



# Great Lakes Ringette League

## Meeting Agenda

**Monday November 18, 2019 - 7:00 pm**

**WEBEX – Conference Only – First Meeting solely remote**

**Attendance (Webex Video):** Adam McKinlay, Chris McMichael, Christine Senior, Neil Wang, Tina Gale, Shelley Handley, David Woolcott, Phil Singeris, Greg Turner, Tom Anderson, Alison Curtis, Dan Mitchell, Jordan Kovats, Mark Woods, Michelle Falkiner, Stacey Wright

### **Association Roll Call:**

Ajax – Gord Henderson

Oshawa – Stacey Wright and Colin Deans

Whitby – Christine Senior

Barrie – Jason White

Burlington – Tina Gale

Cambridge – Absent should be removed

Markham – Neil Wang

Mississauga – Mark Woods

Newmarket – Absent

Paris – Absent

Richmond Hill – Steve Fraser

Dorchester – Shelley Handley

Elora Fergus – Allison Curtis

Forest – Adam McKinlay

Guelph – David Woolcott

Kitchener – Absent

London – Andrew Wilkie

Mitchell – Dan Mitchell

St. Marys – Chris McMichael

Waterloo – Absent

## Executive Roll Call:

- President - Phil Singeris (Present)
- Vice President - Jim File (Present)
- Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw (Present)
- Treasurer - Tom Anderson (Present)
- Past President - Greg Turner (Present)
- Central Region Rep - Lisa Tucker (Present)
- Southern Region Rep -Mark Woods **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*** (Present)
- Western Region Rep -Shelley Handley (Present)

**Absent:** Kevin Sweeney

### 1) Requests for items to be added to the agenda & approval of agenda

- Request from David Woolcott - Video Review & how its used
- Concern about U12P scheduling and tiering from Barrie
- Mitchell approves and Dorchester Seconds
- None Opposed

### 2) Approval of Minutes of Sept 23, 2019 meeting

- **Action Items completed:**
  - i. U12p schedule complete
  - ii. List of convenors was sent out
  - iii. Master list of all contacts was sent out
  - iv. Best way to cancel games – no concerns at this point.
    - To cancel a game, it's the responsibility to make everyone aware including coaches, convenors and reach out to re-schedule.
    - The Key is the scheduling reps need to be made aware and not just letting coaches handle on their own without talking to the scheduler.
    - Need to go to website for game change request.
    - Only known issue was with U14A and a delay with St. Marys and Waterloo and the issue was resolved. There was a delay with it being updated on the website.
- Motion to approve – Jim File first, David Woolcott from Guelph second
- None opposed

## CONVENORS:

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 1. U12P  | Jason White - Barrie      |
| 2. U14A  | Nancy Holmes – Kitchener  |
| 3. U14AA | Andrew Wilkie - London    |
| 4. U16A  | Michelle Falkiner - Paris |
| 5. U16AA | Gordon Henderson - Ajax   |
| 6. U19A  | Adam McKinlay - Forest    |
| 7. U19AA | Jim File – Richmond Hill  |

### 3) Convenors Reports:

#### U12P Convenor Report

- All games are played and up to date.
- Everyone is submitting scores except for one game on November 16<sup>th</sup>

- Request made to have a tiered system in the East because scores are showing 4 strong teams vs. weaker teams with large score differences.
- When the schedule was made, an attempt was made to match the team ability with #1 teams playing #1, #2 playing #2 and #3 and #3 play #3 teams. It appears some of the #2 need to be dropped to play
- Does any of the Western teams want to have cross play? Convenor from GLRL and Convenor from Western Region will reach out to the coaches to see if its possible to have the top teams from GLRL play top teams from Western
  - o Biggest impact is the effect on the already scheduled games
- The Richmond Hill, Mississauga, Ajax and Burlington are the top 4 teams in GLRL looking for more competition
- Suggestion is to keep league play as is and provide contact information so they can schedule their own exhibition games.
- Concern is Ajax is 4-0 but only played 3<sup>rd</sup> tiered teams so may look stronger than they are.
- Concern raised from Markham that one team did not let up when they were winning by large margins.
  - o Should sanctions be applied? We should first try talking to the association and the coach.
  - o Should we be having ½ year schedule then reseeding and reshuffle? Could consider for next year but not this year.
  - o There is a push for all organizations to have U12p team as a minimal to open up competition level in the organizations because if you don't start with U12p then its hard to enter the level later on.

