

GAARA Annual General Meeting - Apr 17, 2018

7PM - Jim Durrell Recreation Centre

Exec Present: Gabrielle Rodrigue (President), Vicki Martin (Secretary), Maureen Carroll (Registrar), Terri-Lyn Campbell (Scheduler/Ice Contracts), Caryn McKee (Coaching Co-ordinator), Kelly Watters (A/B Rep), Chanelle Toshev (Silverspoon Chair), Elysia Ford (Webmaster), Steve Welch (Elite Development, ERRA), Dave Berthelot (Adult Development Coordinator, ERRA), Tanya Martin (C Stats)

Exec Absent: Cassandra Narducci (Vice President), Katie Robinson (Treasurer), Tracy Robillard (C/Dev Rep), Tessa Berthelot (Ref-in-Chief), Erica Moxness (A Stats), Jean-Guy Rodrigue (BB Stats), Sean Simons (B Stats), Melanie Cater (Dev Stats)

Teams Present:

A Division: ABI Sparx, Carleton University Ravens, Houlegans, Nutri-Lawn Panthers, Ottawa Avalanche, Ottawa Blizzard, Ottawa Capitals, The Edge, The Ice, West Ottawa

BB Division: Dilfo Heat, Dino-Mights, Escape Fire Protection, Gatineau, Ice Queens, Ottawa Storm, The Ringers

B Division: Hotshots, Houle Stars, iFathom Mischief, Les Girls, MissFits, West Carleton 7

C Division: Devils, Goulbourn Shoot-hers, Hot Flashes, Ottawa Eclipse, SNAP, Stealers, Vanier Rebels, West Carleton Tigers

Dev Division: Blue Lightning, East End Ringers, Goldiggers, Metcalfe Hornets, Orleans Eastenders, Ottawa Rookies, White Thunder

Teams Absent:

A Division: Tux Express, uOttawa Gee Gees, Fuzion

B Division: Jaguars, L'il Devils, Metcalfe Falcons, Ottawa Blast, West Ottawa

Item	Discussion	Required Action
Review and approve minutes from Nov GM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes approved• All actions completed	

<p>President's report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playoff winners 2. Realignment for next year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gaby thanked everyone for a good year, and the exec for the work they do. ● The Making Headway course needs to be taken by registered bench staff. You can't be on the TRF next year if you haven't. The course is taken online and is no longer being offered for free. ● Congratulations to the playoff winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Carleton Carleton University Ravens ○ BB: Dino-Mights ○ B: Houle Stars ○ C: West Carleton Tigers ○ Dev: East End Ringers. ● Realignment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are looking at realignment for next year. No decisions have been finalized yet, but they will be looked at over the summer. Teams that will be affected will get notified when the decisions are made. GAARA may inform the whole division of changes. We are not planning to move any teams down. ○ If teams request to move, the exec makes a decision based on their team roster. Decision will be made ASAP because we need to know how big each division is. ○ Teams who we are looking at moving up should not be surprised. 	
<p>Positions up for election this year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The following people were elected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President, Gabrielle Rodrigue ○ Secretary, Vicki Martin ○ Scheduler, Terri-Lyn Campbell ○ Coaching Coordinator (Caryn McKee): carried ○ Division Rep A, Steve Welch ○ Division Rep BB/B/C/Dev, Tracy Robillard ● We are looking to have someone or several people shadow Terri-Lyn next year, to take over the position in the following year (2019-2020). Terri-Lyn will be available to help them after she steps down. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cassandra is stepping down as the Vice-President, leaving this position vacant. We need someone to take over this position, which mainly deals with player evaluations. 	
Secretary's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bond refunds e-transfers will be sent out on May 1. Vicki has a spreadsheet available about how much each team is getting back. ● The bond refund cheque for Ottawa Eclipse was given to Nanci Laroche. 	
Silverspoon report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The tournament was very big this year year, with more teams than previous years. ● The tournament ran smoothly during the weekend, but the organization beforehand fell apart. ● The Silverspoon committee consisted of at best 2 people, when it should be at least 6. Chanelle carried most of the organization alone. ● To keep doing the tournament, we need more people to get involved running it. ● The reason the tournament exists is for the GAARA teams, we need to get more support. ● 6 major positions identified for the tournament to run efficiently, the position descriptions were sent out to all teams by email (some teams did not receive this email). We need people to fill these roles by May 1. Must be a solid commitment. If you are interested, , contact silverspoon@gaara.ca. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registration coordinator ○ Game scheduler ○ Volunteer & ref scheduler ○ Sponsors & prize coordinator ○ Come Try Ringette coordinator ○ Tournament coordinator ● If by mid-May we don't have a full committee, the tournament will not run next year. ● We also need more volunteers. In the past, there has been a \$50 bond for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elysia will put information about these positions on website.

