

WESTERN REGION RINGETTE
WORLD "A/AA"
October 17, 2006
DORCHESTER OPTIMIST HALL

Peter Westelaken opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance: Scott Borland, Shirley Verhoeve, Peter Westelaken, Mary Kaiser, Keith Kaiser, Mary Batten, Chuck Weber, Darrin Mitchell, Mike Reid, Darlene Capson, Bill Rodgers, Janet Logan, Andrew Brody, Bill Gardhouse, Chris Beuglet, Kerry Box, Jerry Van De Walle, Mike Guiler, Kathy Walt, Mike Taylor, Jenna Sheppard, Mike (Exeter), Donna Jones, Ken Rowe,
Absent: Owen Sound

There was one item of new business to add to the agenda.

- Provincial process 2009 & on

The September minutes were approved once the change was made to Suitable Ice Times by St. Clements seconded by London. All in favour.

Treasurer's Report:

Owen Sound has paid their bond and membership fee.

Schedule Review:

After much discussion we as a group must come up with a final plan for scheduling. Do we need to set a deadline for AA and A tryouts to better streamline tryouts, releases and declarations? Please send all suggestions to Scott Borland and Peter Westelaken. A decision on scheduling will be made at the January 2007 meeting for the upcoming season.

Open A from London would like to see even home and away games. Next half they would like to see more away games than home.

Job well done Scott.

WORL FORMS:

Player Releases:

Send all player releases to Chuck Weber by November 1, 2006

Email: cweber9566@rogers.com

Fax:

Two Team Player agreements

Send all player agreement forms to Janet Logan by November 1, 2006

Email: grandt@wrra.ca

Fax: 519-352-7233

Intent to Proceed

Provincials A & AA teams to Janet Logan by November 15, 2006.

Email: grandt@wrra.ca

Fax: 519-352-7233

Nationals declaration Tween AA & up to Mary Kaiser by November 15, 2006

Email: elite@wrra.ca

Fax: 519-521-5252

All the above forms can be found on the ORA website.

Important Dates:

"A" Prelims - Tillsonburg February 16- 18, 2007

"AA" Prelims - still to be decided

"A" Provincials - Chatham March 22 - 25, 2007

"AA" Provincials - Nepean March 8 - 11, 2007

Wildcard Selection Process:

Janet Logan explained how the wildcard selection process is going to work for the 2006 - 2007 Seasons provincials. There was a lot of discussion on how this will and will not work. Some associations feel that this will hurt small town A teams as they do not have the funds to enter a lot of out of region tournaments.

Janet Logan is in charge of the charts on the team rankings. These will be displayed on the ORA website for everyone to monitor how teams are doing.

The AA selection process will use all tournament results up to and including the weekend of February 2 - 4, 2007.

The A selection process will use all tournament results up to and including the weekend of February 16 - 18, 2007. This does not include the Western Region Prelims.

Important to send your stats in on time.

This is what teams are out there at present time. Totals DO NOT INCLUDE Northwest Region as they have not declared any A or AA teams yet.

Petites - 25 Provincial teams.

All teams who are declared AA after the Whitby tournament will go to AA Provincials. (No set number for Petite AA) The rest of the provincial teams declared A have a chance at going to the A Provincials (depending on number of teams, maximum of 10 teams can go to the A Provincials)

Tween A - 24 teams

Tween AA - 12 teams

Junior A - 17 teams

Junior AA - 13 teams

Belle A - 21 teams

Belle AA - 11 teams

Open A - 13 teams

Open AA - 5 teams

Both A and AA Provincials will take a maximum of 10 teams.

The way they figure out wild cards could change for the 2007 - 2008 Provincials. Send your comments and feed back to Janet Logan on team rankings and how the wild card process is being handled this year.

**** The way the system is set up this year.

You can earn a wildcard first then win prelims second. *****

2008 Host Associations:

- still looking for a host association for the Provincial A (maximum 10 teams per division)
- Provincial AA will be held in Whitby (maximum 10 teams per division)

London Open A would like to see a home and home series played instead of playing in prelims. This way they can enter the Ajax tournament. This will have to be discussed by the Prelim Committee.

Peter asked that all associations read over the Western Region Games and Tournament Report.

Chris Beuglet:

The applications to host Provincials 2009, must be in by March 31, 2007. If interested please submit your application.

The adhoc committee must make decisions by January 27, 2007 for the 2008 Season.

Chris advised us to email our thoughts in ways to improve provincials to him. Ask the players as they are the ones playing in provincials. Any idea is opened. Submit your ideas ASAP. **There is still time to make changes for the 2008

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- We are not able to change the 10 team maximum, but can change the wild card application process.
- Results will always be published and Chris cannot see this change, but he can see the committee changing the way the math works.

MOTION was made by Chatham and seconded by Waterloo. That we draft a letter on behalf of our league "Western Ontario Ringette League" indicating our concerns about the wild card process and how it may potentially affect our sport. Carried.

Bill Rodgers and Ken Rowe have agreed to draft a letter and send to Peter so that this league can voice their concerns over the Wild Card Process for 2007.

All associations are asked to send concerns to Bill: bill.rodgers@monsanto.com & Ken: kj.rowe@sympatico.ca by Friday October 20, 2006.

A final letter will be drafted using all the information supplied. It was suggested that Keith Kasier help with this also.

The ORA board meets November 17, 2006 and the letter needs to be sent before then to the President, Vice - President and Secretary of ORA. (it was suggested to send the letters to their homes)

If you have any questions on how the wild card process will be handled for this year contact Janet Logan or Chris Beuglet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:
December 12, 2006 @ 7: 30 p.m.
Dorchester**