**BGL General Discussion Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

**Percy Page Centre - Second Floor, Room 7**

**Attendance:** Brian Hoyano (President BGL), Rhonda Kew (BGL Webmaster/Statistician), Sandra Fenton (SARA/BGL), Janice Tymkow (PEM/BGL), Jackie Shimko (BMT/BGL), Jim Cullihall – via phone (FMC), Cheryl Law – via phone (Central AA), Carolyn Normand – via phone (RDR), Darcy Brown – via phone (BGL VP), Leanne Devlin (EDM), Rob Corscadden (EDM), Jeff Morgan (FSK), Pam Horn (LED), Krista Wood (SGRA), Leanne Couves (SGRA), Jody Gardiner (DVY), Ron Heigh (SARA), Sarah Stengal (SARA), Christine Kearney (ERC), Kathleen Ryan (ERC), Michel Sabourin (PEM), Jason Sweet (HIN)

1. **Call to order:** Brian called meeting to order @ 7pm
2. **Additions to Agenda:** Shot Clocks responsibilities
Motion to approve Agenda:
Moved: Krista Wood
Second: Rhonda Kew
3. **Approval of November Meeting minutes:**Brian to make changes to minutes, as per Brian.
Motion to approve minutes as amended:
Moved: Rhonda Kew

Second: Leanne Devlin

CARRIED

1. **Weather Policy:** There was a discussion about aligning travel policy with RAB & Zone 123. Kathleen Ryan discussed how the BGL policy was decided upon in previous years, how Environment Canada and road closures are reported, and whether or not it should be teams or parents making decisions on travel, when safety becomes a concern. Brian motioned to push Travel Policy, for more deliberation before making final recommendation.
2. **Scheduling review:** Sandra expressed the need to have Ice Allocators be the only ones to deal with reschedules. She encouraged everyone in attendance to ask Associations and coaches to follow this policy. There was talk about posting a ‘tid-bit/newsletter’ on the BGL website periodically, with reminders such as this, for everyone to see. Rhonda to consider and follow up with this idea.
3. **U10 Playoffs, teams and medals:** (this was discussed here instead of #8 in agenda, as Sandra had to leave meeting early)
U10 playoffs have previously been played in tournament style, as stated in our Policies. 2 years ago however there was a change, to play as a double elimination. This process was well received by Associations and teams.

Motion to change the U10 draw, to a double elimination:
Moved: Jason Sweet
Second: Rob Corscadden
1 opposed – Pam/LED – potentially too many games in this format
Carried

Sandra mentioned that Associations are responsible for distributing U10 medals after final games (for gold & silver – no bronze medals). No medals for U10-S1.
Schedule for U10 play downs to be released in 7-10 days.
4. **Statistician Update and next season plan:** Rhonda expressed that 29 game sheets have not yet been uploaded to the website. She will send reminder emails to all applicable managers. Fewer stats were requested for session 2, and there was much discussion about only entering score & upload of game sheet in future – as if the data isn’t need, why bother collecting it. Decision to be finalized at AGM. FMC asked why fines were not being implemented to those that have not yet entered game sheets, and Rhonda mentioned that often it could be technical glitches, therefore no fines have been levied.
5. **Financials:** Jackie presented balance sheet, as of January 31, 2017. She has been getting money from FMC for the games in which teams travel to FMC. After checking to see if the games are completed, she then sends out the subsidy cheques to the Association. Reminder that cheques go to Associations, not teams. Jackie requested that treasurers contact her after FMC travel games, to advise her of mailing address for cheques to be mailed to. Rhonda to possibly add that note, in the ‘newsletter/tid-bits’, to be posted on the website.
Financials to be adopted at AGM.
There was a request to purchase a projector for BGL.

Brian made a motion to purchase a projector (value up to $500)
Second: Sarah Stengal/SARA
AIF – Carried

**8.5. Shot Clocks:** There were a couple e-mails/concerns regarding no shot clocks at River Cree. EDM/Zone 5 will look in to permanent installation of shot clocks at River Cree. Reminders to Associations (in the interim), that if they play U12+ there, to bring portable shot clocks.

1. **RAB/BGL/123 League processes moving forward:** Brian looking for feedback on a common provincial league process for advancing/retreating teams, with both leagues and RAB involved to reduce need for competitions committee. Discussion around the table about having tournament play taken into account for this process. There was talk about hosting a meeting in Red Deer, with members of BGL, RAB & 123, to come up with a common process for the upcoming season (ideally for U14+). Tabled for further discussion.

There was request to have something in play, for lower teams to play for, ie: a league banner for top teams in division/pool.

1. **Association Round Table**:

**Zone 5AA** (Linda Gillespie – via e-mail) - Please promote CRCs within your association - there will be athletes from almost every association in BGL participating in the event so find your local player and come and cheer them on. Registration is open for our spring and summer camps -  details are on our website.
**BMT –** nothing to report
**ERC –** applying to host AA Provincials 2018
**STA –**Discussed new volunteer credit system implemented this season. They are also offering volunteer credits for CRC. 2 credits required = $200 volunteer bond. 0-2hrs of volunteer time = 1 credit. Credits cannot be carried over to the next season.

**HIN –** happy to Host National Ringette School again this summer, Aug 28-Sept 1.
**DVY –** nothing to report
**SGV –** tournament coming up in a couple weeks. 2 NRL games. No U16 division, but hope to have some exhibition games for that division.
**LED –** asked that people sign up to volunteer for CRC. BGL offered to send an e-mail requesting volunteers for CRC. CRC is held during Spring Break.
**FSK –** nothing to report
**EDM –** nothing to report
**PEM –** happy to Host National Ringette School again this summer, July 31-Aug 4.
**RDR –** nothing to report
**FMC –** request for a better system, for Associations that need to call in for meeting. Current process is difficult to hear everything discussed at the meeting. Expressed appreciation to scheduler/Sandra, for ease in scheduling for FMC games ☺. FMC to discuss travel plans (for next season) at AGM.
Thanked the board for approving affiliate/overage players – as it worked out well for them this season (they were able to alternate goalies each period/game, to keep playing time evenly split).
**Central AA –** nothing to report
**LAC –** nothing to report
**Darcy/BGL VP –** appreciated that the 4 warnings that were issued at the beginning of the season (to Associations), were cleared up quickly and was happy that only 1 coach suspension was issued this season. Requested Associations to action shot clock repairs, if not done so already.
2. **Succession Planning BGL Board:**
Jackie – agreed to stay on for next season
Rhonda – agreed to stay on for next season
Darcy – agreed to stay on for next season unless someone is willing to take it over – as he was not sure if they will be playing ringette next season.
Janice – willing to give up Secretary position, if someone is interested
Sandra – guessing she is good to stay on (but she had left meeting earlier)
Brian – agreed to stay on for next season
Mentioned implementing a 2year Executive term (for members), and staggering the years, so as to not have the board change over all at once.
3. Adjournment – 9:08pm
**Next Meeting**
* **BGL – AGM, Saturday May 13, 2017 9am-3pm Location TBD**