Black Gold League – Start Up Meeting

Tuesday August 17, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order: **By Wayne 2 7:02pm**

**Attendance:**

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| Chelsea Cameron (BGL/LED) | Wayne Martin (BGL) | Sandra Fenton (BGL) | Aaron Bomke (SGRA) | Amanda Forster (SPRA) | Bev Brewster (CGY AA) |
| Christine Kearney (ERC) | Duncan Wade (EFCLRA) | Jackie Morin (SARA) | Jeff Macdonald (FMRA) | Jen Debogorski (RDR) | Jenn Rice (Zone 2AA) |
| Jenn Tosto (SARA) | Karol Warner (LAC) | Kandice Adamson (LAC) | Landyn Carr (BMT) | Lynne Gurba (ERC) | Melissa Trider (DVR) |
| Michelle Madson (PEM) | Michelle Viney (SGRA) | Rhonda Kew (BGL) | Rob Peirson (BGL/FSK) | Robert Weiss (PEM) | Shane Lypkie (FSRA) |
| Shannon Langstrom (EFCLRA) | Shelley Rodrigue (SPRA) | Sylvie DuBois (BGL) | Tammy Summerfeldt (Zone 2AA) | Tanis Hoose (EFCLRA) | Jason Bearchell (BMT) |
| Christine Felix (ERC) |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Introduction & Additions to the Agenda

**No additions to the agenda.**

**Rob Pierson (BGL) motions to adopt the agenda, Robert Weiss (PEM) 2nds.**

**Motion carried.**

1. Adoption of October 1, 2020 meeting minutes

**Shannon Langstrom (EFCLRA) motions to adopt October 1, 2020 meeting minutes, Chelsea Cameron (LED) seconds.**

**Motion carried.**

1. Financial Reports
   1. Open Treasurer position

**Position was not filled at the AGM, and as it is an elected position must be filled tonight.**

**Wayne submits first call for nominations:**

**Sandra Fenton nominates Martin Beamish for the position of Treasurer.**

**No other nominations received. Martin accepts position by proxy (Wayne).**

**Martin Beamish declared new BGL Treasurer.**

* 1. 2020-21 Financial Statements

**Final bank balance as of June 30, 2021: $40177.09.**

**Jeff Macdonald (FMRA) motions to adopt financial statement, Tannis Hoose (EFCLRA) seconds.**

**Motion carried.**

* 1. 2021-22 League Fees

**No changes to league fees for 2021-22 season.**

**All numbers posted on the website will remain in effect for the upcoming season.**

* 1. BGL Signing Authority

**Rob Pierson (BGL) motions to replace Brian Hoyano (President), Wayne Martin (Vice President) and Krista Wood (Treasurer) with Wayne Martin (President), Rob Peirson (Vice President) and Martin Beamish (Treasurer) as signing authorities on behalf of Zone 5 Ringette Association (operating as BGL) accounts held at Servus Credit Union.**

**Jeff Macdonald seconds.**

**Motion carried.**

1. Information for Ice Allocators & Critical Dates – Sandra

**There is one correction to the critical dates.**

**NOTE: M3 (Team Declaration) was incorrectly listed as October 1, 2021. It should read September 28, 2021. This was updated and posted to the website on August 12, 2021.**

**No further issues with Critical dates, document will move from draft to final.**

**General note to associations that games played by each team are dependent on the ice submitted. If there is not enough ice submitted, then teams may not get as many games.**

**Due to COVID-19, some associations may have access to less ice in the past which may hinder the use of special ice (neutral ice).**

**Current plan for the season is to return to a mostly normal season (i.e., no cohorts required).**

**U14A/U14B – RAB has intended for an introduction to Pursuit of Excellence for this year; however, due to COVID-19 it has been postponed. However, dates for playdowns and provincials have already been announced by RAB which means there will be a 4 week break between league play and provincials for this group. RAB will release more information about Pursuit of Excellence in the coming weeks – tentatively, something over the Christmas break may happen.**

**Poll submitted to attendees to vote on total number of games for U19B games (16 or 18). Results: 78% for 18 games, 22% for 16 games. U19B will play 18 games for 2021/2022 season.**

1. BGL Website and Statistic entry/changes for this season – Rhonda

**There will be no changes to game sheet entry for this season.**

**Reminder: Emails for repooling meeting get sent to BGL reps only. It is BGL reps’ job to ensure information gets forwarded to the appropriate teams prior to the meeting.**

**Will be status quo for entry of game sheets as they were 2 years.**

**October 8, 2021 is the deadline for associations to provide BGL with all team staff contacts.**

1. Referee-In-Chief - Sylvie

**Based on an official’s survey sent out by RAB of which 72% responded to, there is currently only a 43% expected return rate. Of the 190 officials that the survey went to, 31 are on the fence, 22 are retiring, and 54 have not responded. 84 are planning to return. The number of returning refs is expected to increase, but most likely will be ~70%, not 100% return rate.**

**When planning teams, associations should plan for 1.5 officials for every team for U10S3 and up.**

**Based on the lack of ref availability, please proceed with caution in planning tournaments and exhibition games. There will most likely not be enough refs to cover these extras.**

