**Black Gold League AGM**

**Reliance Room, Serves Place, St.Albert**

**May 12, 20118 @ 9am**

Attendance: Brian Hoyano (BGL), Jackie Shimko (BGL), Rhonda Kew (BGL), Janice Tymkow (BGL/PEM), Sandra Fenton (BGL), Carolyn Normand (RDR), Michelle Madson (PEM), Stephanie Dul (FSK), Sarah Stengal (SARA), Rich Stahl (HIN), Paulette Williams (FMC), Jim Cullihall (FMC), Tamara Hyska (SPK), Phil Bloomfield (SPK), Elval Rogers (BMT), Chris Wright (BMT), Krista Wood (SGV), Terri Schade (NARRA), Kristen Bodnarchuk (SARA), Darla Joinson (Z5AA), Shauna Ahlquist (LAC), Marcie Arnold (EFCLRA), Christine Kearney (ERC), Pam Horn (LED), Karol Werner (LAC), Shannon Langstrom (ERC), Revardi

1. **Call to order**

Brian called to order at 9:09am

1. **Welcome Introductions**
2. **Additions to the agenda**

Motion to adopt agenda: Phil/SPK, Second: Sarah/SARA, AIF: Carried

1. **Review of 2016 BGL AGM minutes** – add Executives missing from attendance list

Motion to adopt AGM minutes: Krista/SGV, Second: Carolyn/RDR, AIF, carried

1. **First call for nominations**

Everyone else has agreed to stay in their positions (Brian/President, Jackie/VP, Sandra/Scheduler, Rhonda/Web, Janice/Secretary).

1st call for Treasurer: Sandra nominated Krista/SGV, Janice 2nd, Krista accepted
1st call for RIC: Sandra nominated Terri, Terri declined. Terri said she might have someone in the works for the position.

No other nominations

1. **Executive Reports**

**Treasurer – Jackie** report handed out. $2365.71 profit from last year

Motion to adopt the financials as presented: Jim/FMC, 2nd: Phil/SPK, AIF, Carried

Sandra to review financials

**President: Brian**

* This was my second year as President of Black Gold League. It has been a pleasure working with this strong and very knowledgeable executive group. I have agreed to stand for another year.
* This season we reviewed and approved minor updates to BGL’s Operations Manual, including Game Delays, Defaults and Incomplete games, and tweaking the Travel Policy. This is always a work in progress and will continue this season.
* Ft. McMurray Ringette continued play in BGL this season, including home games in FMC. The subsidies approved two seasons ago continued, however they proved contentious with the current group of FMC parents and we will be revisiting how to incorporate Ft Mac into BGL this coming season.
* Following a request from BGL members, NARRA developed and put into action an officials development/mentorship program this season, and hopefully it will continue this coming season.
* This was the second year using Universal Athlete Assessment scoring to tier teams for league play in U10-U14. While it provided a good starting point for most teams, the small associations often had teams which needed to be moved up or down at repooling. RAB members have requested status quo on this for next season.
* U10 playoffs continued with a double knockout playoff structure this season. Due to a combination of factors including a distant location, availability of officials, and intense competition, we had a discipline issue which was dealt with. We will need to review a few policies as a result of this.
* This was an AWG season and this year the Edmonton Ringette Club won. Congratulations!
* Our BGL scheduler worked with the associations and the NRL teams to coordinate scheduling of WAM! And Black Gold Rush games. There were growing pains with this approach but did allow many associations to showcase these games for their fans and players.
* We continued hosting separate divisions for U16AA and U14AA. BGL teams proved competitive against teams from 123 which still played against “up” in league play. Hopefully development of these divisions and acceptance of playing at the appropriate level by players and parents continues in the future.
* RAB, BGL and 123 League agreed to joint timelines and worked together on defining UAA cut-offs between levels prior to the season, and approving advances and retreats following our own November meetings. This did eliminate the RAB Competitions Committee from past years. 123 has shown it is much less likely to approve advances and retreats however – we will need to continue to work together toward a common set of parameters defining when movement is appropriate.
* Thank you to the executive and all associations for their hard work in putting on another successful season!

