

**WEST FERRIS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**March 28, 2019 6:30pm  
Genealogy Room-North Bay Public Library**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
Kelli Pace	President	x		Shannah Smales	Equipment Coordinator	x	
Tania Beatty	Vice President	x		Keith Boegel	Web Director	x	
Marilyn Ablett	Treasurer	x		Stephen Hamilton	Referee-in-Chief		x
Dee Johnson	Ice Director	x		Brennain Lloyd	Publicity Director	x	
Barb Guay	Registrar	x		Karl Giesbrecht	Technical Coordinator		x
Meaghan Spykerman	House League Director	x		Leslie King	Sponsorship Coordinator	x	
Erin Johns	Rep Director	x		Niko Gregorin	Tournament Coordinator	x	
Trina Palmieri	Secretary	x					
Claire Periard	Ways & Means Coordinator		x				

**Call to Order:** 6:35pm

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points of Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status – Contact Person</b>
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	-Minutes from November 7, 2018 were reviewed. The minutes will be posted on the website as reviewed.	<b>Motion:</b> “To approve the minutes from November 7, 2018.” Motioned by Tania and seconded by Kelli. All in favour.  <b>Action:</b> Trina will send Keith minutes to post on our WFRA website	

Action Items from Previous meeting	-updated Code of Conduct send to membership by Publicity -U10 and U14/16 draft -Erin to review Coaching Appointment and Selection policy and make recommendations.	-completed November, 2018 -teams reviewed and changes made-Dec/18 -deferred to next meeting	
<b>President's Report</b> (Kelli Pace)	-Jeff Francom will be shifting his focus and will no longer be running the Learn to Skate program. Discussion about whether to change from Learn to Skate program to a U8-Bunny program. Further discussion about possible changes will be deferred to our next meeting but did agree to change the name of LTS program to Learn to Skate and Play for upcoming registration purposes.	<b>Action:</b> Will discuss possible changes to the Learn to Skate program at next meeting and will refer to this program as Learn to Skate and Play for now.	
<b>Vice President's Report</b> (Tania Beatty)	-Nothing to report.		
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> (Marilyn Ablett)	-All registration fees have now been collected.		
<b>Ice Director Report</b> (Dee Johnston)	-Nothing to report		
<b>Registrar</b> (Barb Guay)	-Nothing to report. Discussion about a general online registration platform through Ringette Ontario in the future but nothing concrete yet.		
<b>House League Director's Report</b> (Meaghan Spykerman)	- year end banquet confirmed for Thursday-April 18 starting at 5:30pm at West Ferris high-school.  - Meaghan held a Coach's meeting in December and good feedback provided. Some suggestions included a House-league jamboree with kid's activities and better communication about coaching clinics.  - House-league survey to be distributed to the Association as per draft survey sent to the group and reviewed.  -Discussion around use of mouthguards. WFRA policy states that "All minor age WFRA players shall wear mouth guards as a part of their mandatory equipment." This policy was instituted to follow best practice standards in concussion prevention, but now research may not support that and many other organizations no longer make it mandatory. It is not a Ringette Canada or Ringette rule. It is not being consistently enforced by Coaches or followed by players and discussion on whether to change policy's wording to "strongly recommend use of mouthguards". After much discussion,	<b>Action:</b> Mouthguards will remain a part of WFRA player's mandatory equipment. This will be verbalized by Kelli at the upcoming banquet and the Association reminded before next ringette season starts.	

	it was agreed by the group that we would keep our policy in place and ensure it is being enforced for the upcoming ringette season and likely review this policy again next year.		
<b>Rep Director's Report</b> (Erin Johns)	<p><b>Coaching Selections</b>-Single applicants for U10, U12, U14 and U16 Rep Coaches. For all rep teams, the level of play will be dependent on tryout numbers. Rep tryouts and the U10 information session will take place in the month of April. Erin will need 2 Evaluators form the Executive for each</p> <p>U10-Application received for Jessica Johnston. She will be interviewed before the U10 information session.</p> <p>U12-Application received for Sophie Desjardins and interviewed by Erin. She has all her certifications and previous coaching experience with U16 rep teams. Erin does recommend her for this position.</p> <p>U14-Application received for Meaghan Spykerman. She has been interviewed and has all her certifications and previous coaching experience.</p> <p>U16-Application received for Richard Michauville and interviewed by Barb Guay and he has been recommended for the position.</p> <p>U19 and Open-no applications received but will still run tryouts.</p> <p>-Rep surveys-Erin will review the draft rep survey and provide any amendments to Brennain.</p>	<p>Motion-"To approve Sophie Desjardins as Head Coach of the U12 Rep team for 2019-2020 season." Motioned by Erin and seconded by Keith. All in favour.</p> <p>Motion-" To approve Meaghan Spykerman as Head Coach of the U14 Rep team for 2019-2020 season." All in favour.</p> <p>Motion-" To approve Richard Michauville as Head Coach of the U16 Rep team for 2019-2020 season." All in favour.</p> <p><b>Action</b>-Erin to review draft rep survey and provide amendments to Brennain. Amended survey will then be distributed to the rep team families.</p>	
<b>Ways and Means Coordinator's Report</b> (Claire Periard)	More parents are volunteering to work the Bingo and dates are filling up.		
<b>Equipment Coordinator</b> (Shannah Smales)	-She will be scheduling a return date for equipment once tryouts and Regionals are completed. Once date confirmed, she will send to Keith and Brennain to communicate to the group. Ensure no returns at the banquet.	<b>Action:</b> Discuss specific plan for loaning future goalie equipment.	

