



**Black Gold League 2023 AGM**

**Saturday, May 14, 2023: Lunch 12:00-12:30; AGM 12:30-4:00**

**Multi Purpose Room - Servus Place, St. Albert**

1. Call to Order **12:31pm**

2. Welcome and Introductions

Rob Peirson – BGL	Sylvie Dubois – BGL	Chelsea Cameron – BGL	Amy Shipley – LRA	Amanda Couture – HRA
Jeff MacDonald - FMRA	John Losty – SPRA	Amanda Forester – SPRA	Tiffany Zender – SGRA	Heather henning – CGY AA
Tony Norrad – BGL	Karen Garlitos – EFCLRA	Lee Shalapay – BGL / SPRA	Dustin Friel – EFCLRA	Laurelle Loe – SARA
Brad Jorgensen – Central AB	Colleen Caldwell – SARA	Jay Anderson – Central AB	Renee Kozak – FSRA	Landy Carr – BRA
Michael Greenwood – FSRA	Nancy Morin – LRA	Janice Tymkow – PRA	Carolyn Normand – RDR	Sean Gafuik – ERC
Wayne Martin - BGL				

3. Additions to and Adoption of Agenda

**Call for additions. None received.**

**Motion to adopt by Amy Shipley (LRA), second by Michael Greenwood (FSR). All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

4. Review and approval of 2022 BGL AGM Minutes

**Call for additions. None received.**

**Motion to adopt by Amy Shipley (LRA), second by Michael Greenwood (FSR). All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

5. First Call for Nominations – Rob

a. Elected Positions – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, BGL Referee-in-Chief

**These are all for 1-year terms.**

**President – Jeff McDonald (FMRA) nominates Wayne Martin.**

**VP – Janice Tymkow (PRA) nominates Rob Pierson.**

**Secretary – Amy Shipley (LRA) nominates Chelsea Cameron.**

**Treasurer – Rob Peirson (BGL) nominates Tony Norrad.**

**BGL RIC – Rob Peirson (BGL) & Lee Shalapay (BGL) nominates Sylvie Dubois.**

- b. Appointed Positions - Statistician, Scheduler, Webmaster, Referee Assignor, Officials Development

Liaison, Referee Admin

**\*\*NOTE: Rob Pierson provides recommendations for these positions, and appointments for the coming season.**

**Statistician – Wayne Martin (BGL) nominates Lee Shalapay.**

**Scheduler – Sandra Fenton (current scheduler BGL) has put her name forward. Call for any other nominations. None recieved.**

**Webmaster – Lee Shalapay (BGL) to cover as well.**

**\*\*NOTE: Sylvie provides her recommendations for these positions and appointments for the coming season.**

**Ref Assignor – Kim Patten\*\***

**Officials Development Liaison - Danielle Brubaker**

**Ref Administrator - Kaylee Caesar**

**\*\*Small change to include Christine Pittman as ref assignor for 16AA/19AA in addition to her current duties of assigning in Open A/B/C.**

6. Executive Reports - President, VP, Treasurer, Statistician, Webmaster, Scheduler

**President Report:**

**The 2022-2023 season was an extremely busy one for the League. We have continued to take on more events and responsibilities and have made progress improving operations both within the League and for ringette across the province.**

**The start of the season went relatively smoothly and there were few changes. Year end, however, was the busiest it's ever been. U10 Windup events were held for all divisions, including a significantly expanded Step 3 event. U12 Championships were held for the second year ever with 29 teams participating in 4 events. Thanks to those host associations that put on great events.**

**Much more work was required for Session 3 than initially thought. Working with Ringette Alberta and the Chinook League throughout the year, we developed a consistent format and a documented technical manual. The final result was 69 BGL teams playing 169 games to determine provincial qualifiers. Congratulations to all of those BGL teams that attended provincials, especially the Gold Medal winners, Edmonton (U14C), Pembina (U16B), Sherwood**

Park (U16AA, U19A), Calgary (U19AA) and the success that our members had at Westerns and Nationals.

One of the biggest challenges of the year was the scheduling of officials. The number of officials available to cover the ever increasing number of games nearly reached a breaking point this fall. Without the dedication and a ton of hard work from our schedulers and the officials themselves, many more games would have had to be cancelled.