**Vice President – Jackie** 1st year in position went pretty good. Some weather issues, and only 1 fine issued.

**Webmaster/Statistician – Rhonda Kew** Website still working well. She will be posting Critical Dates & Schedules going forward. Will e-mail a message about the first Critical Date, with the form. There were 198 reschedule submissions.
Some discussion about Associations getting the mobile App (similar to Team Snap). Clarified to all that it is an individual choice, and not something the league initiates. Associations could pilot with one team and have them report back to see how it works.

With Associations manually entering stats, it is a bit of a learning curve in the beginning, but went well. Statisticians job requires them to be watching on Mondays to make sure info is in, and e-mail reminders & notice of potential fines, if data is not sent in. U10 playoff time is busier but went well this season.

**RIC –** **Terri Schade** – Stats handed out. Reported that the Open div is growing every year. Only 8 games were played with only 1 official (as assigned by NARRA). Lots of members, majority of them level 2/U14 and up). Small handful of refs officiate 75-100 games/year; 70% of new refs officiated less than 10 games. Experience is based on # of games officiated, not # of years officiating. Next year is not a rule change year, so there will be a level 2 ref clinic. Goal is to get refs on the ice every or every 2nd weekend, so they can develop.

1. **U10 Playoff Review –** Several discipline issues during U10 this playoff season. U10 playoff format not currently adhering to LTAD, per RAB. 123 league does more ‘fun’ for year end tournament and do not do league playoffs. We need to consider going back to something like this for next year end.
Coaches/players/officials need to bring more ‘respect’ back in to the play, especially at our U10 levels. Issues this past season were at Step 2. Need to address the issue of excessive competition @ U10 level. Ideas discussed as to what to do with spectators/coaches that need to be held accountable for inappropriate behaviour. The league is to implement a ‘tool’, where teams are accountable for fans, so refs can focus on the games. NARRA wants to be able to put new refs on U10 games. This isn’t possible in current climate. If teams want competition, they are encouraged to enter tournaments throughout the season. Need to address LTAD. Environment needs to be safe for players and refs. Sandra has a draft proposal/schedule for U10:Step 1, add 2 games; Step 2, 3-game tournament style; Step 3, 3-game tournament style with medals?

Motion: BGL remove current U10 playoff policy from the manual. Sandra. BGL Executive to work on policy change to present for August meeting.
Second: Sara/SARA, AIF Carried
This will allow for time to reformat, and taking it out shows that we will not be moving forward with the double elimination for U10.

1. **2018 BGL/NARRA Policy Updates Recommendations (Brian/Terri)**Policy change submissions, presented by Terri. Reviewed already by BGL executive over past month. Several updates and changes – too much to go through line by line today. Suggest to adopt and members can review and present concerns/revisions to specific clauses at any future meeting.

Motion to accept Terri’s Policy change submissions as presented: Karol/LAC, Second: Jim/FMC
abstained: Phil, Tamara, Pam & Shannon. Carried.

Terri presented NARRA schedule of changes for 2018/19, for input. Mentor rate to stay the same.

1. **Second Call for Nominations**Statistician – Rhonda gave details of the role. No nominations
RIC – Terri is working on someone. No nominations
2. **Scheduling – Sandra**Rev in attendance to discuss what to do moving forward with NRL. She expressed the importance of hosting NRL games, to help grow the sport. Associations are asked to cover the cost of the ice for the games, to a max of 2 games/assocation. Anything after that, is Teams would cover. Cost is a burden for some Associations, but teams are open to review the plans/ideas moving forward. Rush are looking at ways to improve the process. Looking forward to a better head start this season, and are working with Caleigh/RAB with scheduling. Always looking for feedback. BGL/Sandra needs to have a single point of contact with each team. Discussion about looking in to a brochure or something to help with planning ‘events’ with NRL teams.
Associations showed support for continued partnership with RUSH/WAM teams, for next season.
* Sandra reviewed ice submissions/black outs/reschedules for 2018/19.
* Sandra reviewed scheduling change proposal – extend Friday evening (make it end as a weekend day), shorten Sunday evening (make it end as weekday).

