

WRAC AGM Meeting
September 21, 2005

Executive Present:

President – Deb Hanley, Vice President – Kim Arndt, Treasurer – Shelley Laycock, Secretary – Karen Bird

1. Breast Cancer Fundraiser:

Melissa Jensen and Tracey Plunkett handed out initial 2006 Sponsorship Packages to all present. They asked all team captains to spread the word about the Pink Ring 24-hour ringette game vs. breast cancer, which will be held on April 1, 2006 in Calgary. They also asked all present to help find sponsors for the tournament, as well as prizes. There is a link for the Pink Ring tournament on the WRAC website. They are looking for approximately 80-100 players from all women levels to participate in the ringette tournament.

2. Election – Part A

a) Secretary. Karen Bird (Rockettes) stepped forward to be Secretary. Seconded by Holly Epp (Rockettes).

3. Referee Update

a) The fee for refs is \$33.50 per ref which includes a travel fee of \$3.50. The name of the ref assignor is Terry Hladun and her e-mail address is assignor@womensringette.ca. This information may be found on the WRAC website. Terry would like all teams to send their ref requirement for home games only (do not send your team's entire game schedule) as soon as possible. A cheque for the appropriate amount must be sent to Ringette Calgary by October 15, 2005. Ringette Calgary's address is: 2815c-12 Street N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 7J2.

b) 2 referee/team requirement.

All teams were asked to supply at least 1 ref. The teams who do not do so will be charged \$150.00 by WRAC. The refs must attend a Ref Clinic on October 2 at East Twin Arena from 8:00-5:00. The cost of the clinic is \$85.00. Refs who choose to ref WRAC games only not be required to attend a Ref Association meetings. Refs who choose to ref all levels must attend a Ref Association meeting every month. Refs must be 15 years of age or older.

Those interested in attending the clinic must contact Mike Morris. He can be contacted at:

mike.morris@gov.ab.ca

Proposal: Team captains proposed that WRAC give the following suggestions to the Ref Association:

- lower the age of refs
- recruit from other associations other than WRAC (from other ringette associations such as NW Ringette, Bowview Ringette, etc. and from university and colleges).

4. The Great Debate – should WRAC be a part of the larger ringette community?

a) What does each player pay (breakdown)

A cost breakdown of fees was given to all team captains. This breakdown can be found on the WRAC website.

b) Discussion on whether WRAC should remain affiliated with Ringette Alberta.

Motion: If Alberta Ringette raises the junior fee to equal that of the women, WRAC will not make a motion to have the women's Ringette Alberta fees lowered. Motion made by Sherry (Acadia), seconded by Holly Epp (Rockettes).

Amendment: Junior fees are to be equal to or greater than adult Alberta Ringette fees. If adult fees remain higher than junior fees, WRAC will submit a motion to reduce adult fees to the same level as the junior fees at the AGM. Amendment made by Trudy (Springbank), seconded by Holly Epp (Rockettes).

Motion carried (12 for, 6 against).

WRAC agreed to remain affiliated with Ringette Alberta. This enables teams to apply for sanctioned tournaments and provincials. WRAC is also unprepared to organize the insurance, refs, etc. at this time.

5. Treasurer Report - Shelley Laycock.

A report will be e-mailed to all team captains at a later date.

6. Registration– Kim Arndt.

Registration forms on excel were sent to all team captains in early September. Kim explained how to fill out the form, which must be sent back to her via e-mail by October 5, 2005.

The fees to Alberta Ringette (\$40.00/player, \$2.00/coach, payable to Alberta Ringette) must be sent to Shelley Laycock by October 1, 2005. Shelley's address is:

R.R. #5, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2G6

The fees for WRAC and Calgary Ringette (\$4.00/player) must be sent to WRAC, c/o Shelley Laycock, R.R. #5, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2G6 by October 1, 2005.

7. From Intermediate to Open – Deborah Hanley.

Deborah explained that Intermediate B teams are now Open B, and Intermediate C teams are Open C. Master teams are unchanged.

8. Schedule tracking – Deborah.

Teams were asked if they wanted to officially keep track of their wins/losses. There was no interest from those present.

9. Elections – Part B

a) President. Daniel Bowtich (Blades) came forward to become President of WRAC. Motioned by Jody (Hot Shotz), seconded by Shelly Laycock (Indus).

10. Other.

Kim Arndt thanked Deborah Hanley on behalf of the entire WRAC membership for her hard work and dedication – all present agreed. Kim also stated that this would be her last year as Vice President of WRAC.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 p.m.