A big impact on the officials is the behavior of spectators and volunteers behind the bench. The focus and steps that we put in place over the last few years, specifically the Spectator Liaison Program, appears to be helping. Along with RAB and CRL, more work will be done to enforce the Code of Conduct in the coming year to promote a positive experience for all.

Thanks to all of the associations for their work to deliver another successful season of ringette to our athletes. Thanks to the rest of the Board members for all their time and effort. Initiatives they've implemented throughout the year have made positive changes for all.

**Comments:**

None.

**Vice President Report:**

What a fun and exciting past season we had. There were many challenges to overcome but overall it was a very successful and rewarding season. The addition of the league championship banners was especially rewarding for myself but also to those teams that did so well throughout the season to earn that title.

When comparing and looking back on last season to this season it was different in terms of disciplinary actions required. Last year we had several fines issued due to poor spectator behavior. This year I am happy to report no fines were issued for spectator behavior. In fact, only one incident was reported back to BGL that required investigation. The result of which I am happy to say was that the Spectator Liaison program worked with both teams Liaison working with their teams parents to deescalate the situation. At the start of the season at least 20 reminder emails were sent out about missing Spectator Liaisons on the game sheets. After this, we had nearly 100% compliance until the electronic game sheets were rolled out.

Speaking to electronic games sheets, I want to thank Lee for all his hard work and time that he put into rolling this out. We know it is not perfect but with suggestions and feedback, we can make it even better and more reliable.

Of significant note, player/coach suspensions issued by BGL were up this season. Approximately 12 player warnings were issued in relation to excessive penalty minutes and 6 player suspensions were issued for excessive penalty minutes. For Coaches we had 3 warnings issued for behavior or eligibility, and 2 coaches suspended for a total of 3 games due to behavior or

team total penalty minutes. As mentioned fines were down from last year with only 1 fine being issued for failure to report a reschedule. Unfortunately, we had to forfeit 2 games this season as a result of teams breaching the player affiliation rules. Other significant occurrences this past season was the cancellation or rescheduling of games due to no refs, and/or weather. On a final note, I'd like to say thank you to all the associations that came forward to host U12 and Step 3 championships this past season. The ones that I was able to attend were excellent. I look forward to another exciting and productive season ahead.

**Comments:**

None.

**Treasurer Report:**

Zone 5 Ringette Association (o/a Black Gold League)  
 Statement of Income and Expenses  
 Period Ended April 30, 2023

	2022-2023 Actual	2021-2022 Actual
<b>INCOME</b>		
League Fees	\$24,650.00	\$24,310.00
Session 3 Fees	\$2,280.00	\$0.00
League Fines	\$300.00	\$2,250.00
Officials Fee & Travel Recovery	\$124,929.88	\$109,528.93
U12 Championship Fees	\$24,650.00	\$26,400.00
Interest	\$91.36	(\$4.80)
Miscellaneous	\$22.12	\$291.37
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$176,923.36</u>	<u>\$162,775.50</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
AGM Expenses	\$0.00	\$821.39
Board Meetings / Travel	\$157.50	\$88.64
Honourariums	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Scheduling Fees	\$10,905.50	\$9,154.50
Officials Fees & Travel	\$116,971.03	\$100,084.39
Officials Administration/Honourariums	\$5,405.00	\$4,307.00
Travel Subsidy	\$5,525.00	\$8,000.00
U10 Wind Up	\$2,929.86	\$3,178.18
U12 Championship	\$20,889.71	\$20,713.83
Marketing, Medals, Trophies	\$1,890.00	\$0.00
Website Maintenance	\$2,630.71	\$2,069.85
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$421.00	\$330.04
General Administration	\$0.00	(\$36.75)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$169,725.31</u>	<u>\$150,711.07</u>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$7,198.05</u>	<u>\$12,064.43</u>

Zone 5 Ringette Association (o/a Black Gold League)  
Statement of Financial Position  
Period Ended April 30, 2023

	Operating Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$55,968.48
Accounts Receivable	(\$1,895.29)
Prepaid Expenses	\$4,583.26
Common Shares and Rewards	\$93.02
Investments & Accrued Interest	\$1,022.12
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$59,771.59</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payables	\$198.00
Performance Bonds	\$17,500.00
	<u>\$17,698.00</u>
<b>ASSOCIATION'S EQUITY</b>	
Equity & Retained Earnings	\$34,875.56
Income (Loss)	\$7,198.05
	<u>\$42,073.61</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$59,771.61</u></u>

**Comments:**

Session 3 costs – BGL was going to pick up Ref costs (travel and game fees). \$175 / \$250 – fees set to cover these costs. There was an administrative oversight – Ref costs were billed to associations and not BGL as planned, which means we collected too much money from associations. \$145 / \$215 will be credited back to each association to offset the costs of refs (only for session 3).

