

Black Gold League

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 @ 7pm

Percy Page Centre

Attendance: Sara Stengel (SARA), Linda Gillespie (Z5AA), Jeff Morgan (FSRA), Richard Stahl (HRA), Jason Sweet (HRA), Terri Schade (NARRA), Jackie Shimko (BGL), Brian Hoyano (BGL), Janice Tymkow (BGL), Chris Wright (BMT), Roxanne Moore (BMT), Shannon Langstrom (EFCLRA), Mike Stuckless (SPRA), Darren Poole (SPRA), Phil Bloomfield (SPRA), Shenif Lalji (EFCLRA), Reverdi Darda (Rush Open AA), Christine Kearney (ERC), Marcie Arnold (EFCLRA), Carolyn Normand (RDR), Sandra Fenton (BGL), Kathleen Ryan (ERC), Michel Sabourin (STA), Bob Hnatko (PEM), Leanne Couves (SGV), Krista Wood (SGV), Pam Horn (LED), Chelsea Cameron (LED), Desiree Janzen (DVY – via phone), Cheryl Law (Central AA – via phone), Lori Winslow (LAC – via phone), Jim Cullihall (FMC – via phone)

1. Call to order

Brian called to order at 7:07pm

2. Introductions & Additions to Agenda

- Add 15.5 AWG & Z5

Motion to adopt the Agenda: Shannon/EFCLRA, Second: Krista/SGV, Carried

3. Approval of February Minutes

Motion to adopt February minutes: Pam/LED, Second: Krista/SGV, Carried

4. Introduction of new BGL Executive and Association Representatives

5. Open Executive Position – Treasurer

-Jackie now acting as BGL VP. She is willing to train new Treasurer. Description given of expected duties.

-No nominations

6. Financial Report

-Year hasn't started yet, so no receivables. Account sits at \$27 554. AGM expenses and interest income listed on financial statement. (attached)

7. Referee in Chief – NARRA/Terri

- This is a rule change year, so all officials must attend a refresher clinic. Officials can ref games before they attend a clinic, but should tell coaches that they haven't yet attended the clinic.

- Some issues brought up from last season: some poor shot clocks were mentioned – note to please keep on these and notify Associations asap so they can be dealt with

- Not sure if it is a trend, or just in the Open division, but there are an increasing number of jerseys that don't comply with the rules. Some jerseys don't have numbers on the front, which makes it difficult for officials to accurately assess penalties (while remaining in proper position). Numbers on shoulders is ok, but some have been noted on cuffs of sleeves, which is not visible to officials.

- Officials are based on the city they reside in (ie: if an official lives in Edmonton but plays for another association, they are an Edmonton official).

- As clarification to the BGL AGM minutes: NARRA should be used to schedule officials for all exhibition games to avoid conflicts with other BGL league games. League games take priority over exhibition games and the only way NARRA can ensure the priority of assignments, and the most efficient use of senior refs, is for NARRA to be aware of and responsible for scheduling all (league and exhibition) games U14A and up.
- NARRA used to have monthly official meetings but in recent years, this has not been happening. The EFCL space they were using is no longer available to them and it never was big enough. Terri looking for suggestions on a usable space. Shannon/EDM will get more info to Terri, on room available at CAC. If all officials showed up for meetings, there would be 50+
- As far as complaints from last season, NARRA was made aware of only one as a result of a coaches suspension. They asked for associations to let BGL know of any issues, so BGL can let NARRA know.
- Official development: officials are not disciplined in the same manner as players and coaches (i.e. suspensions), the situation is usually discussed and feedback is given on how best to handle the situation in the future. Sometimes this is done with just the official in question, both officials on the ice or all officials (if applicable). In some instances, issues have resulted in additional mentoring and/or formal evaluations.
- FMC brought up an issue from last season to which NARRA didn't respond. Terri was aware of the issue and agreed to be better at acknowledging receipt and where appropriate will respond to the complaint. FMC looking for somewhere to comment, as they felt concerns were not being heard. They were advised RAB website has a form under 'officials' where they can go to leave comments and give feedback, or if they have something that needs to be addressed.
- Note that Officials can 'block' teams or 'not accept' games with specific teams if they have an issue, and if NARRA knows of an issue the teams/officials will be given a "break" from each other by the assignor.
- NARRA will see about scheduling an 'assignors' meeting (for all official assignors and RICs), and hopefully discuss RIC for each Association offering some mentoring to junior refs.
- In response to a conference call between BGL and NARRA in early July, NARRA had the following to report:
 - U14AA/U16AA issue, where senior officials feel that the level of play in those divisions has diminished a bit – senior officials are choosing to officiate Open A games that are played at a higher caliber. Terri to also work with senior officials to find a better balance.
 - There is a senior official developing a proposal for a more formal mentoring program for Level 2/3 official –vision has not been shared yet.
 - There is a screening process for officials in Calgary, several associations including Edmonton have implemented an application process for this year. Associations need to shift their focus from quantity (recruiting as many officials as possible hoping a few stay with it) to quality of officials (developing a limited number of new officials each year).
 - Kathleen made the comment that the issue about the aggressive play of Northern AB team and officials not calling enough penalties at higher levels may be a result of coaches criticizing calls at the younger levels. We all agree that more penalties need to be called and encouraged at the younger levels to ensure that both new officials and new players become more familiar with what is and is not an infraction.
 - Ringette Canada is 2 have 2 new videos come out on some infractions (BC, tripping & hooking). This info will need to get out to coaches to help them understand what is and isn't an infraction. Not sure how they will be released yet.