	<p>Silverspoon that teams get back if they provide a minimum of 5 volunteer hours. Not every team does this and it led to big issue this year. Volunteers are needed for minor official duties, the troubleshooting desk, and for the lunch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was also had a problem scheduling volunteering. Chanelle tried to accommodate availability and experience, but many volunteers backed out last minute or had last minute request for changes. Volunteers may be responsible for arranging changes in the future.• The point of the tournament is to promote ringette at the adult level. GAARA was created because of Silverspoon. It was only after the tournament was a success that the league was created. The tournament has been running for 42 years.• There were 31 teams in the tournament this year. 22 teams were from GAARA.• The Come Try Ringette event was very successful, with 22-24 participants. Chanelle followed up with people afterwards about getting them involved with Dev teams for next year and there was a significant level of interest. Dev team reps should talk to Chanelle about these new potential players.• Tournaments are a great way to develop the sport. Example, 5 years ago, 14 ladies went together to the Kingston tournament. This tournament team has turned into 2 Dev teams currently in GAARA.• We don't want to raise registration to stay competitive with other tournaments in the area.• We may increase the number of hours teams are required to provide to get the bond back.• We should put together information about the history of Silverspoon.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are also look into getting teams in a game to help provide minor officials for that game. This has been tried in the past but is not always feasible for out-of-town teams. ● A motion was made to raise the Silverspoon bond next year to \$100: 33 votes for, carried. ● This year there were at least 1-2 out of town teams in each division. ● The tournament often loses money because we pay adult ice, though in recent years the tournament has broken even. ● Deficits happen when you don't have a committee. ● Adult tournaments are never going to be a fundraiser because the costs are just too high. ● We plan to bring back the silver spoons for winners next year. ● We learned a lot from this year and plan to do what we can to avoid having the same issues in the future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elysia to put Silverspoon history information on the website.
<p>Scheduler's report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ice allocation 2. Ice pools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Email should have gone out to all teams on Apr 4th. There was a different email sent to ice pool teams than to those who bring their own ice. ● The proposed dates to run the season are Sept 9, 2018 to Mar 31, 2019, with a break for Christmas. There will also be a break during the Nepean tournament and Silverspoon. We will try to avoid the school March break. ● Our ice application to the city is due Apr 26. GAARA submitting for 26-28 teams in the ice pool, which is similar to numbers for last year. We are applying for similar ice from last year and expect to get similar ice from the city. ● The price for ice going up 5-6%, to \$319.80 ● An excel sheet will be sent out to teams who bring their ice. It will be easier to have everyone using the same format and we can get the city to give ice in 	

	<p>Excel format as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be only one pool moving forward. Teams in the ice pool can express a preference for East (east of St Laurent) or Central (west of St Laurent). If you want a preference, please get it in ASAP. No promises are made about which ice you will be assigned, but we will try our best. 	
Registrar's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-registration is starting up soon. An email will be sent May 1. Online registration, including a minimum of 10 players, is required by June 15. The template will be on the GAARA website. • Please include as much tournament information as you can, especially for less known tournaments. • The first payment for the ice pool is due June 15. Registration fees will be due around July 4. The remainder of fees are due at the Sept meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen to send out email • Elysia make sure links are obvious on website to find info about registration and tournaments.
New business/ Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One issue to discuss more in Sept is to look into the purpose of the Dev division and whether stronger players be moved up. The exec is already looking into this as part of our realignment discussion. We are looking into team stats and players stats to try to get the whole picture. • We are still looking into whether or not the A team should be divided. If anyone has strong feelings either way, let the exec know ASAP. • Broken shot clocks have been an issue, as well as minor officials who didn't know how to work the shot clock. When either issue arises, it needs to be communicated to the exec during the year so they can be addressed. There is a fine for not providing proper minor officials. You should also let Terri-Lyn know about shot clocks that don't work. • The GAARA Facebook group is useful to finding volunteers to work the clock. Penny McMullan also offers a paid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<p>service to GAARA teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been new players joining GAARA through summer ringette run by Ringette for Life.• We aren't not seeing a lot of retention with the players aging out of kids ringette. The minor associations do reach out to Dave and Nanci, who are from ORA Adult, about joining GAARA.• Motion to adjourn, 8:33 PM, carried.	
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