NOTE: U10 is not a revenue stream, it is a cost recovery program. Costs accrued and then billed out proportionally to each association once all ice costs are received from associations.

FT. Mac – lower costs this year but can't speak of the reduction.

Medals – 2021/22 year had leftover medals (covid) so no cost in past season. This is a pre-paid expense for each season, we will see an increase in cost next year as we do not have leftover medals to consume.

RAMP / Arbiter – Website costs. We saw an additional cost this season due to electronic game sheets.

Bank fees changed due to payment of refs. Full year of expenses compared to partial expense of

starting new system in 2021/22 season.

\$1000 1-year term (GIC) sitting at Servus which we would like to discuss future plans.

Tony – Ref retainers and rebates will be provided at the end of the meeting for associations to take back to their treasurers for processing.

2023/24 season costs will remain the same. Won't have an idea on U10/12 championships until we get into the season and establish the number of teams and pools. Session 3 fees will be included in the league fees paid at the beginning of the season.

*Jeff (FMRA) – what if a team does not want to participate in session 3? How will that be addressed.  
Karen Garlitos (EFCLRA) – we had one team who didn't want to participate. Our association makes teams fundraise for session 3 fees.*

*Tony – the average fee is going to roughly 25-35 a team which is why we are going to include in the league fees at start of the season.*

*Wayne – we identified on the opening season fee, that if you don't attend session 3 we will refund your association that cost.*

*Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – do we have to submit a ref retainer next season?*

*Wayne/Tony – Yes. It is refunded at the end of each season, and then required again at the start of the season.*

Statistician/Webmaster Report:

Webmaster:

Everything seemed to run fine, the upload of Schedules and the conversion to the CSV file to Ramp BGL could and should be a lot smoother. I will be sending out an updated list of Arenas, and how they should be inputted by the ice allocators when they supply association ice to the BGL Scheduler. This will be very important as we move to Ramp Referee.

Statistician:

Introduction of Electronic Game sheets, started this in Session 3 and then continued on at the U10 wind up as well as the U12 League Championships. This seemed to work well, only some minor hiccups but as a whole I believe the change from paper to electronic went well. Some minor changes to the game sheet are being added this summer. (Time outs, the order in which penalties appear on the game sheet)

Comments:

1 team got to the threshold for reschedules, and one surpassed it.

Will alter the website so that new information is more identifiable.

Ticker for session three (real time results) will only be available for session 3 next season.

*Sean Gafuik (ERC) - Can we add it for 16AA/19AA as session 2 is the last session for them.*

*Lee – no because it's an all or nothing thing. It can't be for just AA without offering it for all divisions.*

For ice allocators. Excel version of schedule is available right away. Current platform utilizes outdated codes which Lee has to revamp the spreadsheet to the new codes before it can be uploaded (time consuming and what causes delays in getting schedule into RAMP). Will be sending out a list of current codes to the ice allocators for ice submission which will help to speed up the process and get everyone on the same page.

*Sean Gafuik (ERC) – will CGY Ringette be moving to RAMP (they don't post any information on their website).*

*Lee – will be moving to RAMP this season for ease of transfer of information (games, refs, general communication).*

Scheduler:

Specifics of ice are discussed during regular member meetings and will not be reviewed today.

