



Black Gold League - Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, November 21 @ 7:00pm Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

7:01pm.

2. Welcome & Additions to the Agenda

CHELSEA CAMERON (BGL)	WAYNE MARTIN (BGL)	SANDRA FENTON (BGL)	AARON BOMKEY (SGRA) ?	AMANDA COUTURE (HRA)	AMANDA FORSTER (SPRA)
AMANDA (LAC)	AMY SHIPLEY (LRA)	BRAD MURK (STA)	CAROLYN NORMAND (RDR)	CHERLY TALMA (LAC)	COLLEEN CALDWELL (STA)
GORD MCQUEEN (EFCLRA)	HEATHER HENNING (CGY AA)	BRAD JORGENSEN (CAS)	JAY ADAMSON (CAS)	JEFF MCDONALD (FMRA)	JODY CHERDARCHUK (ERC)
KAREN GARLITOS (EFCLRA)	KATIE FORRE (BMT)	LANDYN CARR (BMT)	LAURELLE LOE (STA)	LIZ HERBERT (ERC)	MATT HUNTER (SGRA)
MATT LEGGOTT (SPRA)	MELISSA TRIDER (DVRA)	MIKE BAKER (LRA)	MIKE JOHNSTON (PRA)	ROB PEIRSON (BGL)	SHAUNA GRZYB (RDR)
TASHIA LEPAGE (HRA)	TONY NORRAD (BGL)	LEE SHALAPAY (BGL)	MICHAEL GREENWOOD (FSRA)	SARA EMONDS (DVRA)	

No additions to agenda.

Motion to adopt agenda Michael Greenwood (FSRA); Gord McQueen (EFCLRA) seconds.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as presented. Michael Greenwood (FSRA), Rob Pierson (BGL) seconds.

Motion carried.

4. VP report – Rob

I reviewed the average penalty minutes from game sheets and emails have been sent to players/teams as needed. There have been a couple of player suspensions.

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – have we had any change in play based on the new progressive approach?

Rob – we won't know until the middle of session 2. It's too early to tell and my intent is to provide a more thorough report at the end of the season.

Wayne – this is the 2-3 year of implementation. We typically have 5-6 players that are suspended, but we do have an increase in players this year.

Rob – in first year was parents, in second year was coaching, and this year it is players (up tick in penalties). I believe we will need to create a revision to the policy at the end of the season but it will be fully reviewed at that time.

5. Treasurer Report – Tony

The first round of invoicing went out for league fees and official's retainers. Everyone has attempted to deliver the funds, but some payments (i.e., cheques) haven't all arrived yet.

Kaylee did send out the first round of official fees. We did run into an issue with mileage via RAMP for the month of October and those costs

will be on the November invoice – but may run prior to November invoicing.

All teams who are travelling to Ft. Mac, please have your team treasurer reach out to me for the travel subsidy at the conclusion of their travel. I am looking for the contact information for the person responsible for the funds (contact name & number), and the game number. Payment will be processed when that information is provided.

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – Funds will be distributed directly to the team versus going to the association?

Tony– yes, my preference is to deal with the team manager/treasurer directly.

6. Scheduler's Report – Sandra

Session 1 schedule went out, we didn't hear about any concerns.

U14B – there was a withdrawal of a team which created a schedule revision, and we had one issue with one game that didn't have refs, but they played anyways.

AWG – Sherwood Park, Spruce grove and Beaumont ice submitted. Thank you for doing that. Hoping that we get the list of players selected in the next day or two so the appropriate teams can be blocked during AWG weekend.

Please refer to the provincial dates and then apply a 2 week break before that date to understand the breaks for your division.

The original document that RAB released we are supposed to have 10 days between the end of session 2 and starting of session 3. We waived this requirement last year for pools that were single pools (i.e. 19A). I would like to again waive the 10-day break for these pools for this season.

Session 2 will be distributed Dec 3, play commences Dec 8th.

Critical dates – we will be taking applications from associations looking

to host year end events for U10/12.

Wayne - By December 31st we will be confirming who will be hosting. We don't need specific ice times, but more an indication of intent to hold.

Sandra– Motion is for any division that has a single pool that the 10-day break be waived between the end of session 2 and beginning of session 3.

Rob seconds. No opposed. Motion carried.

7. Referee-in-Chief Report – Sylvie

Absent – Please note Tony's earlier comments on mileage.

Wayne – Sylvie did host Ringette Rules 101 and this will be posted to the website. Low turnout (10), but we did record it so that we can distribute to the membership.

