



Board of Directors Minutes – Meeting D6-09
 May 1-2, 2010
 Westin Bristol Place Hotel, Etobicoke

Present:	Ellorie Hanson – President Nick Sirenko – VP Finance Kathy Noxon – Eastern Region	Harry Hirsimaki – VP Administration Carolyn Mountjoy – VP Communications Mike Chaudet – Southern Region	Jo-Ann Wilson – VP Technical Chris Nielsen – Central Region
Guests:	Rob Crandell – Southern Region Janet Logan – G&T Chair	Yvan Belanger – Northeast Region Lori Pasanen – Membership Services Chair (Saturday only)	Chris Beuglet – Western Region
Absent:	Jodi Walsh – Athlete Rep Peter Westelaken – Western Region	Jeff Francom – Northeast Region	Connie Gould – Northwest Region
Staff:	Mike Beaton – Executive Director		

Agenda Item	Key Points of Discussion	Action	Status – Contact Person
Roll Call			
Additions & Adoption of Agenda	Additions to the agenda: selection of Standing Committee chairs, U12 Skills Pilot Project, Rule Change package.	Motion D6-09-01 “That the agenda be adopted as amended.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried	
Adoption of Minutes & Reports		Motion D6-09-02 “That the minutes of the April 10, 2010 meeting be approved.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Jo-Ann Wilson Carried Motion D6-09-03 “That the submitted reports be accepted.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried	
To Do List	Reviewed and updated.	New list to be produced.	VP Comm
Correspondence	The President reviewed correspondence she has received. Rob Evans sent an email regarding the sanctioning events and options to consider. Paul Youldon’s report was sent to the Board. The committees can review and discuss ideas from it. The Officiating Chair sent an email stating his concerns regarding Ringette Canada’s all-inclusive 2012 CRC announcement and how this will impact Ontario’s provincial championships and officiating development. In our	Distribute via email. Distribute the report to the Chairs. The Board can send their thoughts to the chairs. The G&T Committee will review the report. Request feedback from Athlete, G&T and Officiating.	ED, G&T Chair ED, G&T Chair President, VPs

	<p>discussion, it was brought up that there is a direct correlation between the number of teams we send to provincials and our government funding. We will look at the possibility of setting up an ad hoc committee if necessary to review the impact. The ORA President will oversee this.</p> <p>An email was received from a parent in Northeast regarding boys playing. Rules are in place for sanctioned events.</p> <p>Motion D6-08-29 states "That Associations must receive approval from their Region through the G&T Coordinator, with input from the Provincial G&T Committee, in order to register two Provincial-level teams in the same age group at the same playing level." The regions and the G&T committee oversee this.</p> <p>The VP Admin received a letter from the Northwest Director stating concerns about the AAA program. There are issues the Board should be aware of when putting a AAA composite team together. Complaints are dealt with in a specific manner based on guidelines in the Operating Manual.</p>	<p>Provide information to the regions about co-ed teams and how they can play in tournaments.</p> <p>Develop a procedure to use when putting together a composite AAA team.</p>	<p>G&T Committee</p> <p>VP Admin, Elite Committee</p>
VP Finance	A surplus is expected for our year-end figures. Future expenditures will be required to have approval. Mike Beaton has to submit a budget to the government by end of May. The budget has to be approved at the AGM.		
Regional Director's Reports	Report received via email from Eastern.		
Athlete Rep Report	No report received.		
