

**WRAC AGM meeting
September 15, 2004**

Executive Present:

President - Deb Hanley, Vice President – Kim Arndt, Treasurer – Shelley Laycock, Secretary – Marnie Campbell

1. Team introductions:

All WRAC teams present. New Intermediate B Fusion team created for 2003-2004 season.

2. Referee Updates: Mike Morris (Pres. of Referee Association).

Mike discussed the rules of obtaining referees. He referenced the WRAC information sheet for these rules. Mike also advised about the clarification in referee fees effective for the 2004-2005 season. WRAC has up until 03-04 season not paid travel fees, which was an oversight by Referees Association. WRAC teams will pay travel fees for 2003-2004 season.

Mike also advised that the Referee Association may be requesting fee increase in January 2005 to be effective for the 2005-2006 season. To off set unexpected referee travel expenses, the suggestion was made to have the teams use only one referee. For those games that teams know can be rough, two referees should continued to be scheduled. There was also a suggestion about some of the WRAC membership becoming referee certified to assist with the depleting referee population for women's teams. Teams need to contact Lee Costea ASAP to advise if they only need one referee.

WRAC executive has developed: Team procedure: Officiating Dispute. This new procedure was handed out to the membership and approved by Mike. If teams have any concerns throughout the season regarding officiating disputes, Mike gave his work number 297-2658 to be contacted.

- a. **ACTION:** Deb Hanley will send out information of correct fees for 2004-2005 season.
- b. **ACTION:** Kim Arndt to send email to Lee Costea regarding games in Springbank and referees getting double 'travel time money' for games back to back.

3. Ringette AB AGM update: Deb Hanley

Discussed Ringette Alberta eventually moving to "open division". Suggested that teams who do not want to play 19 – 21 year olds consider moving to Masters level in the future.

4. Treasurer Report: Shelley Laycock

Reference: the treasures report August 31 2004.

5. WRAC Website: Deb Hanley

Deborah reminded the teams to take advantage of the website by having their team schedule, pictures and information on the site. So far, the "join a team" is the only item updated for this season. Deborah pointed out there are lots of ladies looking for teams.

6. Registration: Kim Arndt

Kim Arndt and Marnie Campbell completed registrations for 2003-2004 season online. For 2004-2005 season team captains will complete online registrations by attending registration nights in north or south location. Captains are required to bring player information (name, address, postal code, phone number, birth date, and email address); Visa or Mastercard and cheque.

Registration fees: \$40.00 / player (Ringette Alberta fee) paid online by Visa or Mastercard
 \$2.00 / coach fee paid online by Visa or Mastercard

\$4.00 / player (WRAC and Ringette Calgary fee) paid to WRAC by cheque

North registration location: Deb Hanley 835 Millar Road NE (230-1166)

South registration location: Kim Arndt 8619 Alanwood St SE (286-0240)

Sept 22 and Oct 13 – North registration night

Sept 27 and Oct 7 – South registration night

A spare team will be set up online for those players who want to be registered with Ringette Alberta but who are not registered on a specific team.

ACTION: Kim will send out registration form and reminder

7. Bylaw Changes: Deb Hanley

WRAC executive are proposing changes in WRAC bylaws that would be more applicable to our levels. All teams were provided the changed by-laws and each one was reviewed

- a. By-law 3.1 regarding changes to players. 18 teams passed this motion.

- a. By-law 3.2: Add players who have been registered at the “A” level in Ringette or equivalent skill levels in hockey within the past five years shall not be eligible to play at the Masters “B” or Intermediate “C” divisions.
1st Trudy Holzman 2nd Val Thomas Motion: Passed

- b. By-law 5.1: Discipline Reporting bylaw wording altered to include “the President or designate”
1st Trudy Holzman 2nd Kathleen Colucci Motion: Passed

- c. By-law 5.2 and 5.3: Discipline Procedure bylaw
1st Trudy Holzman 2nd Kathleen Colucci Motion: Passed

- d. By law 5.4: Suspension procedure 5.4.3 to read “Games which count towards the serving of a suspension are: any regular Game or Exhibition Game which were scheduled for your home team prior to the incident occurring.”
1st Jennifer Moug 2nd Val Thomas Motion: Passed

- e. By law 5.5: Criteria for convening of disciplinary hearings, WRAC follows standardized Ringette Calgary bylaws for this. Motion passed by majority with changes. By law 5.5.7: Add “Not with standing 5.1....”
1st Karen Bird 2nd Trudy Holzman Motion: Passed

- f. By-law 5.6: Automatic suspensions: modified to “acting game captain” will serve suspension of that game if team gets more than 30 minutes in any one game. Entire bylaw wording changed to acting game captain.

1st Terry 2nd Terra Conners Motion: Passed

- g. Bylaw 5.7: Procedure for filing of a dispute. Alter time frame to “presented when reasonable”.

1st Tara Hunt 2nd Suzanne Pedersen Motion: Passed

8. New Policy: Deb Hanley

Team Procedure: Officiating Dispute. This was not introduced as a bylaw, but as official procedure. This was handed out to the membership and already addressed by Mike Morris.

9. Breast Cancer Fundraiser: Deb Hanley

Deborah asked the membership if anyone present or anyone on the teams could form the committee for this event. WRAC executive will not be organizing this. The committee needs to be convened ASAP. It was encouraged for everyone to ask their team members to be a part of this and form a committee. Things that need to be addressed: i.e. ice for 24 hrs, sponsorship, etc)

10. Other: Deb Hanley

Deb advised about a team from Crowsnest Pass wanting to play Intermediate C level teams. They currently have ice in Stavely. Anyone interested, can contact June Vastenhout tjhout@shaw.ca 403-562-2165

11. Elections: Deb Hanley

Deborah. Advised everyone that she will not be committing to 2nd year as WRAC president. The executive will not fill this position.

ACTION: Deborah to send out email reminding/asking teams about this volunteer later this week.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm