

NER AGM Minutes

Start 10.30 am – Sunday May 28, 2018

Ridgemount Playground Clubhouse

Sudbury, ON

Minutes

1. Call to order – 10:37
2. Approval of agenda: Sudbury motion Timmins second
3. Adoption of the Previous NER AGM Minutes - approval of minutes sent out July 13 2017 G&T ADP
4. Regional Reports
 - a. Iroquois Falls - 102 members (up from 60 last year) Offered free Bunnies but won't do it again. CTR for Adults, Bring a Friend, word of mouth working, more executive involvement
 - b. Sault Ste Marie - Free Bunny program successful with similar numbers 66 - 58% retention rate. More travel teams. Short term cash flow problem behind them now. Mom's program. Grad game where older Bunnies played a game up.
 - c. Sudbury - 104 status quo. Ran a free Bunny program. Struggles with experienced refs for older divisions. Only have a U12 rep team. Rebranded rep program to Nickel Basin.
 - d. Timmins - good year. Numbers down about 20. Did Fun Days and play with Iroquois Falls, Dad v Daughter games. U12, U14, U16, U19 rep teams.
 - e. Valley East - Great year 32% increase 158 + Open A team. 72% in Open alone. Growing pains and challenges, particularly in Open with male players and teaching the rules of ringette.
 - f. Walden - Down 4. Ice availability is a problem and had to pick up ice at RHP. Refing challenges as well.
 - g. West Ferris -
5. NER Reports
 - a. Coaching Report - Meaghan Spykerman - see attached -discussion re: November 1 deadline for coaching certifications. Tight timeline doesn't work for house league in the North.
 - b. G&T Report - Richard Spykerman - see attached
 - c. Adult Report - Christine Spence - see attached
 - d. Membership Services -

- e. Officiating Report – 75 refs 90-95% are level 1 from 14-17 yrs old. Lower age groups, fewer numbers so the fear is we're going to lose numbers. Development is an issue because have to travel to out-of-town tournaments to level up and we don't have the level of play here to increase abilities. Resources are in place at ORA level for funding to attend tournaments. Alex Parker is working on a "mini-POD" program to help develop refs in our region. Recommends full day exhibition games with evaluators for Level One refs. Extra spaces are available in the provincial POD programs. There are now 4 instructors and 6 evaluators throughout the region. Marc will be stepping this year.
 - f. Treasurer Report - see attached. Treasurer's report was circulated. Walden motion: the committee cannot accept the budget report as there is not enough information. We need something more concrete to vote on. Seconded by Timmins. Vote to table the budget passed.
 - g. Sport Development Report - Skills matrix needs to be done, fair ice policy is going to be slightly tweaked. One tweak - recommendation coaches can sit a player for disciplinary reasons. U12P teams are to be formed in the fall. For provincials, there is a goalie contract for how pick up goalies are being used.
 - h. Vice President Report - no report
 - i. Elite Report -see attached. Discussion re: Timmins A or AA? The region will have to decide.
 - j. Presidents Report - see attached.
 - k. Adoption of the Reports for the Minutes. Coach and G&T Carried.
6. New Business / Updates
- a. Membership development and best practices discussion - SSM expanding their programs. Terry wants association to make a one page summary to go forward.
Alexandra Parker asked about making the NER website more accessible. Terry recommends it would be a major project and a needs/wants assessment should be done first.
 - b. / "A" player participation on B or C teams - association presidents will get together to decide what this will look like. To be decided by end of July 1. Each association will sent their concerns and recommendations to Timmins.
 - c. Inter-regional play - nothing new
 - d. "Regional B" teams - nothing new
 - e. NER Regional tournament April 5 to 7 in SSM
 - f. RHP will be holding a 3 on 3 tournament September 8 and 9, U10 to Open and co-ed \$60 per player.
 - g. Harry recommended meeting or talking at least once a month to talk about issues.
7. Elections
- a. Treasurer - Secretary and RIC motion for Jeff. Valley motioned for Sandra. VP second. Unanimous for Sandra.
 - b. Membership Services Motion Coaching VP second for Kelli. Jackie Locking - Valley Sudbury second. Kelli was unanimously elected.

- c. Games and Tournaments Richard Coaching Iroquois Melissa - Walden
Sudbury Melissa was declared the winner
- d. Secretary - Jackie Locking Sport Development West Ferris. Acclaimed.
- e. Officiating - Sudbury Secretary Acclaimed.
- f. Vice President - Coaching Timmins Richard Acclaimed.

Motion to destroy the ballots. Richard Lucy

8. Adjourned: