**Black Gold League Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 6th @ 7pm**

**CAC Arena (Upstairs Classroom)**

**Attendance:** Jen Debogorski (RDR), Carolyn Normand (RDR), Jim Cullihall (FMC), Linda Gillespie (Z5AA), Jeff Morgan (FSRA), Jackie Shimko (BGL), Brian Hoyano (BGL), Janice Tymkow (BGL), Chris Wright (BMT), Shannon Langstrom (EFCLRA), Darren Poole (SPRA), Sandra Fenton (BGL), Krista Wood (SGV), Michelle Madson (PEM), Pam Horn (LED), Rhonda Kew (BGL), Sarah Stengal (SARA), Kristen Bodnarchuk (SARA), Christine Kearney (ERC), Marcie Arnold (EFCLRA), Shauna Alquist (LAC – via phone), Karol Warner (LAC – via phone), Richard Stahl (HIN – via phone)

1. **Call to order:** 7:08pm
2. **Welcome & Additions to the Agenda**No additions – Motion to adopt the agenda: Pam/LED, 2nd Sarah/SARA
3. **Approval of November meeting minutes**Motion to adopt the minutes: Jeff/FSK, 2nd Krista/SGV
4. **Financial Update - Jackie**Up to date financial report presented. Comparable and on target from last year. Bus subsidy should come out even.

Reminder that Treasurer position still available. Krista-SGV may take on in future.

1. **Statistician/Web Report - Rhonda**Rhonda has sent out a spreadsheet to all Associations, with game reports that are missing to date. She has asked that Reps follow up with teams by Feb 11/18. Some games may not have been played yet, and are asked to follow up with Jackie regarding any forfeits. There will be fines for games that are not submitted. Communication needs to go through Jackie if anyone is having a difficult time rescheduling. Some games may not get played, due to two weekends of bad weather. If you are unable to get them played, please communicate the need to forfeit.
2. **Scheduler Report - Sandra**Reminder that 2nd session schedule was delayed, as she didn’t get the results from the Competitions Committee until Nov 27th. Needs to be more discussion at AGM as to how we do our schedule moving forward, in order to help eliminate these types of delays. South (123) does not have a re-pooling break like BGL does. League Championship discussion needs to be discussed at the AGM.
Questions as to whether or not to continue with NRL for next season? Only 9 of 16 Associations participated this season. Only 2 Associations gave 4 time slots, and 1 Association was assumed to have no interest, as Sandra was not able to make communication. Sandra expressed that private bookings with WAM was ineffective and made things difficult for Sandra when scheduling. Just booked last game for the RUSH last week, and still waiting on a reschedule for WAM. Understandably, types of rinks and some parameters from NRL result in some restrictions for Associations. Parameters to be discussed at the AGM.
Questions arose as to whether there could be more time after 2nd session, to reschedule games for those who had to reschedule due to weather. Up for discussion at AGM.
3. **Weather Policy - Brian**EDM (Marcie /Shannon) expressed some challenges regarding canceling costs for bus to FMC. 2 teams incurred $1000 fine for canceling due to weather. Questions regarding whether or not scheduled ‘bus’ travel could be offered more time when it comes to canceling (ie: 12hours) to avoid paying cancellation fees. Questions and discussion as to whether or not BGL could find (standardized) bus companies that we could recommend that Associations use and can we include a clause in the weather policy to accommodate bus cancellations. General discussion to be had at AGM regarding weather related scenarios and whether or not a professional bus driver canceling travel would/would not result in a penalty.
Regarding the current weather policy: confirmation to be added to policy, that if you have an alternate clear route to take, then the 30km partly covered route does not apply.
4. **Play-downs**nothing to report
U16A & U19A went smooth for tiering
Any questions regarding AWG can be viewed online
5. **U10 Playoffs, teams & Medals - Sandra**Will run as a double elimination again this season, over 2 weekends. Draws are done, schedule is not quite done – it will be out after the weekend. All gold medal games will be in the 2nd weekend. Reps to be responsible for medals.
6. **FMC – Jim Culihall**Won’t have a U10-S3 team next year, as players move up to U12, hence their interest in joining the League playoffs for BGL this year.

FMC will not be continuing with subsidy for next season – they simply cannot afford to continue on with it. RAB currently doing a cost analysis on it right now. Much discussion around ‘geography based leagues’, should BGL subsidize FMC to come down here (since teams are subsidized to go up there), could league consider ‘tournament style league game weekends’ once in session 1 and once in session 2, allowing FMC a guarantee in to a couple tournaments as well?? Discussion that financial support should go both ways when discussing travel – team fee is currently $170/team. FMC to discuss with their Association, the idea of ‘tournament style league game weekends’ and bring back to the BGL. To be discussed further at the AGM in May.
FMC U10-S3 wants to participate in 2018 league playoffs.
Motion to add FMC U10-S3 team to the BGL league playoffs, in the black pool, ranked as per BGL Executive: Shannon/ERC, 2nd Linda/Z5AA. 12 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstained - Carried

1. **Association Round Table**
BMT: nothing to report
RDR: nothing to report
DVY: not in attendance

CEN: not in attendance
Z5: nothing to report
HIN: nothing to report
STA: asked about 123 and BGL structures. Asked does 123 have 1st session and 2nd session? They do not repool, but do try not to schedule strongest and weakest teams against each other
LED: nothing to report
SPK: nothing to report
PEM: nothing to report
EDM: asked if there were any comments or concerns around the scheduling of weekday games? Sandra mentioned that if travel on weekdays falls outside the time restraints, there can be a game reschedule without penalty.
SGV: nothing to report
FMC: nothing to report
FSK: nothing to report
LAC: nothing to report

1. **Succession Planning – BGL Board**Treasurer - position still open Krista?
Scheduler – Sandra willing to stay on
Vice President – Jackie willing to stay on
Secretary – Janice would let the position go to someone new
President – Brian willing to stay on
Webmaster/Statistician – Rhonda willing to stay on
2. **Adjournment/Next Meeting**Motion to adjourn: Krista/SGV, 2nd Jeff/FSK

**Next meeting: BGL AGM ~ Saturday May 12th 2018 9am-3pm Location TBD**