1. All Associations were able to provide their required amounts with many providing lots of options (day of week, time of day) to help with scheduling.
2. For FMC – concerns were raised last year about bussing for teams travelling to FMC and a desire for some teams to do overnight. We were unable to give FMC sufficient notice for ice configuration. If want to do this next year, FMC has to have enough notice to try to get the appropriate ice slots to accommodate this structure – i.e., late afternoon Saturday and Sunday morning or Saturday afternoon and evening games.
3. Session 3 – provincial qualification. The leagues were asked to run provincial qualifications. Provincial technical package and alignment with Chinook league. Issues with U14AA (late confirmation of need to do qualification that affected session 2 scheduling) Concerns also with CWG schedule and impact on U19AA schedule. Otherwise seemed successful.
4. U10 Wind Up –Step 1 and Step 2 – played as in prior years. The League bought U10S1/S2 specific medals for windup. Step 3 – unique this year was a full tournament in single location. Seemed successful.
5. U12 Championships – A few concerns and some confusion with host associations on what they could and could not do. Technical manual is a good joint document (BGL, Chinook and RAB) but we should develop a Host Manual.
6. This year banners were given out to top team in each pool for Session 2. Some questions raised about using Session 2 results instead of Session 3 results.

7. Questions raised about Christmas Break dates. Members see the draft at the AGM so should be reminded if they have concerns, they need to raise it at that time not in November.

**Comments:**

Wayne - Christmas was an issue this season. We just need to know if we want Christmas timeline to change earlier enough so that we can actually change it.

Wayne – transfer of information is critical. BGL reps need to send this information to their board members so that proper flow of information can be discussed and issues brought back in a timely manner to the BGL board. Association members need to know what BGL is planning and BGL needs to know what the association wants.

**Feedback:**

*Amanda Forester (SPRA) - BGL Rep / Ice Allocator sometimes excluded from manager/coach emails.*

*Landynn Carr (BRA) – U19A last weekend in January was supposed to be off but ended up being scheduled to play Hinton. We had booked a tournament. Was the space between S2 and S3 and ended up having to cancel it. Would just like to have known about the change so that we could have blacked it out.*

7. Officials Report – Sylvie

**BGL Officials' group Operations Manual in remains process (see attached)**

1. Our Team/Group is willing to continue:

- a. Kim Patten (EDM), BGL Officials Assignor (14A+ for GEA games)
- b. \*\*Christine Pittman (SPRA), NAWRA Officials Assignor + 16AA/19AA BGL GEA Games
- c. Kaylee Cesar (SPRA), BGL Officials Admin/Payroll/Billing
- d. Dani Neumann (EDM), BGL Officials Evaluation Coordinator

2. Overview of 2022-2023 Assignments

(Sample) GEA Officials Assignments, inc. Open/NRL

(1214 Games) 2428 slots, 102 officials used – 32 officials covered 72.82% of all league assignments in 2023. \*\* 21 Games with a single official (1.7%)

(1114 Games) 2234 slots, 100 officials used – 32 officials covered 66.34% of all league assignments in 2022.

- 2022 GOAL 1 (Outstanding) is to boost the number from 32 to 40 officials for same game coverage, by
  - o (Did not happen) Re-implementing BGL Officials Development program.
  - o (This did happen, due to necessity more than strategy) As we did this season, continue to assign challenging opportunities to up-and-coming officials partnering with senior or experienced officials.

3. Officials' Rates

- a. Retainers, unchanged



- b. **Game Rates, proposed alignment with Chinook League for continuity across the province.**

<b>Division</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
U10S3	\$ 22.00	\$ 26.50
U12C	\$ 25.00	\$ 29.50
U12B	\$ 20.00	\$ 29.50
U12A	\$ 25.00	\$ 29.50
U14C	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.50
U14B	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.50
U14A	\$ 27.00	\$ 31.50
U14AA	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.50
U16B	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.50
U16A	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.50
U16AA	\$ 35.00	\$ 39.50
U19B	\$ 35.00	\$ 39.50
U19A	\$ 35.00	\$ 39.50
U19AA	\$ 40.00	\$ 42.50
Open A	\$ 40.00	\$ 47.50
Open B	\$ 40.00	\$ 47.50
Open C	\$ 40.00	\$ 47.50
NRL	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00

Mentor: \$25 (no mileage) Evaluator: \$30 (no mileage)
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- i. **Benefits local development - - more attractive pay structure, hoping to improve retention**
  - ii. **Minimal impact on travel to remote sites, such as Calahoo, Riviere Qui Barre, Stony Plain, Ardrossan. (See Page 3)**
  - iii. **Minimal impact on traveling officials (See Page 3)**
  - iv. **Reduces Assignor & Admin time to calculate and audit mileage for payroll and invoicing**
- c. **Assigning Fee, unchanged – \$7**
- i. **\$3.00 per game – regardless of # of assignments, to the assignor**
  - ii. **\$1.00 per game – to the BGL Admin/Treasurer**
  - iii. **Balance will be applied to initiatives, training, room rentals (in-person meetings), awards/acknowledgments, etc.**
- d. **Travel – Remaining the same, however, the threshold shall be 18km round trip to be eligible for the \$0.45/km. Mileage equal to or greater than 18kms will be paid to officials and invoiced to Associations. Officials will be expected to travel a minimum of 18 kms round trip without mileage.**