Appropriate channels to submit complaints/praise and would be good to remind coach/managers that these exist and to use them.

8. Statistician/Web Report – Lee

Electronic game sheets – we discussed some checking of the submission of game sheets.

~40% accuracy of games sheets: goalies not being entered, minor officials not being entered, spectator liaison not included. Quite a few games where the appropriate information wasn't submitted.

I've updated the electronic game sheet button on the website. Managers need to still do their job vs just provided minor officials with a code. The onus is on the manager to make sure the appropriate information is submitted going forward.

If this information isn't submitted the game sheet will be flagged as an error.

Membership - will the game sheet code be provided to away teams?

Lee – The onus needs to be on the manager to ensure that the game sheet has the appropriate information uploaded, so we won't be provided away teams with the game code.

Chelsea - Do we have the ability to add jersey color to game sheets?

Lee - I'll look at it and discuss it with RAMP.

Tony - Katie mentioned that we could add the spectator liaison as a coaching position. Is this possible?

Lee - As of Dec 15th, the rosters will be locked and you won't be able to modify it, so that won't work. Managers can also communicate the names of people to the home manager to input information before the game as another suggestion.

Wayne - The message to take back is that we are still doing the same job and recording the same information just in a digital form. We are happy though with how the transition is going and we want to thank everyone for this effort. Just a reminder to keep the standard for information recorded.

9. Advance/Retreat/Repooling of teams

As a note, we look at the win/loss information as a starting point.

We then look at total goals as a percentage of GF/GA with a target between 75-25% to be within range. Those above or below tend to be flagged for review as these teams may be seeing one-sided game play. On either end, we want to keep play fair and equitable so that all players are developing throughout the season.

Additionally, we will review which teams played and tournaments attended to determine if a team should be advanced or retreated.

The executive makes recommendations, but it is up to the membership to vote on any movements.

U19AA – not usually much movement. ERC did raise flags but they are requesting to stay in AA.

U19A – no movement recommended.

U19B - no movement recommended.

U16AA - no movement recommended.

U16A - no movement recommended.

Hinton has a request to move to U16B due to no goalie.

Tashia (HRA) – Parent pulled the goalie from the team due to poor engagement with team and officials.

Sandra – typically we wouldn't look at this type of request based on the goalie, as we can't know how well the goalie will be.

Chelsea – BMT 19B in same situation, team is competitive at division but struggling with weak goalie. If you move U16A players to B division, they may stagnate developmentally.

Amanda (HRA) – We were U16A due to overage players, the goalie who left was overage, which would be down to 4 OA players without the goalie.

Rob – did the goalie play all the games?

Tashia – he played all league games plus 1.5 tournament games at SPRA Platinum ring.

Rob – my concern is for the overage players, and same concerns Chelsea mentioned. I've pulled standings for games.

19	10/14/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	3	STA-U16A-1	2
31	10/14/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	3	STA-U16A-1	4
103	10/21/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	2	SGV-U16A-1	3
119	10/21/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	1	SGV-U16A-1	3
249	10/29/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	4	EDM-U16A-2	2
274	10/29/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	0	EDM-U16A-1	3
461	11/18/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	6	FSK-U16A-1	5
477	11/18/2023	U16A	HIN-U16A-1	2	SPK-U16A-1	6

Colleen Caldwell (STA) - From our U16B coach, says the team is competitive in the division. Additionally, teams lose key players all the time and need to adjust their season as needed.

Landyn Carr (BMT) - It doesn't look like they played Leduc or RDR. Additionally, the overage players this year would have played U19A, so asking them to move down to U16B would be a large step down. I'd like to see them stay playing in A.

U16B – We see three teams that are strong (BMT, LAC, FMC); BMT is over the 75% mark, but they've played majority of the weaker division teams which skews the numbers.

We are not recommending any teams move to U16A, and that we create two pools at the U16B division for competitive equity.

Jeff McDonald (FMRA) – Ft. Mac, we also played the lower division of this pool. So, our numbers look inflated, but don't have any indication against the upper teams of the pool. Lost to STA by 1 and beat them by 1.

Laurelle Loe (STA) - STA is requesting to play in the higher pool if there is two pools.

Karen Garlitos (EFCLRA) - I would support BMT being moved to U16A.

Carolyn Normand (RDR): We also saw them as a strong competitive team.

