources; online background checks are working well and unsure how WFRA will be billed</p> <p>-CSI and CI will be offered online through Ringette Canada-person must pay online and then send receipt to WFRA</p>		
<b>Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	<p>Update on sponsors.</p> <p>-we lost CWS and Elks Lodge as sponsors and able to secure Harwood Plumbing and Heating in the U14 division; jerseys for them, Shriners and Timbits have been ordered and should be ready by next week</p> <p>-starting next year, Timbits will only cover U8 and they have made concession to cover our U10 division so will need to look for U10 sponsors next season</p>		
<b>Tournament Coordinator's Report</b>	<p>-City contacted Niko about Event hosting program/funds. We will be applying for this again if there is an opportunity to have Regionals in 2021</p> <p>-City may not allow tournaments so unsure about Regionals</p>		
<b>New Business</b>	<p>1. Update from Return to Ringette Committee-</p> <p>COVID Safety Leader Kelli-RO wants to ensure all Associations are complying and every week they pick a random ice time and requesting different paperwork</p> <p>-following screening guidelines similiar to school screening and symptoms</p> <p>-will always have option of online form from WFRA website in case RAMP is not working</p> <p>-mandated by RO that referees to use official portal and Stephen doesn't have access to the results and hopes that RO will keep him updated; best to keep minor officials/referees on our COVID forms as back-up</p> <p>-look at giving coaches viewing access to google forms so they know completed when not on RAMP</p> <p>-ensure players are not sharing water bottles</p> <p>2. University players</p> <p>-Leslie initiated discussion about having University players join the JBO division at a reduced rate starting after Christmas and help our numbers and to bridge the gap</p> <p>-have a proposal with specific numbers if we revisit-supported with numbers</p> <p>-track attendance in November</p> <p>3. Goalie clinics-difficult to do at this point since wecan't have cohorts mix and Nipissing team can revisit when opportunity presents itself and COVID rules allow</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Track attendance in November in JBO and see if there are gaps and more players required; ensure call overs are even amongst players. Lorrie will discuss further with JBO coaching staff.</p> <p>-Defer to next meeting</p>	

<b>Adjournment:</b> <b>Next meeting:</b>	Adjourned at 8:42pm. Next meeting: November 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm. All in favour.	