



Black Gold League – Start Up Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2024 @ 7:00pm
Online Meeting

1.0 Call to Order

7:02pm

2.0 Introduction & Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda.

Motion to adopt agenda – Michael Greenwood, Janice Tymkow 2nds.

Motion Carried.

Chelsea Cameron (BGL)	Wayne Martin (BGL)	Amanda Hatto (LAC)	Amanda Courture (HRA)	Amy Shipley (LRA)
Aaron Bomke (SGRA)	Brad Jorgensen (CAS)	Corrine ???	Carolyn Normand (RDR)	Daniel Berkvens (FSRA)
Dan Stetic (SPRA)	Gord McQueen (EFCLRA)	Heather Henning (CGY)	Janice Tymkow (PEM)	Jay Adamson (CAS)
Jeff McDonald (FMRA)	Jessica Winship (SPRA)	Lee Shalapay (BGL)	Laurelle Loe (SRA)	Liz Herbert (ERC)
Mark Nessler (BRA)	Melissa Trider (DVRA)	Michael Greenwood (FSRA)	Mike Johnston (PEM)	Rob Peirson (BGL)
Sandra Fenton (BGL)	Shantell Robb (LAC)	Shauna Gryzb (RDR)	Sylvie Dubois (BGL)	Tania Schwartzberger (Zone 2)
Yvette Wagar (STA)				

3.0 Introduction of BGL Executive and Association Representatives

Wayne Martin – BGL President (4th year).

All executive are returning from last year – we have lots of returning experience to support the upcoming season.

New Association Reps

Nothing.

4.0 Financial Update – Tony

(Absent)

Nothing to highlight – no changes over the summer.

If you do have a new treasurer who doesn't use a standardized email, please ensure their contact details are provided to Tony.

No comments from membership to pass to Tony.

5.0 Information for Ice Allocators & Critical Dates Review – Sandra

5.1 Feedback from associations on League Championship dates at end of March and the impact of spring break

Changes to critical dates:

- **U12 – concerns with their windup events happening over spring break. The decision was to move all championships to one weekend (Mar 28-30) back in May at AGM.**

Amanada (HRA) – Large downtime period and extension to their season if we move to the end of March.

Sandra – This weekend was chosen because it was easier to schedule. We can change the weekend – the group tonight must come to consensus. It is this group's decision how early or late we book these championships.

Wayne – Re: Big gap. We would just run league games later to remove the gap.

Amy Shipley (LRA) – I would like to push it back a week.

Michael Greenwood (FSRA) – It's been said before that teams would like a period to recover from illness / injury before championships commence.

Sandra – We do need teams to wrap league games up roughly two weeks before the championships start, which gives them this rest/recovery period.

RDR, HRA, STA, FSRA all would support moving up 1 week.

Amanda Hatto (LAC) – Central AB has conflicting spring breaks.

Sandra – Re: Last years schedule. We did finish last year by middle of March. So, we can do this again this year.

Wayne – I will launch a poll for the membership to vote.

75% of membership in favour of moving championships up to be in line with end of 2023 season.

Sandra – The dates for U12 will be March 7-9 or 14-16. I will move U12 accordingly.

6.0 BGL Website - Lee

6.1 Submission of contact info (Ice Allocators, BGL Reps, Treasurers)

Submission of contact information was due August 1st.

I have some but not all. If something has changed, please make sure it has been updated. Please send this to my BGL email and I will update the website.

Wayne – we use these lists to send out information from BGL to our membership. If you want someone specific added, we need that information provided to ensure proper flow out to all necessary people.

Re: Website / Stats

For registration, from RAB, everyone will need to use REG SYNC. I will create a reference sheet and send it to the BGL reps to share with your registrar. It will link everything to RAB main database.

This is mandated by RAB – all associations must comply.

Laurell Loe (SRA) – Our rep will reach out as she can't see the BGL League as an option.