	-discussion around returning goalie equipment and how to inventory this equipment and possible options for players to buy it at a reduced rate. Shawnah has had no new goalie equipment loaned this year. Will discuss this item further at a later date.		
<b>Web Director's Report</b> (Keith Boegel)	Kelli is the primary name on the web account so he will ensure this is changed once a new President is elected.		
<b>Referee in Chief</b> (Stephen Hamilton)	-Nothing to report.		
<b>Publicity Director</b> (Brennain Lloyd)	-Tag Day was successful and would like to do again next year and likely better returns with an earlier date and can get the prime LCBO spots. - summer sports camp guide opportunity-WFRA has not booked any ice in the summer so no programs planned at this time to advertise in the guide. -Come Try Ringette will be held on March 30 with plans for second event in the fall. WFRA should get the ice contract in mid-August and be able to schedule CTR event in September-likely a Sunday evening.	<b>Motion:</b> All in favour of offering Tag Day fundraiser to all rep teams in the 2019-2020 season. <b>Action:</b> Brennain will communicate with Dee in early August about ice contract and scheduling date for CTR.	
<b>Technical Coordinator</b> (Karl Giesbrecht)	-Nothing to report.		
<b>Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	Nothing to report.		
<b>Tournament Coordinator's Report</b> (Niko Gregorin)	-Provincials were very successful.		
<b>New Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn to Skate vs Bunnies program-will be deferred to next meeting for discussion.</li> <li>2. AGM nominations review. Confirmed the following positions available for the 2019-2020 Executive and confirmed Keith, Tania, Meaghan, in addition to Kelli, Marilyn and Stephen, will not be running for their current positions in the next election.  2 year term-Vice President, Secretary, Registrar, House League Director, Tournament Coordinator, Technical Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Ways and Means Coordinator, Web Director, Publicity Director  1 year term due to vacancy-President, Treasurer, Referee in Chief</li> <li>3. Nominations for volunteer/team awards discussed. Those in conflict with any of the awards left the room during those discussions.  a) <b>Volunteer of the Year Award</b>-5 nominations received and 1 nomination was withdrawn. All 5 very deserving in contributing to the Association and going above and beyond.</li> </ol>		

	<p>b) <b>Youth Volunteer</b>-2 nominations received. Nika Gregorin and Kathleen Palmieri made a special contribution to the teams they assisted and they will share this award.</p> <p>c) <b>Don Pecore Award</b>- 2 nominations received-Keith Boegel and Brennain Lloyd. Both nominees have offered many great years of volunteer service to our Association and are ambassadors for the sport.</p> <p>d) <b>Nell Mallory Award</b>-Discussion about WFRA teams that demonstrated most improvement. The U16A team has overcome many challenges over the year and improved greatly on and off the ice.</p> <p>e) <b>Shir Don Award</b>-Discussion about WFRA teams that demonstrated Class, Character, Conduct and Competitiveness. The U14A team demonstrated this at all their tournaments but more specifically at the Provincials when they all came to cheer on their competitors and even handed out the awards in their division.</p> <p>f) <b>Lifetime Contribution Award</b>-Tania Beatty received 2 nominations and has made significant contributions to our Association in various positions on the Executive and on the bench, and to the overall success of the WFRA.</p>	<p>Majority voted for a special recipient to receive this award, and the winner to be announced at the banquet. All in favour.</p> <p>Majority voted for both girls to receive this award. All in favour.</p> <p>Majority voted for a special recipient to receive this award, and the winner to be announced at the banquet. All in favour.</p> <p>Majority voted for the U16A team to receive this award. All in favour.</p> <p>Majority voted for the U14A team to receive this award. All in favour.</p> <p>Motion-"To approve Tania Beatty as recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award." All in favour.</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment:</b> <b>Next meeting:</b></p>	<p>Adjourned at 8:37pm. Next meeting: AGM meeting-April 24, 2019 at 6:30pm in Pete Palangio boardroom.</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm. All in favour.</p>	