**4. Assigning platform – 2022 GOAL 3 (IN PROCESS – TRIAL IN 3V3)**

**In 2023/2024, the BGL Group (GEA) will trial RAMP Assigning – the goal being that all BGL Associations use this assigning platform in 2024/2025.**

- **All Registered BGL officials in one place**

- Changes to schedules (from RAMP) are in sync [once approved], including Reschedules
- Tournament schedules can be loaded, and officials can be shared more thoughtfully due to visibility to all assignors across BGL
- Audit trail for payroll and invoicing for all BGL-hosted events

**2022 History:** Collaborate with Association RICs (or other BGL Officials members), discussing appetite for global assigning and payroll system for all BGL Associations. To be used for league games, Tournament scheduling, League Championships, evaluations, etc.

**5. NEW: Start-up and Mid-season Officials meetings – Mandatory**

**6. Officials Retention: How can you and your Association help?**

- a. Develop an Officials Development plan within your Association and be responsible.
- b. Continue to strive and meet the numbers of 1.5 Officials per team. (See Page 4)
- c. Support your officials – Acknowledge them for the work they are doing. Ask them how the season is going. Be courteous and address any coach or spectator who may affect officials’ retention due to consistent, repetitive poor behavior towards officials.
- d. Consider reimbursing their registration (if they are official only – not coach or player via RAB RAMP Registration) and their Clinic or Refresher clinics at a certain threshold of games officiated; recommend the commitment be 10 games.
- e. Hiring individuals
  - i. Start an application process for would-be officials to understand their potential commitment and previous, relatable experience (if any).
  - ii. Promote the application to other sports, where individuals with previous officiating experience may be looking to shift to Ringette.
  - iii. Do not overlook Moms, Dads and Brothers, or any other individuals who are not an active player or coach. These people typically cover the most games with the least limitations!

**Data: Proposed Rate Change, impact on Associations**  
**Overall (excludes Open/NRL)**

Associations	2023 Rates	2023_2024 Rates	%_Change
Beaumont	\$ 9,593.16	\$ 9,370.26	-2.32%
Drayton Valley	\$ 85.58	\$ 78.38	-8.41%
Edmonton	\$ 13,583.98	\$ 13,261.18	-2.38%
Edmonton Ringette Club	\$ 2,990.50	\$ 3,450.30	15.38%
Fort Saskatchewan	\$ 4,887.30	\$ 4,828.00	-1.21%
Hinton	\$ 1,531.01	\$ 1,450.61	-5.25%
Lacombe	\$ 179.01	\$ 180.81	1.01%
Leduc	\$ 3,585.57	\$ 3,816.17	6.43%
Pembina	\$ 2,810.32	\$ 2,608.02	-7.20%
Sherwood Park	\$ 15,534.19	\$ 16,216.59	4.39%
Spruce Grove	\$ 6,406.40	\$ 6,253.00	-2.39%
St. Albert	\$ 8,957.52	\$ 8,725.22	-2.59%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 70,144.54</b>	<b>\$ 70,238.54</b>	<b>0.13%</b>

**14B and Lower**

Associations	2023 Rates	2023_2024 Rates	%_Change
Beaumont	\$ 2,387.42	\$ 2,565.72	7.47%
Drayton Valley	\$ 85.58	\$ 78.38	-8.41%
Edmonton	\$ 6,615.27	\$ 6,601.87	-0.20%
Fort Saskatchewan	\$ 2,802.14	\$ 2,825.44	0.83%
Leduc	\$ 1,368.78	\$ 1,570.18	14.71%
Sherwood Park	\$ 4,100.82	\$ 4,763.52	16.16%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,360.01</b>	<b>\$ 18,405.11</b>	<b>6.02%</b>