Re: Exhibition Games

All games are to be booked through BGL. There will be a button on the main page for teams to submit game information on the BGL website. A game code will be created and will be scheduled. The game will also be forwarded to RIC to schedule refs. This will align all games in a similar format as league play.

7.0 Referee-In-Chief – Sylvie

50% response rate w/ 70% return rate. All of the high game takers have all come back.

There will be no retainers this year, and no mileage/rate changes.

Cancellation and Assigning fees (re: Tournaments) will change and will be posted to the website.

Christine Pittman will be scheduling all AA for EDM and greater area.

Kim Patten will schedule all 14A-19A for EDM and greater area.

Ramp changes coming – better user interface. We will be looking to work those bugs out in the early season exhibition games before getting right into the season.

We do have a process for notifying teams regarding ref assigning for exhibition games, and we'll be working on improving that line of communication this season.

If any association does not have an RIC and would like some to do rules 101 or Q&A I would be happy to help out or step into a meeting. Please send me an email if this is something your association is interested in.

8.0 2024/2025 Season Overview

8.1 Feedback from associations on number of league games

Amanda Hatto (LAC) – we lose our ice for 2-2-1/2 weeks in the middle of session 1. Our teams are not opposed to travelling but we will be short ice that may impact # of games.

****General table discussion – membership looking for reminder of how many games each division is scheduled for each session.****

U10 S1/S2 - Session 1 – 6 games; Session 2 – 6 games. Has increased from 10 to 12 in past years. No concerns w/ # of games.

U10S3 – Session 1 – 6 games; Session 2 – 8 games. No concerns w/ # of games.

U12 – Session 1 – 8 games; Session 2 – 10 games. No concerns w/ # of games.

Wayne – Please note that total game count does not include championship or windup weekend games.

U14-U16 & U19A – Session 1 – 8 games; Session 2 – 8 games.

U19B – Session 1 – 8 games; Session 2 – 10 games. U19B is the last provincials of the season which is why games have been added. This shortens up their gap between session 2 and 3.

Wayne – Sandra, with changes to provincial dates is U19B still effected?

Sandra - U14A – U14C – U16C – U19B are all in the last week of provincials. We could add more games to all these divisions technically.

Chelsea – Can U19's start later?

Sandra – We could start them later for Session 2.

Wayne – Starting later might not be an option as we need time to account for reschedules and bad weather. It might be better to align U19B with the other divisions down to 16 games.

Wayne – I will launch a poll for the membership to vote.

87% of membership vote to keep U12/U19B games at 18 for the season.

Sandra – I will leave the same. If something changes before session 2 and we need to cut games we can do that, but ice allocators will be able to plan for their season based on this information.

AA – Session 1 – 8 games; Session 2 – 8 games.

Sandra – U19AA SPRA did request an increase for AA games. We need to look at 14 and 16 first, then we can discuss 19 outside of those two divisions.

Laurelle Loe (STA) – We were looking for a U16AA session 3.

Sandra – There are several options for the # of teams for provincials. In past years, it has been an all-inclusive division. If we see an increase in teams from the north,

then we would have to do a session 3 to assess teams who go to provincials. Based on how we do our re-pooling, it makes it hard to assess if we'll have a session 3. Regardless of how many teams declare in September, that does not mean the number will be static come re-pooling (i.e., U16A being advanced to AA).

Consensus from membership is that U14-16AA games ok.

U19AA were presented two scenarios. 1 would result in them have 18 games and another would have them playing 21 games. It makes some assumptions that we would be running multiple hubs (like NRL format / mini tournament style).

CGY U19AA hub was successful but we struggled with officials and there will be issues with securing enough ice.

This is not a discussion we can discuss tonight as we need ice allocators to provide ice for these types of events.

We could increase 1 game in each session but I'm not a fan of odd numbers. Ultimately, I just need to know if you want to increase the game #.

Sylvie – If we are going to increase games, we will need to work with associations to create efficiencies with ice this would be beneficial for schedule officials. We don't have the officials to schedule additional games. So, unless associations work together, we don't have officials to make the additional games happen.