#### **U14A Convenor Report**

- Nancy Holmes unable to attend
- All games are played and up to date.
- All games have been reported
- Standings don't seem to show any concerns

#### **U14AA Convenor Report**

- Andrew Wilkie present
- All games are played and up to date.
- All games have been reported
- Standings don't seem to show any concerns

#### **U16A Convenor Report**

- Michelle Falkiner unable to speak (muted)
- All games are played and up to date.
- All games have been reported
- Standings don't seem to show any concerns

#### **U16AA Convenor Report**

- Gordon Henderson present
- All games are played and up to date.
- All games have been reported
- No concerns
- One comment regarding a coach liking the new format with 11-minute periods

### **U19A Convenor Report**

- Adam McKinlay present
- All games are played and up to date
- All games have been reported
- Some issues with injuries in Mitchell and not being able to two team players
  - o G&T guidance confirmed the request for two team players is past the deadline, but can be reviewed with the entire committee for approval
- Some issues with games being curfewed

### **U19AA Convenor Report**

- Jim File present
- All games are played and up to date
- All games have been reported
- Very positive feedback on the four 11 periods and no curfew issues
- Need to remind teams that they can substitute 12 players as a max.
- Some team formation issues with southern region as well.

### **4) GLRL Logo Contest – update**

- Logo was selected
- Winner Syndey Richardson from Burlington
- Logo is now visible on the website and starting to be used on documents
- Positive feedback being received, and the process followed to pick the logo was great

### **5) Treasurer's Report - Tom Anderson**

- Not much to report
- Current balance \$8100 in chequing, \$9500 in bond fees held in trust
- Two cheques that have not been cashed – follow-up occurring
  - Overpayment of GLRL fees by Waterloo
  - Cheque to David Woolcott to be cashed
- All associations paid except for 1 association still outstanding team fees. Follow-up is in process.

### **6) Feedback regarding new U16AA & U19AA Game Format**

- General feedback is positive, and people are enjoying the new format
- Phil has solicited feedback from coaches and refs, and all feedback was positive
- One comment made about coaches forgetting to use their time-out in the first ½ and hoping to use two time-outs in the second ½ of the game. This is a learning curve.
- Andrea received feedback from officials that they would like an opportunity to flood between the 2-3 period. This would depend on each facility and Zamboni availability
- Ringette Ontario has asked us to provide feedback on the format at mid-season. This will be added as an agenda item to focus on at the next meeting.
- Concerned with playing this format in league play and how it affected teams in the tournament play. No data at this time. Will need to investigate further.

### **7) GLRL Game Sheets**

- What should associations be doing with the game sheets?
- In Western region, game sheets are collected by the associations and given to G&T to keep on file for reference and review.

- Southern region does not collect game sheets. The home association is to keep the game sheets and G&T can reach out to the association if needed.
- Central region does not collect game sheets. The home association is to keep the game sheets and G&T can reach out to the association if needed.
- Best practice at this time is for each region to continue doing what works for them.

#### **8) GLRL Major Penalty Reporting**

- Major penalties must be sent to the G&T for the region
- Western region uses an online reporting system
- Southern region has an online form to submit on Southern region website
- Central region is submitting on the Central region website.
- This may be an issue that information has not been communicated back to the coaches of the teams.
- Suggest Convenors send a major penalty report to coaches with summary of meeting results.
- Opportunity to streamline the process for all regions and reduce redundancies in the future