**14A and Higher**

Associations	2023 Rates	2023_2024 Rates	%_Change
Beaumont	\$ 7,325.74	\$ 6,924.54	-5.48%
Edmonton	\$ 6,968.71	\$ 6,659.31	-4.44%
Fort Saskatchewan	\$ 2,085.16	\$ 2,002.56	-3.96%
Hinton	\$ 1,531.01	\$ 1,450.61	-5.25%
Lacombe	\$ 179.01	\$ 180.81	1.01%
Leduc	\$ 2,216.79	\$ 2,245.99	1.32%
Pembina	\$ 2,810.32	\$ 2,608.02	-7.20%
Sherwood Park	\$ 11,433.37	\$ 11,453.07	0.17%
Spruce Grove	\$ 6,406.40	\$ 6,253.00	-2.39%
St. Albert	\$ 8,957.52	\$ 8,725.22	-2.59%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,914.03</b>	<b>\$ 48,503.13</b>	<b>-2.83%</b>

Data: Current rate of Official per team

**14B and Lower coverage**

BillTo2	Travel From	No. of Assign.	% of Coverage	Average of Km(s)
Beaumont	LED	31	50.82%	15.57
Edmonton	EDM	143	91.08%	18.87
Fort Saskatchewan	FSK	32	48.48%	3.02
Leduc	LED	37	88.10%	0.87
Pembina				
Sherwood Park	SPK	124	93.94%	0.83
Spruce Grove				
St. Albert				

**14A and Higher coverage**

BillTo2	Travel From	No. of Assign.	% of Coverage	Average of Km(s)
Beaumont	EDM	49	39.20%	49.51
Edmonton	EDM	126	67.02%	22.67

Fort Saskatchewan	FSK	19	45.24%	3.39
Leduc	LED	22	52.38%	0.00
Pembina	PEM	24	63.16%	45.71
Sherwood Park	SPK	118	57.56%	3.54
Spruce Grove	SGV	47	43.52%	11.36
St. Albert	EDM	69	44.52%	36.74

**Comments:**

*Amanda Forester (SPRA) – will there be more clinics offered for refs and in remote locations (HIN / Ft. Mac)?*

*Sylvie – Ringette Canada is moving their training to more online formats and structured learning that will facilitate hopefully more retention and new refs.*

*Janice Tymkow (PRA) – we do need to review having an official on the ice at U10 half ice games? Sylvie – was demo'd at Sweetheart tournament this year. Will circle back with Lindsay on the feedback (how it actually went from the officials).*

*Need to address the coach issues with relying on the officials to run the game instead of leaving them to practice officiating. So, something else to review.*

*Lee – can they review the age?*

*Sylvie – that's a RAB issue.*

*Karen Garlitos (EFCLRA) – can we capture the bubble players this year (2008/2009)?*

*Sylvie – just a heads up this is feedback for RAB as they dictate the age.*

*John Losty (SPRA) – we will be hosting a ref recognition event next season based on feedback in our association.*

*Landyn Carr (BRA) – how do coaches know the rules?*

*Sylvie – we would like to offer two clinics at the start of the season for 12/14 coaches on rule information (i.e., what is a line violation etc.). Would be willing to do a video to release for training.*

8. U10 Wind-up - Feedback; Review of Step 3 Format

*Wayne – looking for feedback on this. Should we make this more participation focused or more competition focused (U10S3).*

*Can we have teams from the same association avoid playing each other at U10 level.*

9. U12 Championships - Feedback; Review of Host Requirements

*Sean – has U12 championships added more of a burden on the ice allocators?*

*Wayne – with the removal of provincials it does add more ice for each division (North/South). If we don't have associations that have access to ice it does address how we run future championships.*

*Rob Peirson (BGL) – does find that championships are cumbersome to family life. We don't have a standard for how these events need to be run.*

*Karen Garlitos (EFCLRA) – we did U12C, which was a significant difference between our event and others. Did have positive feedback, but drawbacks were volunteers. Looking for U10/12 teams to host the weekend and commit to the volunteer requirement.*

*Wayne – we will be creating a host document package which provides accurate information to those looking to host. Information on funds available and what is required for the weekend.*

*Rob – we look to confirm hosts as soon as they commit to hosting these events. We need to make these a more prominent event versus importance on regular tournaments.*

*BGL Reps – can we add a date for intent to host to critical dates? Good feedback and Wayne will look at this. We all are ok with hosting these championship/league wrap up weekends again this season.*