**Registration for this season has changed. Officials are required to register with RAB and pay the official fee ($24). The fee will be waived if the official is already participating in another ringette capacity (coach, player, board member). Refs will then need to submit this for reimbursement to their home association. It is a very strong recommendation that these associations reimburse these costs to the refs.**

**All refs MUST be registered with RAB before stepping foot on the ice, and at the very latest by December 1st for the season. If you are needing refs before the season starts, check with Sylvie (BGL) or Lauren (RAB) to check to make sure officials are registered.**

**This is not a rule change year, will be next year. Keep your rule books, they aren’t printing any more.**

**All refs must either take a refresher clinic or a Level 1 or Level 2/3 clinic this year. RAB is currently working on setting up clinics. Level 1 and 2/3 clinics will be in person.**

**Kim Patten will be assigning for U14A-U19AA in the Edmonton area this year as Terri Shade has stepped down. U14B and down will continue to be assigned by local assignors. There will be no refs for U10S2 and U10S1. As a note, no coaches are allowed to step on the ice in an official capacity.**

**Sylvie and Lauren will both be reaching out to past officials who have stepped away from officiating to see if there is any interest in returning this season.**

1. BGL Operations – changes for 2021/2022
   1. Inclusion of additional positions (previously NARRA) into BGL

**BGL Operations Manual updated with the incorporation of NARRA (Norther Alberta Ringette Referee Association) into BGL. Most changes were to remove NARRA and replace with BGL Referee-in-Chief.**

**The below three positions were added to the ‘The Executive’.**

**Section 102 – The Executive**

**b) Persons appointed to the following roles:**

**- BGL Referee Assignor**

**- BGL Officials Development Liaison; and**

**-BGL Referee Admin**

**Chelsea Cameron (LED) motions to accept these changes to the BGL Operations Manual, Rob Pierson (BGL) seconds.**

**Motion carried.**

1. RAB Updates – Sandra

**Sandra advises that RAB is working on a Return to Ringette document that will include recommendations for safety protocols, guidelines for children (11 and down), and will incorporate information available from Alberta Health Services. Nothing will be mandatory unless dictated by AHS, Ringette Canada or local arenas. Re: Exposure – each association will have to decide how to deal with cases.**

**Again, all dates for playdowns and provincials have been posted. Some Provincials already have hosts picked.**

**RAB is looking for additional support with the Flex Ringette program. Sandra has been working with local ice allocators to ensure the conversation is happening without local associations.**

1. 2021/2022 Season Overview
   1. Estimate of # of Teams and Divisions

**Looks like there will be roughly 128-129 teams this season. In years prior to COVID-19, there were 151 teams.**

**NOTE: Estimate of teams does not include any information from Hinton as a rep from their association was absent.**

* 1. AA Participation – Z2, Calgary, CAS

**Central Alberta will have no teams participating in BGL this season.**

**Calgary will have 2-U19AA participating in BGL.**

**Zone 2 will have 1-U19AA participating in BGL.**

**~ 7 team pool anticipated for U19AA.**

**~5 team pool anticipated for U16AA.**

**~5 team pool anticipated for U14AA**

* 1. Fort McMurray travel

**FMR volunteers to travel the first week of league to help with the schedule for session 1. Associations can also volunteer to travel in session 1 if they have teams in the same division.**

**Home games will continue to be in Ft. McMurray and will be subsidized. All teams are expected to go as per the schedule.**

1. Association Round Table

**Poll submitted to attendees to vote on how they would like future meetings to be conducted. Results: 24% all online, 5% all in-person, and 71% mostly online with 1 in-person meeting in the year.**

**Meetings will remain virtual, with the repooling meeting most likely being the one meeting that will take place in-person.**

**Tournaments:**

**BMT – Oct 22-24, 2021**

**EDM – U10 & AC Jan 14-16, 2022; U12+ Nov 19-21, 2021**

**ERC – Dec 3-5, 2021 (Woods Tournament)**

**FMC – Nov 5-7, 2021**

**FSK – Dec 3-5, 2021**

**LED – Jan 7-9, 2022**

**LAC – Nov 26-28, 2021**

**PEM – No tournament but looking to host U16B Provincials.**

**RDR – Jan 7-9, 2022**

**SGV – Feb 11-13, 2022**

**SPR – Nov 11-14, 2021**

**STA – Oct 8-11, 2021**

**Discussion:**

**EDM – Looking at having players who are not quite ready for U10S3 play U10S2 for the first session, and the move to U10S3 for second session. Is anyone else thinking about doing this? Looking to set children up for best possible move to U10S3 which has many significant changes from U10S2.**

**Sandra advises that it is possible if the ice allocators can submit the ice required. Once the ice is submitted, no changes can be made.**

**FSRA – Looking for U16 players. Would really like to provide a team for these players in the home association.**

**Wayne will reach out to Hinton to see where they are at.**

1. Next Meeting: Team Declarations - Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m., Zoom Call (Tentative)

**Jeff Macdonald (FMRA) motions to end the meeting @ 9:06PM, Karol Warner (LAC) seconds.**

**Motion carried.**