- NARRA representatives are willing to attend coach's meetings official, to host a 10-15min presentation on tips/tricks as to determining what is/is not a penalty. Please contact Terri Schade at terrishade@shaw.ca

8. Information for Ice Allocators & Critical dates

-Session 1 – Association Black Outs only (NOT team black outs). Black out is for the entire Association, not just part of it. No team blackout requests.

-Session 2 – up to 3 team black outs allowed.

Meeting and Critical Dates are posted on the Website

9. BGL Website statistic entry for 2017-18

-Much discussion about what to post for each division. Team staff? Scores? Player info? Penalties?

-Discussion as to what is important data to record, and what will its purpose be? Membership wants to make sure that BGL has reasons for data being collected.

-U10 will be required to have team staff, scores and upload picture of game sheet

-12 and up, data is important for re-pooling, as those teams move on to Provincials

-Rhonda to update the instructions and post them to 'Report A Score' ASAP (until then, it will be 'under construction').

-Note, report a score does not have to be done by a manager. Teams can select anyone willing to enter this data, for each team.

-Rhonda will no longer e-mail managers if there is a problem with the data they enter. She will e-mail the BGL reps, and it will then be their responsibility to address the issue, and bring it to the attention of the manager (or individual that is assigned to enter the data) Fines for Non-submission of stats.

10. 2017/2018 Season Overview – Estimate # of teams and Divisions (AA)

	U10	U12	U14	U14AA	U16	U16AA	U19	Total
BMT	3	2	2		1		1	9
CAS				1		1		2
DVY	1	1			1			3
EDM	9	5	2		2		2	20
ERC				1		1		2
FMC		1	1		1		1	4
FSK	3	1	1		1		1	7
HIN	2	1	1		1			5
LAC	1	1	1		1		1	5
LED	3	1	2		1		1	8
PEM	1	2	1		1			5
RDR	1	5	3		2		1	12
SGV	7	5	3	1	2	1	1	20
SPK	7	4	2	1	1	1		16
STA	7	4	3	1	3	1	1	20
Z5D				1		1		2
	45	33	22	6	18	6	10	140

- AA will have own divisions at both U14AA and U16AA (won't play "up")
- Zone 2AA withdrew its request to join BGL this season but may revisit it for next year

11. NRL – Open AA request – Black Gold Rush & WAM!

To work with existing BGL infrastructure to coordinate the scheduling of NRL feature and play-off games using local association ice.

-Associations will be asked to notify BGL of available ice, to host NRL game(s)

-If Associations are wanting to host this season, they will need to offer up their ice within the next 2 weeks.