*NOTE: Do need to review number of games taking place on Friday (no refs available that ref this age division).*

*Wayne – someone from the Peace region saw our U12 championships and thought it would be great to participate in. Are we open to the Peace region possibly joining our league championships? Just something to think about.*

10. U14-U19 - League Championship; Session 3

*Dustin Friel (EFCLRA) – hard to schedule practices when Sandra has all our ice for Session 3. Plus, the staggering of schedule releases means only certain teams can be released at a time.*

*Landyn Carr (BRA) – we lost practice ice for 'neutral ice' which was hard.*

*Jeff MacDonald (FMRA) – we played a lot of games in one weekend due to no home ice availability.*

*Wayne – session 1 and 2 we can commit to home games for associations far away, but for session 3 it becomes hard in a true round robin fashion.*

*Jeff MacDonald (FMRA) – the old playdown format was better as all teams had to travel.*

*Rob – the feedback was that parents wanted games spread out which is why the session 3 format was established as it was.*

*Renee Kozak (FSRA) – 19A 16A U14AA were single pools. 16B was three pools. Everyone else was two pools.*

*BGL Reps - Did not like having the banner at session 2 (should be at end of session 3). Also issues with who teams played which could affect provincial placement. Issues with how banner was awarded based on only session 2 games.*

**Wayne - The banner is meant to be for BGL league play only, which is why the banner awarding needs to be removed from anything to do with Provincial play.**

**Rob – the membership wants to keep the black/gold banners in place.**

**BGL Reps- Issues with nomenclature – should session 3 be changed to provincial playdowns?**

**Wayne - RAB does not want us to use the term playdowns. Provincial qualifiers are now league responsibility – which is why we have session 3 now.**

**Carolyn Normand (RDR) – can we have a committee established to make some guidelines and proposals?**

**Wayne – we’ll get feedback for a committee and address at the fall meeting.**

**Wayne – we are meeting Chinook to align our session three further this season.**

11. Second Call for Nominations – Rob

**Rob any other nominations for:**

**President (No), VP (No), Secretary (No), Treasurer (No), RIC (No).**

12. League play in 2023-2024

a. Scheduling – # of games, critical dates, sessions, AWG

**Amanda Forester (SPRA) – at AA we have lower game play because we should have tournaments, but we don’t see too many tournament options. So would like to see league games increase. 19AA double headers should be changed to two teams from the north so that both teams are only playing one game instead of travelling team being tired on second game. Also – games on Sunday for AA needs to be adjusted (example: we had a 6:45pm game in Chestermere on a Sunday).**

**Heather Henning (CGY AA) – saw issues with lots of games in Riviere Qui Barre which was a lot of travel. Calgary AA came down for 1.0-hour slots instead of 1.25 hour. Looking for similar slot sizes.**

**Lee - was an oversight on Sandra’s part in session 3.**

**Wayne – will address with Sandra for the schedule and see if there are any areas for improvement.**

**Carolyn Caldwell (SARA) – U19B had 22 or 24 games which was higher than normal for other divisions but does limit their practice ice.**

**Wayne - Can we take back the discussion to associations to discuss people’s levels of burnout with current game numbers and is there any interest in reducing game play by one game per team? And bring this feedback to the august meeting.**

**Wayne – take critical dates back to your board for review. Any concerns from your associations let us know.**

**Landyn Carr (BRA) – why don't we start U10's the same time?**

**Wayne – they don't play as many games, so we just start them later to avoid a large gap.**

**Colleen Caldwell (SARA) – Sept 15 blackout date for session 1, love this. What will the format be like for this. And it needs to be a team blackout not just an association blackout. We had 30 rescheduled last season.**

**Wayne – with Sandra not being here we will table this and take the discussion back to her.**

**Rob – most of our reschedules in session 1 due to weather. And we need teams to play their games for repooling meeting at the end of session 1.**

- b. Changes to Operations (minor officials, electronic gamesheets, travel, discipline policy)

**BGL Reps - No issues with going back to original format.**

**Michael Greenwood – can home team run the score clock?**

**Wayne – they will do the score clock, and game sheet and penalty box. Away team will do shot clock and penalty box. But do we need 5 people in the box, or should we discuss lowering it to 4? We will move to 4 – penalty will remain with visitor.**