Sandra – I can work with the ice allocators to manage neutral ice. Hub weekends are more about having multiple teams playing the same number of games in a weekend. This will create equal footing in a fresh/non-fresh game across all teams and free up other weekends to do things.

Wayne – Can you talk to the ice allocators, and we can address this at the team declaration meeting in September.

Wayne – I will launch a poll for the membership to vote.

Response split 50/50. We will defer to discussion from ice allocators and review in September.

8.2 Weather-Travel Policy

No draft presented for discussion/review at the meeting.

Wayne – I would propose that the six associations who wanted a change need to bring a draft to the next meeting.

SPRA, FMRA, LAC, PEM, EFCRA, RDR are the associations that spoke of change at the AGM in May.

8.3 Tiering Committee

RAB is proposing recommendations for tiering which will be out on September 9th.

Janice Tymkow (PEM) – Once the AA teams are formed, the data from current registrations will be pulled and used to make tiering recommendations.

There are two town halls happening this week where all this information will be presented. This is a provincial focus to even out game play.

8.4 Competition Committee

The committee will be reviewing end of session 1 and 2 to recommend advance and retreat. Will not change how we do our re-pooling, it will just be providing a recommendation to where teams could be placed.

Sandra – Between Session 1 and Session 2, if there is a team that looks like they need to be moved they will make a recommendation.

Between Session 2 and 3, they would have the ability to move the team if they were not in the right place.

8.5 Estimate of # of Teams and Divisions

****SPRA – U10S1 plays in house session 1, BGL session 2. U10S2 plays BGL session 1, in hour session 2.**

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2024-25 Team Estimates																			
	U10			U12			U14				U16				U19			Total	
	S1	S2	S3	C	B	A	C	B	A	AA	C	B	A	AA	B	A	AA		
BMT	2	2	1		1			2				1			1			10	maybe 2
CEN										1				1				2	
CGY																	2	2	
DVY	1		1									1						3	
EDM	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		2	1		20	
ERC										1				1			1	3	
FMC					2			1				1			1			5	
FSK	1	2	1	1	1	1		1										8	
HIN		1			1			1							1			4	
LAC			1		2			2				2			1			8	maybe 2
LED	1	1			1			1				1		1				6	
PEM		1			1			1				1			1			5	
RDR			1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1		11	
SGV	2	2	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	16	
SPK	4	2	2	1	3	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	27	
STA			2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	2	1	1	18	
Z2																		1	
	13	13	12	8	18	6	4	13	5	5	2	13	5	6	13	6	7	149	

Wayne – We are just behind last season by a few teams (149 vs 151 teams).

9.0 Association Round Table

BMT – Request OA U16 to play U14.

Wayne – Bring to declaration meeting once all teams are formed. There is a form online that you can submit in advance to BGL.

CEN – U14AA / 16AA Nov 22-24 Tournamet.

CGY – Nothing.

DVRA – Nothing.

EFCRA – Silver Ring. 4 Game Guarantee. Nov & Jan.

ERC – Nothing.

FMRA – Nothing.

FSRA – Nothing.

HRA – Nothing.

LAC – U14-19 Tourney – Nov 29-Dec 1. U10-12-Open Jan 24-26th.

LRA – Nothing.

PEM – Nothing.

RDR – Tournament Jan 3-5.

SGRA – We can use extra U19 players for associations who are unsure of # of teams being fielded.

SPRA – Plat. Ring Nov 8-10 (include Phylis Sadoway as well (AA)). Need goalies at U16/19.

STA – Will be doing acceptance right close to blackout dates, will send a list of BGL teams to Sandra to make everyone's lives easier.

Z2 – More games and supporting the hub weekend.

Sandra – Need to make a decision and confirm if LAC and RDR want double headers for certain teams. Teams will also be provided 1 blackout for session 1. Both will need to be confirmed in September.

10.0 Next Meeting: Team Declarations - Tuesday, September 24, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Meeting adjourned @ 8:48pm.