Amanada (LAC) – Some of these teams need to look at possibly moving to the C division instead of stating that we need to move teams to A.

Wayne – that is the next part of this discussion. We are recommending that both EDM and FSK move down to the C division.

Karen – If we go back to BMT discussion, B players can become A players if they have the right development opportunities in a season.

Sandra – (I have no players). There are so many things to consider. We must take into account that we don't punish a team because they are

good. And if we take that stance, we better be prepared to take that mentality to all other divisions.

BMT has not played a full round robin in this pool and has only played 1 of the top 4 teams, and played the bottom three. And I will echo what Amanda said about teams moving down to C. Does this make the pool more competitive if we move teams down.

Wayne – BMT, LAC, and FT. Mac all have similar stats. How do we move one team without moving the other teams? Also, we struggle against the south. Our top teams in the division are competitive with mid-range teams in the south. I know this is for BGL play but that is something that needs to be discussed.

Wayne – Posting a vote for these teams to advance/retreat.

Hinton:

Result: Hinton to remain in 16A for session 2.

BMT/Ft. Mac/LAC:

Results: All three teams will remain in U16B for session 2.

Wayne: Recommendation is for teams to move down.

- EDM-U16B-1
- EDM-U16B-2
- FSK-U16B-1

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – There has been competitive equity with the STA teams and other EDM teams in 16B. Have concerns with travel as well. FSRA will be a package decision with Edmonton.

Gord McQueen (EFCLRA) - Looking for two pools to avoid playing the higher-level teams. Same comments as Michael and would rather two pools at U16B (Black & Gold).

Sandra - What is the package deal? Are the two Edmonton teams tied together?

Gord - Yes, they were created as equal so hard to move one and not the other.

Karen - We have engaged with both teams/coaches. The coach of 16B-1 said she wanted to see if they could get into 'C' tournaments. They went to Calgary and won gold. They want competitive play and to stay in B. The coach of 16B-2 said they polled their players and want to stay in B as well.

Wayne – Posting a vote for these teams to retreat:

Results: Teams will retreat for session 2.

U16B will be 1 pool.

U16C will be 1 pool.

U14AA – no movement recommended.

U14A - no movement recommended.

U14B – LAC has requested to retreat to U14C.

Wayne – any discussion or concerns? (None).

LAC moved down – no poll required.

U14C – LED recommended to advance. Their UAA score was right on the cut line.

Amy Shipley (LRA) – LED is ok with advancing to U14B.

Landyn Carr (BMT) - Can we pull affiliates from a team within the same division?

Karen Garlitos (EFCLRA) - No you cannot based on our experience. RAB will provide an extension to get new affiliates lined up as they did that for us.

U12A – No movement recommended.

U12B – Recommending LAC and FMCB-2 retreat to C. Remaining teams would form two pools for Session 2 and championship events.

Cheryl Talma (LAC) – LAC is willing to move down to U12C.

Jeff McDonald (FMRA) – FMCB-2 is willing to move down to U12C as well.

U12C – PEM is requesting to Advance.

U12 Pool will be split in two – Black & Gold.

U12B: 2 pools for session 2																
	Team	UAA	GP	W	L	T	PTS	Pt %	GF	GA	GD	GF/(GF+GA)	+/-25%	PIM	Request / Comment	
2	SGV-U12B-1	23.0	8	8	0	0	16	100%	77	28	49	73%	NO	40	Close games vs STA, EDM	
3	STA-U12B-2	33.0	8	7	1	0	14	88%	102	24	78	81%	YES	40	Close games vs SGV	
4	STA-U12B-1	32.0	8	7	1	0	14	88%	76	24	52	76%	YES	52	Close games vs SGV, EDM	
5	BMT-U12B-1	25.0	8	6	2	0	12	75%	71	34	37	68%	NO	24	Close games vs LED, HIN	
6	FSK-U12B-1	28.9	7	5	2	0	10	71%	51	32	19	61%	NO	42		
7	EDM-U12B-1	28.7	8	5	3	0	10	63%	60	56	4	52%	NO	38		
9	LED-U12B-1	31.8	8	4	4	0	8	50%	41	55	(14)	43%	NO	42		
0	FMC-U12B-1	29.0	8	4	4	0	8	50%	69	67	2	51%	NO	24		
1	RDR-U12B-1	13.0	7	3	4	0	6	43%	41	54	(13)	43%	NO	36		
2	HIN-U12B-1	25.9	8	2	5	0	4	25%	56	66	(10)	46%	NO	48		
3	SPK-U12B-2	22.0	8	2	6	0	4	25%	28	63	(35)	31%	NO	18		
4	SPK-U12B-1	22.4	8	1	6	1	3	19%	34	72	(38)	32%	NO	32		
5	PEM-U12C-1	20.0	8	8	0	0	16	100%	87	11	76	89%	YES	26	Requesting advance to U12B (Gold)	

Amy (LRA) – I’m trying to decide if we want to be in the upper pool.

