



Black Gold League - Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, February 6 @ 8:00pm Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order / Attendance

Meeting called at 8:01pm.

Chelsea Cameron (BGL)	Wayne Martin (BGL)	Michael Greenwood (FSRA)	Sandra Fenton (BGL)
Aaron Bomke (SGRA)	Amanda Forster (SPRA)	Amanda Couture (HRA)	Brad Jorgensen (CAS)
Carolyn Normand (RDR)	Chantal Berube	Colleen Caldwell (SARA)	Janice Tymkow (PRA)
Jay Adamson (CAS)	Jeff McDonald (FMRA)	Jessica W (SPRA)	Jody Cherdarchuk (ERC)
Karen Garlitos (EFCRA)	Laurelle Loe (SARA)	Lee Shalapay (BGL)	Lori
Melissa Trider (DVRA)	Mike Johnston (PRA)	Mike Baker (LRA)	Rob Peirson (BGL)
Shauna Grzyb (RDR)	Tashia Lepage (HRA)	Tony Norrad (BGL)	

2. Additions to Agenda

None. Michael Greenwood (FSRA) motions, Tasha (HIN). Motion passed.

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) motions, Tasha (HIN). Motion passed.

4. Financial Update – Tony

Invoices will be sent out the U12 fees for the U12 League Championships which will be maintained at \$850/team. There will not be any invoices sent for U10 until all games have been completed, as these games are cost-shared, totals billed to each association cannot be sent until all costs are received. Please have ice allocators send their invoices with the ice cost breakdowns.

Host grants will be sent out this week \$180/scheduled ice hour. 50% paid up front – which is what will come out this week. Balance will be paid out upon the completion of the championships themselves.

5. Statistician Update – Lee

Session 2 game sheets were substantially better than session 1. For session 3 please ensure that minor officials, especially spectator liaisons, are listed on all games.

Thank you for everyone keeping to the schedule during the cold snap. We only had ~6 reschedules out of that weekend.

If you need exhibition game schedules or game sheets during downtime between league and provincials, just get in touch and we can make those for you.

Wayne – Has there been any feedback from ice allocators on reschedules or exhibition games.

Lee – It's important to ensure that all reschedule requests are reasonable requests before asking.

6. VP Update - Rob

Statistics:

20 player penalty average warnings, with 50/50 split between session 1 and 2.

Resulted in 5 suspensions. Another 5 for 10 minutes in a game. From the 10 suspensions 2 of them were from the same player.

A couple suspensions of coaching staff, and a couple misconduct fines also issued.

Increased chatter from teams and spectators that our fans behaviour has not been acceptable. There has been a large uptick to ALIAS which stems from spectator behaviour. I understand that this is the end of the season and leads to intense situations, but it also needs to be said that everyone needs to remain respectful.

Spectator liaison needs to be sitting with their fans and actually sitting in the stands. They should not be in the penalty box or filming or standing off by the goalie.

It is incorrect that session 3 does not need a spectator liaison. It is still required to have this position filled for all session 3 games.

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – Has the warning program been beneficial?

Rob – I would like to dig deeper into the year over year data, but I do feel it has been beneficial and it also provides clear data on if those being warned are changing their behaviour on ice. Overall, I would say yes it's working.

Melissa Trider (DVRA) – Spectator liaison not being listed is noted as a possible forfeit. Is that something that will be pursued? Who's responsibility is it to enter it?

Rob – We haven't added this to the discussion as we've had good compliance rates. Also, in the electronic game sheets we've seen them being entered in as staff. We are trying to give grace to teams as we transitioned to electronic game sheets. Once we have a statistician, we will be looking at imposing tougher restrictions in future seasons. As a reminder, managers are still required to ensure that all information is entered.

Colleen Caldwell (STA) – I'm finding that there isn't contact information for team staff on the BGL website in order to relay information to the other manager re: spectator liaison. Maybe a comment for consideration to help improve information.

Rob – I will be collecting information starting now for further discussion at the AGM in improving things.

7. Referee In Chief Update - Sylvie

Absent.