-BGL members were in general support of teaming up with NRL, and helping coordinate ice for this season

12. Fort McMurray Ringette – plans for season

- Subsidy travel cost: As it stands right now FMRA will continue to help offset travel costs for teams traveling north in the same manner that it did last year.
- Expecting 4 teams for BGL next season. U19B, U16B, U14B, U12C Possibly second U19B
- Home Ice Location: As the Plamondon ice is no longer available would like to put the motion forward to change FMRA home ice location back to Fort McMurray.
- BGL Schedule: We are currently discussing the options about which team will travel with which team but we are asking that the BGL scheduler try and consider that these teams travel together on a bus and keep it in mind when the schedule is being created.
- Discussion about working toward that but limited by what ice is available where and when
- NARRA requested that FMC give more notice for games, so refs have more notice for travel and could possibly arrange travel with teams

Motion that home games be held in FMC this season, with the same \$500/team subsidy + \$500/team BGL match subsidy: Jim/FMC Second: Mike /SPK AIF – Carried

13. RAB Policy Update

- Sandra provided an update on a RAB Policy change regarding the RAB Competitions Committee. This process would eliminate the need for the RAB Competitions Committee to hold this review in January, and allow for any team that is advanced to AA the ability to meet the Ringette Canada "Commitment to Attend" deadlines.

14. BGL Operations – reminder of changes 2017/2018, game number U10/U19

- UAA scores are used to determine initial level and pool
- Update to minor Officials (for home and away)
- Game duration to be 2 – 18minute periods (up to and including U14A), regardless of slot length
- Double headers to be played in second session, when travelling 200+ kms (Associations need to advise scheduler if they are opposed to playing the same team twice, during a double header)
- Last season U10 division played 4 games in 1st session.
 - Motion for U10 to play 6 games in 1st session and 8 games in 2nd session: Krista/SGV, Second: Jason/HIN, carried
- U12/U14 to play 6 games in 1st session and 10 games in 2nd session
- U16/U19, Due to shortened season and Alberta Winter Games causes extra week lost Session 2
 - Motion to change to 8 games in 1st session and 8 games in 2nd session: Chris/BMT Second: Pam/LED, Carried
- AA – unchanged @ 4 games in session 1 and 8 games in session 2

15. U10 – Step 1 and Travel – RDR/LAC/HIN

- RDR & LAC U10-S1 and U10-S2 to continue to play at home, U10-S3 to stay the same as last year
- No concerns expressed by Associations Step 1 teams travelling to distant locations

15.5 AWG

BGL in charge of approving the coach (only 1 applicant so far)

once the coach is selected, notice goes to each Association, asking to host evaluations.

each girl will get 3 evaluations, likely in 3 different communities (RAB pays for the ice).

when team is selected, Associations will then be asked to help by offering up practice slots (again, RAB will pay for ice)

16. Travel Policy Revision

Kathleen & Jason traded e-mails, but tabled this until next meeting

17. Association Round Table

SGV: Sweetheart Tournament Feb 17th weekend

- will be hosting a winter Sweetheart the weekend of Dec 9th, for 3 divisions that are in play downs during the Feb tournament (U12B, U14A, U16B, possibly AA)

LED: tournament Jan 11-14th

- host Provincials for U16A, U19A and Open A

HIN: tournament Nov 17-19th

FSK: tournament Dec 1-3rd

SPK: tournament Dec 28-30th

- host Provincials for U12A & U14B
- *need goalies for U14*

PEM: nothing to report

ERC: tournament Nov 24-26th

- host Provincial AA end of Feb
- *may need U19AA goalie*

EFCLRA: tournament (Silver Ring) Jan 18-20th Active start > U14

- possibly host U16/U19 tournament in Nov.
- *need U16 goalies*

Z5AA: tryouts this weekend

SARA: tournament Oct 6-9 (Turkey Ring)

- host Provincials for U16B
- rec league under review

BMT: tournament Oct 19-22nd

DVY: tournament Nov 24-26th (will possibly have more divisions than they have teams)

FMC: tournament Nov 4-6 (will confirm if tournament fee is same as last year)

CENTRAL: nothing (Cheryl's phone went dead)

18. Next meeting:

Declaration Meeting – Tuesday, September 26th @ 6:30pm, Percy Page Centre

Motion to Adjourn: Jason/HIN Second: Chris/BMT