Wayne - Give us a response in 24/48 hours on which pool you’d like to be in.

Wayne - Can we get some input on the STA U12C-3 team.

Laurelle Loe (STA) - All three teams were made equally so we’d like to see them stay in C.

Wayne – Does the membership need to vote on this?

Membership – No.

U10S3:

Wayne – We are looking at splitting to two pools of 6. Are there any concerns?

Team	UAA	GP	W	L	T	PTS	Pt %	GF	GA	GD	GF/(GF+GA)	+/-25%	PIM	Request / Comment
STA-U10S3-1	35.8	6	6	0	0	12	100%	49	18	31	73%	NO	18	
STA-U10S3-2	36.6	6	5	1	0	10	83%	64	10	54	86%	YES	32	
LAC-U10S3-1	34.9	6	4	1	1	9	75%	33	21	12	61%	NO	28	
SPK-U10S3-1	32.0	6	3	1	2	8	67%	31	24	7	56%	NO	12	
FSK-U10S3-1	35.3	6	2	1	3	7	58%	29	19	10	60%	NO	18	
FSK-U10S3-2	35.3	6	3	2	1	7	58%	45	26	19	63%	NO	14	
SPK-U10S3-2	33.0	6	2	2	2	6	50%	29	23	6	56%	NO	28	
SGV-U10S3-1	30.1	6	2	3	1	5	42%	20	29	(9)	41%	NO	2	
EDM-U10S3-1	31.5	6	1	3	2	4	33%	42	29	13	59%	NO	30	
RDR-U10S3-1	27.5	6	1	4	1	3	25%	18	41	(23)	31%	NO	18	
EDM-U10S3-2	31.7	6	0	5	1	1	8%	15	43	(28)	26%	NO	16	
BMT-U10S3-1	26.2	6	0	6	0	0	0%	6	98	(92)	6%	YES	2	

Amanda Forester (SPRA) - What do the SPK-2 team games look like?

Wayne – There are some outliers but relatively equal games.

Amanda - I believe this coach wanted to be in the higher pool. I can confirm momentarily.

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) - We would be ok with SPK-2 moving up.

Amanda – We are ok with both teams in the upper pool.

U10S2/1:

Does anyone have any concerns that their team is in the wrong spot.

PEM S1 is requesting to move to U10S2.

Wayne - Sandra can teams email you if they want to move down?

Sandra - For sure. We do take UAA scores into account to build competitive game play. For session 2 we would see teams play various teams, but for the wind-up we would consider the UAA scores and make the necessary adjustments to ensure equal play.

10. Association Round Table

BMT: Nothing

CEN: 3v3 in Dec. If interested, we take team and individual registrations.

CGY AA: Nothing (not in attendance at this point).

DVR: Nothing.

EFCLRA: January Jamboree (19-21st); Free registration for AS teams. Still have room for 2x Step 3 teams. The silver Ring is this weekend (Nov 12-19). 56 teams from BC, AB, and SK.

ERC: Nothing

FSK: ½ jamboree in Bruderheim coming up.

FMC: Nothing.

HIN: Jan 19-21 looking for U10S2, U12B and U16A teams to fill tournament.

LAC: For games scheduled in FMC – if we could have two LAC teams go at same time. Reg for U10, U12 and Open tournament in January just opened. Regular tournament this weekend as well.

LED: Nothing.

PEM: Nothing.

RDR: Nothing.

SGR: Hosted a successful fundraiser for women's hygiene products (1338 items donated). Nothing else.

SPR: Nothing

STA: Nothing

Zone 2 : Not in attendance.

Sandra: From RAB:

- **Remind about the ALIAS (anonymous) 3rd party reporting system for abuse and mistreatment (to streamline complaints and make them mostly anonymous).**
- **Locations for provincials. Commitments for 16A/19A & 16B only. December 15th is the deadline and if no host steps up those divisions will be cancelled for provincials.**

11. Adjournment **9:39pm**

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 6, 2024, General Discussion

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