VP Administration	<p><u>Athlete/Adult/LTAD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hazing Policy and the Fair Play Policy will be reintroduced at the August SCM for review by the committees. It will then be distributed for a motion in September. The Hazing Policy is a definition. Once a hazing definition has been agreed upon, then a policy will be developed. • Adult leagues can designate age divisions, i.e. over 30, under 25, etc. • The powerpoint presentation, titled Athletes in Sport, has been sent to the committee for review. The presentation will be shown at the AGM. • The updated compliance chart has been verified by the committee and will be sent to the Board. • When abusive behaviour occurs in a game, the official must write "abuse" on the game sheet. G&T will talk to Officiating about the rules concerning suspensions. Penalties must be written up on the game sheet in order for G&T to follow up on the consequences. 	<p>Distribute the policies to the committees for review at their next standing committee meeting.</p> <p>Forward the powerpoint presentation to the office for inclusion at the AGM. Forward the compliance chart to the Board.</p> <p>Direction to be given to Officiating.</p> <p>Motion D6-09-04 "That for coaches and players, if there is a match penalty resulting from abuse in contravention of the Code of Ethics, the result is a one-game suspension and a \$50 fine payable to the region before the person may step back on the ice/bench. The match penalty must be qualified as "abuse" by the official on the game sheet. A second incident results in a three-game suspension, a \$150 fine and an automatic tribunal. After the third incident, the person is a member not in good standing and, therefore, must appeal their case to the ORA Board following standard appeal procedures in order to be reinstated.</p>	<p>TPD</p> <p>President, ED</p> <p>President, TPD</p> <p>VP Tech</p>

		<p>Any reports of abuse from officials must be forwarded to the ORA office so that they can be tracked provincially.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Mike Chaudet Defeated</p> <p>Motion D6-09-05 “That for spectators who are assessed a bench penalty as a result of abuse, the team is assessed a \$50 fine payable to the region. The fine must be paid within 10 days of the incident, otherwise the team cannot go on the ice until it has been paid. The word “abuse” must be present on the game sheet from the official. Any reports of abuse from officials must also be forwarded to the ORA’s Technical Program Director so that they can be tracked provincially.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded Mike Chaudet Defeated</p> <p>Motion D6-09-06 “That 18+ teams be able to call up from one age level down, same level of play (eg. 18+A can call up from U19A) to a maximum of 11 players. Substitutes can play a maximum of five games and two tournaments. Substitutions for tournaments must be approved by both the home and host regions. This can be facilitated by the ORA office.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Mike Chaudet Defeated</p> <p>Motion D6-09-07 “That for affiliate players at 18+, the team must have at least seven players who are not affiliated to any team. There will be a maximum of five affiliate players on one team. Affiliate’s primary responsibility is to their home team. Affiliates must be registered as 18+ players. Affiliates cannot act as substitutes for any other team. Exception for university teams only: affiliate players follow the same rules as above but can also include third-year U19 players.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Mike Chaudet Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-08</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research has been collected about helmets and the date on the sticker. Helmets must be CSA approved. Membership Services will look at the research and come up with a standard for helmets. <p><u>Membership Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historically, the AGM is included in the MS section of the budget although this committee is not responsible for administering the AGM. The committee would like to see the cost of the volunteer recognition awards. Regional 	<p>“That the Fair Play Policy must be followed at all U12 and lower age divisions at all levels and at U14, U16 and U19 regional (B/C) levels. For U14, U16 and U19 provincial levels, fair play is to be followed at league games except ranking events, and fair play is to be at the discretion of the coach for all tournaments. All coaches’ intentions regarding fair play are to be made transparent to athletes and parents at the beginning of the season to allow the player to make an informed decision regarding level of play.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Nick Sirenko Tabled</p> <p>Motion D6-09-09 “That effective September 1, 2010, mouthguards are mandatory for all players U19 and below. Strongly recommend mouthguards at 18+.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Nick Sirenko Defeated</p> <p>Collect research and review the data.</p> <p>Motion D6-09-10 “That effective September 1, 2010, all helmets at all levels must be CSA approved and have a valid expiry date.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Nick Sirenko Defeated</p> <p>Motion D6-09-11 “That effective September 1, 2010, shoulder pads are mandatory at all levels U19 and below and strongly recommended for 18+.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Nick Sirenko Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-13 “That the LTAD compliance chart (attached) must be followed across the province.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Nick Sirenko Tabled</p> <p>Provide costs of awards to the Membership Services Committee.</p>	<p>ED, MS Chair, Central Region Director</p> <p>ED</p>