**Wayne – this will be updated in the technical manual for august.**

**Electronic Game Sheets – recommendation to go to these for all sessions this season.**

**Rob – game sheet will not be complete if you don't update the goaltender position. Need to update this information on the game sheets. Wayne – at a minimum you have to put in who played goal and the time they played. We are not saying that you have to track shots.**

**Landyn Carr (BRA) – can the codes be sent to each association? Instead of only going to managers.**

**Lee – lots of work because each association manages multiple divisions. It would be easiest for associations to collect that information from their managers and build the list internally within the association.**

**Wayne – was there any negative feedback with the game sheets?**

**BGL Reps - Most people hate change. Had issues with verifying the electronic game sheet.**

**Lee - Official codes will be available on RAMP assignment this season, so refs no longer need to ask for the minor officials' phones.**

**BGL Reps - Do refs have a spot to write reports if there are any issues?**

**Lee – will be a report button under the officials sign in for them to write/submit a report and will be automatically attached to the game sheet.**

*BGL Reps – Will cost be the same as paper copies.*

*Lee – it will also be included in the league fees so no additional costs.*

*BGL Reps - For U10S1/2 will they move to RAMP game sheets.*

*Lee - yes, they would use them as well, but no record scores (same as previous seasons).*

**General Notes:**

**Travel:**

*Looking at scheduling Lacombe and RDR in similar fashion as HIN and Ft. Mac (double headers). It will be a conscious effort to do this. Looking to improve travel costs (reduce).*

**Discipline Policy:**

*Would like to present a change to the discipline policy come august.*

*Rob – a situation arose this season for excessive penalty minute suspensions. 12 warnings given after 4 games this season. (averaging 4 min per game).*

*I missed a suspension after session 1 due to late game sheet submission (will be fixed by electronic game sheets).*

*Also had one player who accrued enough penalties to warrant a suspension in session 2 but was not suspended due to not enough penalties in session 1.*

*Would like to see the threshold resets to blocks of 25% game play so that it is a consistent rolling number instead of looking only at sessions.*

*Carolyn Normand (RDR) – would like to address emergency goalie issues.*

*Rob – this is a RAB policy; we cannot control this policy. Concerns have been expressed to RAB.*

- c. U19AA – Associations confirm general intent to field a team

**Confirmation from Zone 2 (1), CGY (2), STA (1), SPRA (1), ERC (1), RDR (Unsure yet if icing a team).**

**SGRA added after call that they would like to put a 19AA team in.**

13. Third Call for Nominations – Rob

**Third call for positions. (No new nominations received.)**

14. Election / Appointment of Officers

**By acclamation, positions awarded.**

15. Association Round Table



**BMT – no**

**CEN – 3x3 Tournament December 27-28.**

**CGY – scheduling for 19AA, when south plays south could we do weekday ice, same with north vs north. And better game times for Sundays.**

**EDM – silver ring tournament on nov 24-27 U14-19, but are hoping to return to one tournament. AS-12 Jan 19-21<sup>st</sup> (if not enough ice). ½ teams will be Fri-Sun, 1/2 teams will be Sat-Mon.**

**ERC –Wood tournament (40 years this year).**

**FSK – arena is going under large renos. Will affect tournaments. Jubilee is going under renos.**

**FMC – aug 22<sup>nd</sup> startup meeting (how will it be hosted – in person vs online)**

**Wayne – will be a zoom. Thank you for Leduc hosting provincials.**

**HIN – Jan 19-21<sup>st</sup> for prospective tournament.**

**LAC – 2 tournaments. Dates to be forthcoming. Clive will no longer be available.**

**LED – Jan 12-14, 2024 Wild Thing Tournament.**

**PEM – want to collaborate with neighboring associations to work together on coach clinics, ref clinics etc. so we can work on building people up early in the season and retaining/training refs.**

**RDR – Tournament is Jan 5-7, 2024. Nothing else, 3v3 Aug 26-28 tournament.**

**SGRA – Family Day weekend tourney. Would like to put a U19AA team this year.**

**SPRA – Platinum ring tournament Nov 10-12.**

**STA – Oct 6-9, expanding to 4 games for AA as they pay a higher fee. Looking for more ice from neighboring associations to expand the number of teams accepted.**

16. Adjournment **4:48pm.**