

GAARA GM – Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Walkley Arena – Ellwood hall, 7pm

Exec Present: Gabrielle Rodrigue (President), Maureen Carroll (Registrar), Terri-Lyn Campbell (Scheduler/Ice Contracts), Caryn McKee (Coaching Co-ordinator), Tracy Robillard (BB/B/C rep), Chanelle Toshev (Silverspoon Chair), Steve Welch (Elite Development, ERRA), Dave Berthelot (Adult Development Coordinator, ERRA) Erica Moxness (A Stats), Tanya Martin (C Stats, acting secretary)

Guests: Ellorie Hanson (Membership Services, ERRA)

Exec Absent: Vicki Martin (Secretary), Katie Robinson (Treasurer), Elysia Ford (Webmaster), Jean-Guy Rodrigue (BB Stats), Sean Simons (B Stats)

Teams Present:

A Division: Carleton University Ravens, Houlegans, Nepean, Nutri-Lawn Panthers, Ottawa Avalanche, Ottawa Blizzard, Ottawa Capitals, Rink Rats The Ice, Tux Express, West Ottawa

BB Division: Gatineau, Ice Queens, Ottawa Blast, Ottawa Storm, The Ringers, West Ottawa

B Division: Devils, Dilfo Heat, Hotshots, Houle Stars, iFathom Mischief, Jaguars, Les Girls, L'il Devils, West Carleton 7, West Carleton Tigers

C Division: Chaos, East End Ringers, Goulbourn Shoot-hers, Hot Flashes, Ottawa Eclipse, SNAP, Vanier Rebels

Dev Division: Blue Lightning, Metcalfe Hornets, Orleans Eastenders, Ottawa Rookies, White Thunder

Teams Absent:

A Division: The Edge

BB Division: Dino-Mights

B Division: West Carleton B, Young Guns

Dev Division: Goldiggers

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm. Introduction of the Executive in attendance.

1. President Report:

- Review AGM minutes / Action items

Vacant positions: scheduler

Positions for Silverspoon not put on website as all positions filled within days of the meetings – Thank you!

History of the Silverspoon on website Elysia working on it

Maureen sent out pre-registration email.

Elysia posted links for all tournaments

Dev division stronger team moved up to C so hopefully that alleviate the concerns about the strong teams/players in the division.

Shot Clock and timekeeping - please report any issues with shot clocks/clocks to your division rep so it can be taken care of. Without any report, we will have no idea.

Error on the minutes of AGM – Tanya Martin (C Stats) marked absent and she was in attendance.

ACTION ITEM – Vicki to amend minutes to have Tanya Martin in attendance.

Motion to approve the AGM minutes with the amendment by Gabby seconded by Tracy Robillard.

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- Date of September GM – Discussion on with this meeting usually falling on the first day of school, should it be pushed to later in the week. Majority okay with pushing back a bit.
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ACTION ITEM – Exec to look at options to move this meeting.

- Voting in new Exec:
 - i. Vice-President: Lisa Rausch Nominated by Gabby, seconded by Tracy, unanimous - carried
 - ii. Ref-in-Chief: Anick Lafontaine Nominated by Gabby, seconded by Maureen seconded, unanimous - carried
 - iii. Dev Stats: Donna Carroll nominated by Gabby, seconded by Tracy seconded, unanimous - carried
- GAARA Code of Conduct – looking at developing one with new VP as we currently use ORA as fall back. Talk more at the Nov AGM. Send any emails, concerns, suggestions on a code of conduct to VP Lisa. Terri-Lyn discussed why there is a need for a code of conduct.

Question about signing one currently, Maureen indicated there is Team Contract on the GAARA template and team reps should share with teams.

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ACTION ITEM – Draft of Code of Conduct to be created

- Have a great season!

2. Scheduler's report

- At this point sept schedule is out and on website. Rest delayed due to a team potentially folded. Thanks to all teams that followed standard submission as it increased the efficiency of the task. Reminder that if you commit in June, you are committed as if you pullout it creates havoc.
- We received plenty of ice so we were able to return many 10pm ice slots. No idea what will happen next year. On a whole able to accommodate preferences for East and West ice for the most part. If not drop Terri-Lyn a line to fix for next year.
- Teams may get an extra game in the A division to account for the team folding as we are already committed to the ice.
- 10pm Sat night solo slot is a difficult time to find refs so be really kind to those refs and there maybe times you only have one ref. Team will work on finding different ice time.
- Request for teams not to play at certain arenas, can't accommodate those request. Brewer is big one. Did mention to the City, but we still get ice at that arena as the City deems it safe for adults. An effort has been made to spread out the timeslots amongst all the team so not as dramatic affect on teams. Question, can we not keep 10pm Ray Friel instead of 10pm Ray Friel, good question, there is the east to west issue and late hour when people work the next day. But it is a good point.
- Fall schedule will be on in one week. Winter schedule in early Dec. After the Nov AGM.
- B division has become big, so it is split into two. A division is staying as one since lots of movements.