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	<p>awards are paid for by ORA, not the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury reports were discussed. We would like to follow up with the person with the injury, i.e. how quickly did they recover, were there complications with the injury, etc. Privacy issues will have to be looked at. • When someone in the ringette community dies, the office will inform the membership and will also send a card to the family. The office has to be notified in order for the information to be circulated. 	<p>Discuss this process, how we go about getting the information and what will be done with it.</p> <p>Discuss whether to include this information on the website.</p> <p>Motion D6-09-14 "That for tracking purposes only, a completed MF-18 Player Relocation form must be submitted to the Membership Services coordinator for signature prior to it being given to the receiving association. Add two signature lines and date lines at the bottom of the MF-18 Player Relocation form to allow MS coordinators to track players moving from associations and regions." Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Chris Nielsen Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-15 "That any player contesting an application for player release must submit in writing the request for a Release Tribunal to the Region within seven days of receipt of written notice that her release was denied and follow the Charter Member's (Region) policy and procedures." Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Chris Nielsen Carried</p>	<p>VP Admin, MS</p> <p>ED, VP Comm</p>
VP Technical	<u>Officiating Development</u>	<p>Motion D6-09-16 "That the current section 3.i of the Officiating section of the Operating Manual be changed to decrease the mileage requirements for payment of evaluations from 100km to 50km." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Kathy Noxon Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-17 "Section 6.a be updated to increase the cost per person for the Level 1, Level 2/3 and Level 4 clinics from \$50 to \$75, and that the cost per person for the Refresher 1 and Refresher 2 clinics be increased to \$50." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Kathy Noxon Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-18</p>	

	<p><u>Coaching Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding money for coaches taking clinics is available from the Coaching Association of Ontario. They may cover up to 75% of cost. For Competition Development, there are six online courses. Ringette Canada facilitates the ringette sport-specific courses. Funding opportunities are also available for female coaches. This information is available on the ORA website. 	<p>"That Section 6.d of the Officiating section of the Operating Manual be updated to increase the fees paid to instructors to \$250.00 per instructor (maximum of two)." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Kathy Noxon Carried</p> <p>Ask currently qualified CI-2 or Certified Level 2 coaches if they are interested in taking the CD courses.</p> <p>Motion D6-09-19 "That by January 8, 2012, all teams U10 to U19 must have a qualified female coach or assistant coach." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Mike Chaudet Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-20 "That the ORA Operating Manual, Coaching section 5 (d) be removed and replaced with the following: During sanctioned play, if a substitute bench staff member is required due to an absent bench staff, any ORA registered member with the appropriate qualifications for the position being assumed can become a valid member of that bench staff." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Kathy Noxon Tabled</p> <p>Motion D6-09-21 "That all U9 teams must have a CSI Trained (or equivalent) head coach effective for the 2010-2011 season." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Kathy Noxon Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-22 "That all teams U10 to U19 must have a bench staff member certified with First Aid by January 8, 2013." Moved by Jo-Ann Wilson Seconded by Kathy Noxon Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-23 "That the Coaching Chart in the coaching section of the Operating Manual be updated to reflect the requirements for 2010-2011 as attached."</p>	<p>VP Tech, TPD</p>
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VP Communications	<u>G&T</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tournament guidelines are listed in the G&T Handbook. The handbook will be reviewed and sent out to the Board by May 15. It can then be finalized and go to a Board vote via email by the third week of May. • Mike Beaton has been keeping track of the size of each tournament over the past few years. 	<p>Distribute the G&T Handbook for Board review. Approval (or not) will be done via email. The document comparing tournament sizes over the years will be sent to the G&T Chair comparing tournament sizes over the years.</p> <p>Motion D6-09-24 “That the Sanctioned Event Application Form be changed to reflect new division names, include a spot for an association signature and a check box where they agree to be bound by the sanction event rules.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-25 “That AA and A divisions be capped at five teams per division and B and C divisions be capped at four teams per division for all tournaments. Expansion is possible only after approval from the regional G&T coordinator and the G&T Chair.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Tabled</p> <p>Motion D6-09-26 “That the following fines shall be levied for each violation of the administrative sanction rules: i. Host not submitting tournament rules by specified date - \$100 ii. Host not submitting tournament schedule by specified date - \$500 iii. Host not submitting list of teams, level of play, and ORA team numbers by specified date - \$100 iv. Host not submitting tournament game sheets (white copy) by specified date - \$500 v. Host not submitting list of officials by specified date - \$100 vi. Host not submitting safety audit forms by specified date - \$100 vii. Host accepting over approved number of teams - \$100 for violation and \$25/team over the approved number.”</p>	<p>TPD, Board</p> <p>ED</p>