Wayne – Sylvie will work with the RIC's for U10/U12 championships to ensure proper coverage on games. As a rule, we do try to not include first year refs on these games.

8. Scheduler Review – Sandra

a. Session 3

b. U12 Championships

c. U10 Windup

AA provincials. There was no host for 16/19. Lee did a lot of work to find ice to make sure these events went forward. LED, BMT & EDM FED. helped to support these events happening with supplying ice.

14A/14B/19B session 3 schedule will be out this week.

Divisions that did not have a single pool – questions were raised on how they were formed. For host teams, teams seeded as 1st drop to the last place in the division. The session 3 tech package is a provincial document, and if there are any questions on please reach out to Wayne.

More neutral ice being used that normal. Ice allocators need to pass these slots on to the treasurers so that invoices can be sent to the home-team who is using the ice. It is not because of the AA provincials, but due to the AWG and the 16B teams that have requested a blackout. It also includes HIN/Ft. MAC in the 16B division where they must play games in the Edmonton area.

Wayne – HIN U16A will be playing in U16B, and Leglace will also be participating in session 3. Any questions on this?

Tashia (HIN) – This was not forwarded to our U16 coach. How will this count as we are not going to provincials.

Wayne – All games will be exhibition and will not count towards anyone's standings towards provincial qualifications. It won't count towards anything for session 3.

Sandra – Executive did approve 1 reschedule per team for session 3. Rules surrounding this was supplied and to date we haven't seen any issues or complaints with teams utilizing their reschedule.

U12 – all schedules are done, and all will be released (minus 1) this coming Thursday. The one held back, RDR supplied a large chunk of ice and would like some ice for session 3 if possible. Schedule for this will be one week later (12A)

12A – Lacombe March 8-10 games played in RDR though.

12B Black Beaumont March 15-17

12B Gold Hinton March 15-17

12C Black St. Albert March 1-3

12C Gold Ft. Sask March 15-17

U10S1 – not in single location, schedule is still ongoing. Will come out next week.

U10S2 - Pembina will host in one location as they were able to get a significant chunk of ice. March 2-3

U10S3 Black Sherwood Park March 8-10

These two schedules will be sent out this week.

U10S3 Gold Edmonton March 8-10

EDM needs one more ice slot, so they've asked for time to find that or secure a neutral slot.

For U12 events Sandra has all the medals and banners. The hosts will need to plan to pick up these. Same for U10S3.

For U10S2, Pembina has been notified that we have participation medals. As it is all in one location, Pembina has been asked to hand out all the medals that weekend.

BLG reps will still need to pick up participation medals for their U10S1 teams. Please reach out in the coming week.

Wayne – it is noted that the schedule is wrong on the website for U12C gold.

Lee – I will update that tonight. Schedules for these groups will be linked to the u10 U12 buttons on the website as well for people to find easily.

9. Association Round Table

BMT – Nothing.

CEN – Nothing.

CGY – Not here.

DVR – Nothing.

EFCLRA – Nothing.

ERC - Nothing.

FSK – General note for AGM. Comments on new refs and discrepancies and how we can see better consistencies across all games.

FMC – Nothing.

HIN – Nothing.

LAC – Nothing.

LED – Thank everyone for their effort – always appreciate. Nothing else.

PEM – Nothing.

RDR – At the AGM, will there be more discussion around the weather policy and if there are changes needed.

Wayne/Rob – yes, it's on the list for the AGM.

SGA – Nothing.

SPK – Learn to play series will be offered in mid April, and hosting come try even as well.

City championships in south and can we look at discussing alignment at the AGM.

STA – Nothing.

Zone 2 – Not here.

10. Adjournment / Next Meeting • BGL – AGM, May 11, 2024 / Location TBD

In person. Location will be confirmed in the next month or so. Will be on a Saturday and most likely starting at noon – like past years.

If you have any items you'd like discussed at the AGM please forward them to be added to the agenda. We do need to know well in advance to prep properly. Also allows for BGL to seek feedback if needed from the membership before the meeting.

There will be the election of officers. Positions are not known now but will be communicated once we have that information.

9:01pm adjourned.

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