- Question, Dec ice schedule, one team requested about so many games during the holiday party season. TL – question for April timeframe, but have to use ice that is provided by teams.

ACTION ITEM – April mtg remind teams to bring forward any scheduling concerns

3. Adult Development Coordinator

- if you are going to tournaments and borrowing players, please fill out form properly; need to know everyone that is missing. Send about two weeks before the event. Turn around time is about 2 days
- Nominating players for awards. Our region is the worse for recognizing volunteers for their contributions. If you know someone who has done something for at least 5 years, please nominated people!
- Channele Toshev presented with Eastern Region Volunteer of the Year award for her dedication and hard work on keeping the Silverspoon tournament and her efforts for furthering adult ringette.

4. Registrar's report –

- please save GAARA template with team name, if you make changes resave it and add the date so Maureen knows which is the most recent version.
- Payment goes to treasurer not registrar.
- If you need to make changes, add date to it.
- All TRF will be out in Oct. Email will be sent to all teams to get TRFs signed and returned to Maureen.
- Ellorie Hanson and Maureen discussed the Nov 1 cut off date for any changes to the TRFs as a hard deadline this year.
- Ellorie receives more request for changes from GAARA than entire region. Partially because rosters are too small. Need to look at rosters now and carry extra players. NO blanket signing off on requests this year. Need to justify the change. Adjustment forms are exceptions, not a process. They could be declined as need to get our ducks in a row. This is the reason why GAARA asked for 13 players on the template as most players were only carrying 10 players.

5. Coaching coordinator's report –

- GAARA website has an updated coaching section. Everything is summarized on the site. If you have any questions send Karyn

question and she will add to FAQ as you are probably not the only one.

- ORA decided head coaches 18+ BB and below can now have CSI or CI. A need CI.
- Clinics will be in Oct and Nov.
- Question about acquiring PD points. After taking a coaching course you have 5 years to acquire a set amount of PD points to keep your coaching status. For CSI coach you need 10 points and 20 points for CI. Get points by coaching and taking courses, rule changes, first aid. Courses taken for other sports may count, contact Caryn to see if they qualify. If you are coaching you have to self report and add them to the profile. Do not get multiple points for coaching more than one team per year. Trainers and managers positions on a TRF do not qualify for PD points. If you don't get the points, and you expired, you do not have to redo the course, you need to acquire the points. You can check your status on your coaching profile on coach.ca
- BB and lower teams don't have to have a head coach for the league, they are required to have a designated individual and that individual will get the suspension or discipline if happens. ORA may be looking at having switch back to having a head coach.

6. Webmaster's report – by email

- Password for spare page, complaints last year that this was not private enough, so password has been added. Password is going to be gaaraspaes All one word, no caps, no spaces
- New recruits should be emailing webmaster to have their info removed from the list.

7. Silverspoon report –

- Big thank you for the outpouring of interest in people wanting to be on the committee.
- 9 people on the committee. Co-chairs Chanelle and Elysia. Everyone has an assigned role ie schedule, registration, come try ringette, last minute details. There may be some growing pains so be patient.
- Registration hoping to be open soon. Email will be sent.
- Registration will close in Dec. Number of teams will be capped to apply early.
- Tournament first weekend of March.

- Bond is now \$100 so if you don't supply volunteers, won't get it back. Sign up for volunteers is in January, 5 hours minimum. If lots of volunteers could be lower, if not many will be higher than 5.
- New logo!

8. Division reps – nothing to report yet

9. Membership Services

- TRF adjustments – Ellorie covered under registrars report.

10. ERRA rep for G & T –

- Teams attending tournaments in Quebec (or another province) must fill out of province form 30 days before you go or you won't have insurance coverage.
- Police checks might be coming back for adults. Teams may have to pay for this cost.
- New rule, can only have four substitutes at a tournament and only two can be lateral substitutes and they include goalies.
- TRF Substitution forms; A and above go to Steve, BB and below goes to Dave
- 48hrs before you go to tournament need the adjustments approved. If it is after the 48hrs may not get approved as has to be approved by all the G & T reps in province. Point of focus for this season so get it done early.
- If there is a major penalty (4min) that can not be fully severed in the game the player receives a one game suspension. All 4 minutes penalties need to be reported by both teams to G & T.
- If you are scheduled to spare with another team, you can't do it, you have to serve the suspension with your home team. Currently not suspended from coaching. If you are a referring, you can ref. This does not apply to other types of suspensions, ie match penalty, suspended from everything. This will be voted on this weekend. Steve will update thru email.

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ACTION ITEM – Steve to email result of vote on the new suspension rules

10. New business / Roundtable –

Discussion about teams with players living on the Quebec side. You need to send release to Ringuette Quebec. After three years they will be permanently released.

Reiteration of grown women should not be abusing officials.

Meeting adjourned 8:24pm.