		<p>Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-27 “That the following be removed from the wild card formula team exposure component: Any tournament with associations included in league play will be considered in region and no out-of-region factoring be applied.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-28 “That the exposure factor for wildcard ranking be changed to the following: - All teams are required to play at least two out-of-region tournaments. - That each out-of-region tournament must be in at least two different regions. - That additional out-of-region tournaments be considered the same as in region for exposure factor. - That any team from Western, Southern, Central or Eastern who chooses to attend a tournament in Northwest or Northeast be deemed to have attended two out-of-region tournaments.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-29 “That the wildcard formula for winning percentage be changed as follows: - Each team will earn 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss for all round robin, semi final and consolation games. - Each team will earn 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss for a gold medal (final) game. - For each team, calculate the average of points earned/points available against each opponent. - For each team, calculate (the total of average of points earned/points available)/# of opponents. - That this result then be the winning percentage for the team. - That total tournament exposure be based on 1=.25, 2=.5, 3=.75, 4 or</p>	
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	<p>The Technical Program Director and the G&T Chair are working with Waterloo to determine whether ice is available to accommodate additional teams. They have had discussions on the logistics.</p>	<p>more=1.0. - That out of region exposure be based on 1 out of region = .5, 2 out of region = 1, 1 out of region NW/NE = 1. That final wildcard value be based on winning percentage X total tournament exposure X out of region exposure. " Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-30 "That beginning in the 2010-2011 season, change the current A Provincial format as follows: U14 – 14 team participating U16 – 14 teams participating U19 – 14 teams participating 18+ - 14 teams participating." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Chris Nielsen Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-31 "That all information for two-team player agreements must be to G&T and Membership Services by December 15 and must include completed priority listing for tournaments and applicable signatures. If required, it can take up to December 31 for the Information Change Form paperwork to catch up." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Chris Nielsen Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-32 "That the ORA accept the proposal for the Northeast/Northwest A/AA two-team contracts to deal with their unique geographic and registration issues. This applies to U16 and U19 teams only." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Chris Nielsen Defeated</p> <p>Motion D6-09-33 "That all excessive penalties (10 minutes in a game for a player or 30 minutes in a game for a coach) must be reported to the team's G&T coordinator within 24 hours by both teams or prior to the next scheduled game, whichever is sooner." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Chris Nielsen Carried</p>	
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		<p>Motion D6-09-34 "That the revised mini game chart be added to the manual." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Chris Nielsen Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-35 "That in the Operating Manual, G&T section, page 15-16, 5, c, iii to replace the wording "within the second half of" with "at any time during". A player who received ten (10) minutes in accumulated penalty time, overtime included, shall be ejected from the remainder of the game. The player shall be suspended from the next regularly scheduled game." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Nick Sirenko Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-36 "That all match and misconduct penalties will be subject to an automatic review." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Nick Sirenko Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-37 "That in the Operating Manual, G&T section, page 17, d, v to replace the wording 'in the second half of' with 'at any time during'. A misconduct penalty assessed at any time during regulation time, in overtime or after the game carries a suspension of the next regularly scheduled game." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Nick Sirenko Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-38 "That all match and misconduct penalties must be reported to the team's G&T coordinator within 24 hours by both teams or before the next scheduled game, whichever is sooner." Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Nick Sirenko Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-39 "That in the Operating Manual, G&T section, page 20, Breaking of Ties, insert 'if still tied, rank teams where the team with the most fully served penalties will</p>	