Motion to Adopt Scheduling guideline revision for game time restrictions as proposed by Edmonton/Marcie: Krista-SGV, Second: Tamara-SPK, AIF Carried

* 1st session: 8 Games (6 games before re-pooling, 2 games during ‘reschedule’ week)
2nd session: 8 games
1. **AA play in BGL**U14 & U16 all happy. U14AA and U16AA to continue playing in separate divisions. (Not ‘up’)
AA for 2018/19:
U14: STA, CAS?, RDR?, SPK, Z5, SGV, ERC
U16: STA, CAS, SPK, Z5, SGV, ERC
U19: STA, CAS, SPK, Z5, SGV, ERC
Motion: If we hit a minimum of 5 teams in U19AA, a separate U19AA division within BGL will be hosted (proposed 16 games). - Sara/SARA , Second: Krista/SGV. ERC & Z5 abstained. Not CARRIED. AA associations to discuss and bring back to August meeting, to make motion for separate division if they wish.
2. **Discipline Policy Review**Stephanie Dul (FSK) & Jeff (absent) request to have policy more transparent. Discussion about option of sending disciplinary issues to RAB, or dealing with at a league level. (These issues when RAB doesn’t have jurisdiction are rare.) BGL asked Stephanie- FSK to prepare proposed policy changes and submit to BGL. Policy could benefit from some flexibility in wording of policy (ie: wording such as ‘up to’ & ‘in part of’). To be reviewed in the summer and finalized at August meeting.
3. **FMC play within the BGL review for 2018/19 season**Motion: FMC home ice is moved back to FMC for 2018/19 - Jim – FMC, Second: Rich - HIN
Opposed: Chris/BMT. CARRIED.
FMC will not be continuing with subsidy (which was $500/team), as they just can’t afford it any more. FMC says they will come down regardless of whether or not they get subsidized by BGL.
FMC will travel down here, on the 1st weekend of 1st session, with U12/U14/U16/U19. FMC will travel down here, on the 1st weekend of 2nd session, with U16/U19.
4. **RAB Conference Update**Update via Jackie. Cost analysis survey – Associations to look at ways to address costs per team. Eliminate cost to attend multiple tournaments, avoid Thursday night stays for travel teams, smaller tournaments for younger players. Apparel – large expensive items to remain unchanged from year to year, to help eliminate financial obligation for families. Ice – push to move to ½ ice/cross ice for U10 games. Develop sample budgets, so parents know what to expect.
Associations will get a copy of the report & recommendations.
UAA, status quo for next season.

**Expected U14 new division for next season (eg.AA,A,B,C)**Discussion around advance/retreat process, and need to be able to advance AND retreat teams which do not “fit” within division.

Motion: To allow forced retreats, the same as we have forced advances, determined at Advance/Retreat meeting - Krista/SGV Second: Carolyn/RDR
Abstained: SARA, Z5 & ERC. CARRIED

1. **Third Call for Nominations**Statistician - Krista nominated Rhonda. Rhonda agreed to stay on
RIC - no nominations
2. **Election/Appointment of Officers**President – Brian Hoyano
Vice-President – Jackie Shimko
Treasurer – Krista Wood
Scheduler – Sandra Fenton
Webmaster/Statistician – Rhonda Kew
Secretary – Janice Tymkow
3. **Association Round Table**SGV – nothing
BMT – tournament, weekend of Oct 19/20
SPK – Association is increasing their ref program, communication workshop, pre-season & end of season meetings. Tamara is happy to help out with refs, if anyone is needing. Year-end Platinum Ring tournament is up in the air.

LED - tournament, weekend of Jan 10-13 (tentative)
ERC – Wood tournament Nov 23-25, Summer Ice will be available, info will be on website
EDM – Silver Ring, Active Start – U14, Jan 18-20. Hosting U12A & U14B Provincials
FMC – Aurora Ring tournament Oct 27-28. Teams get their fees back, if they go up and play in the tournament
LAC - tournament, weekend of Nov 16
HIN - tournament, weekend of Nov 2-4
Z5 – nothing
SARA – Turkey Ring Oct 5-8, Westerns Mar 27-30. Shinny on Sundays 1/month in Winter (age 16+)
FSK - tournament, Nov 30 – Dec 2
RDR - tournament, Jan 4-6
PEM - nothing

1. **Adjournment** -2:59pm Rhonda motion to adjourn. Second: Chris/BMT. AIF CARRIED