#### **9) U12P Tryout Process for 2020/21 Season**

- Need to discuss the sports development request/policy not to be able to make the team in the spring
- GLRL would like to know the impact of this policy and how it's affecting our associations (i.e. losing players, facility issues,)
- Mississauga families are not happy with the policy and families feel marginalized. Feel like a lot of associations are hiding that they are making teams in Spring. Parents aren't happy and coaches aren't happy.
- Dorchester has issues around the effect on regional teams and the team formation. Goalies have been lost to hockey. Not fair play because the people who can afford the summer activities such as ringette camps and gives other kids an advantage.
- Concerns with small associations not having ice and all-year facilities to support this structure. Logistics don't work for small associations with ice not being available as ice is taken out during the summer. Coaches not stepping up for Regional because waiting to make provincial. Athletes are stressed and partaking in ringette activities all summer to try and make the Fall tryout.
- Concerns from Whitby with the haves and have nots. Putting emotional strain on players with some being picked in the Spring and others having to wait until the Fall.
- London has concerns with the layover until the Fall causing stress on players and affecting the regional team's formation.
- Reason for the spring tryout is direction from sports development for athletes to be more well balanced trying different sports but this is not happening. Also may be because of funding from sports development Canada.
- No positive feedback on this change from associations.

#### **10) Membership Services**

- No one on the call from membership services
- No update

#### **11) Officials Report**

- Email received from Steve Baker
- No issues or reports at this time

## 12) G + T Report

- Andrea reporting
- Ensure any TRF adjustments are being submitted at least a week in advance to ensure they are reviewed as a bit more time is needed to coordinate between all the regions.
- Now that a few tournaments have gone by, G&T is looking for like players to play with like teams.
- Found that goalie changes are being left to the last minute.
- Encourage coaches to reach out to G&T with questions about substitutions, suspensions, etc.

## 13) Coaching Report

- No coaching reports submitted

## 14) New Business

- Game curfews
  - Some examples of games being curfewed at U14 and U19 ages
  - Try to avoid curfews as best we can
  - Out of respect for the visiting team, we ask that the home team tell the coach and officials know that there may be a potential for this to be curfewed.
  - Need to communicate better and early.
  - Example, Forest was in Oshawa and was curfewed. Coaches were not made aware of it and there was ice available. Need to consider the distance that was travelled to play some of these games.
  - Guelph was also curfewed at Oshawa tournament with 7 min left and was removed for a hockey tournament. Went to grievance and it was rejected. Oshawa didn't have a lot of control. Oshawa reps confirmed that the City will not be give any leeway on extra time on ice. Oshawa is looking at ways to get more time.
- U16A game situation – Video Review
  - There was an incident on the ice where ref called a minor penalty
  - The Elora-Fergus team sent in video to western region G&T. The perception is that the video was reviewed by G&T and G&T suggested that it should be a major penalty instead of a minor penalty as this was in last 4 minutes of the game.
  - The incident was intent to injury with serious concussion injury.
  - This video was submitted at a more administrative issue and not at the time of the game.
  - Decided that this needs to be submitted to Officiating not G&T.
  - **Request:** what is the policy/process for submitting video to review officiating decisions?

## 15) Next Meeting – Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 7:00pm – Mississauga Iceland Arena?

- Consider using WebEx for the February meeting
- Discussion to reduce travel during winter is ideal by using the WebEx capability

## 16) Future Meetings – AGM (late Apr or May)

- AGM should be in person. Will connect with Mississauga for booking location.

## 17) Motion to adjourn

- London first
- Dorchester seconded
- Motion approved.

**Important Dates:**

**AA Provincials – Richmond Hill, March 12-15<sup>th</sup>**

**A Provincials – West Ottawa, March 19-22<sup>nd</sup>**

**U12 Provincial Event – Sault Ste Marie, April 2-5<sup>th</sup>**

**Action Items**

| <b>Action Item</b>   | <b>Responsible</b>           |
|--|------------------------------|
| U12P convenors from Western Region and from GLRL to reach out to top teams to see if they want to play top teams from each region to increase competition<br>Cc: Jim File and Phil on emails | Dan Mitchell and Jason White |
| Suggest each league convenor send an email to coaches with Major Penalty reports, and a review of substitutions rules.   | Convenors                    |
| Reach out to the Eastern region to get feedback on the U12P tryouts in Spring vs. Fall.  | Phil                         |
| <b>Request:</b> what is the policy/process for submitting video to review officiating decisions?<br>Consider policy to be adopted for all regions  | Phil                         |
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