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	<p>Ranking tournament pilot for AA teams – teams want to play each other in order to be ranked. Athlete/Adult/LTAD committee’s motion 9 about ranking events. Eastern games are 15 minute periods. Eastern league games are scheduled in September. Would a G&T coordinator and officiating supervisors be required to attend a league game being used for rankings? Idea has merit to use league games along with tournament games. Janet suggesting to take both motions and put them together – G&T will review and come up with the best of both motions - #9 and G&T # 8. Janet will take D6-09-12 and D6-09-41 and put something together. Will be done before the end of May.</p>	<p>rank lower’ into number 11 and renumber the rest.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Nick Sirenko Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-40 “That all housekeeping items be accepted.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Carried</p> <p>Motion D6-09-12 “That for ranking events: league games may be included, however, they must be declared as ranking events prior to January 8. They will be proposed by the Regional G&T Coordinators and approved by the G&T Chair. The officials, including minor officials are to be scheduled by the home team’s Regional Officiating Coordinator. Schedules and selection of officials must be submitted to the ORA office by January 8 for approval. The G&T committee will schedule ranking events at tournaments stating which teams have to play each other so that every team plays every other team through league and tournament ranking events.” Moved by Harry Hirsimaki Seconded by Nick Sirenko Tabled</p> <p>Motion D6-09-41 “That AA teams in the U14, U16 and U19 divisions be ranked using the following format: - All teams submit no later than August 15 of the playing year: a) in order of preference, seven sanctioned Ontario tournaments which they would like to attend; b) all out-of-province tournaments to which they will be applying or have already applied, including dates. - That the G&T Committee determine which four tournaments each team will attend in a manner which will give the greatest number of teams the most exposure to all other teams. - That the game schedule of the AA divisions at these tournaments be scheduled by the G&T Committee. The host association will schedule actual</p>	
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		<p>time and location. That final rankings be determined based on results from the assigned tournaments using the current wildcard formula. That any team refusing to attend an assigned tournament be ineligible to attend Provincials.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Tabled</p> <p>Motion D6-09-42 “That the requirement for all AA teams to participate in the two mandatory ranking tournaments be removed.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Harry Hirsimaki Tabled</p>	
President’s Report	No report received.		
Executive Director’s Report	<p>Written report received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board reports for the AGM are due in the office by May 10. • Direction is needed for rewriting the Operating Manual into a policy manual and a procedures manual. A summer student will be hired through the Summer Experience Program to help with the manual. • HST is in effect May 3, 2010. Eagle Lake fees will be affected. 	<p>Write and submit AGM reports. Provide guidelines for rewriting the manual.</p> <p>Motion D6-09-43 “That membership commences June 15 and terminates June 14 for registered members and associate registered members.” Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy Seconded by Mike Chaudet Carried</p>	<p>Board VP Finance</p>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Chaudet will be the Nominations Chair. The list of names put forward and what positions need to be filled were reviewed. • Come Try Ringette – Ringette Canada will pay to train three more facilitators. Regions that have interested people should forward names to Mike Beaton. We should identify three places in each region that do not have Ringette and run Come Try Ringette events in those places. Northwest, Northeast and Central are areas that should be our priority and focus in order to increase their numbers. • ORA Constitution review is being worked on. The main purpose is to reformat the manual to make it easier to read. Voting privileges at the AGM will be put to the membership for comments. We currently have a proxy vote approach. Another approach is that if a voting member is not in attendance, they have to proactively assign their vote to someone. Ideally, we want every voting member in attendance at the AGM. Voting privileges will be reviewed at the June 6 Board meeting. 	<p>Western, Central, Southern and Northeast have priority for facilitators.</p> <p>Continue to review and update the constitution.</p>	<p>ED, Region Directors</p> <p>VP Finance</p>
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members in Good Standing/Members Not in Good Standing – the document was sent. The Member in Good Standing definition will continue to be worked on. The Benefits of Membership will be posted on the website. • The ORA President will express out concerns with Ringette Canada’s announcement for an all-inclusive 2012 CRC at their AGM in June. RC is aware of provincial concerns. • Standing committee agendas are supposed to be out two weeks prior to the SCM. If the chairs do not have their agenda ready, the office will send out a generic agenda. If Board members have something to add to an agenda, it 	<p>Post the Benefits of Membership on the website.</p> <p>Express concerns about all-inclusive CRC.</p> <p>Agendas are to be sent out two weeks prior to the SCM.</p>	<p>VP Comm</p> <p>President</p> <p>TPD</p>

	<p>difficult to run for a whole region. It would be more manageable to run the program in one or two associations at a time. The skills-based coaching clinic was beneficial. If specific types of date are requested, contact the Eastern Region Director and the information will be forwarded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timing and the dates of the SCM will need to be coordinated. Some of the committees want to meet in August and some in September. 	Coordinate the dates.	VP's
Next Meeting	AGM June 5, 2010 and Board meeting June 6, 2010 in North Bay		
Adjournment	Adjourned Sunday at 12:10pm.	Motion to adjourn. Moved by Carolyn Mountjoy	