



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 11, 2020 - 7:00 pm

WEBEX – Conference Only

ROLL CALL:

Attendance (WebEx Video): Christine Senior, Dan Mitchell, Stacey Wright, Shannon Crinklaw, Nancy Holmes, Neil Wang, Tina Gale, Adam McKinlay, Greg Turner, Shelley Handley, Gordon Henderson, Jason White

Association Roll Call:

Ajax – Gord Henderson

Oshawa – Holly Davies

Whitby – Christine Senior

Barrie – Jason White

Burlington – Tina Gale

Markham – Neil Wang

Mississauga – Abby Salb

Newmarket – Absent

Paris – Absent

Richmond Hill – Steve Fraser

Dorchester – Shelley Handley

Elora Fergus – Steve Hale

Forest – Adam Mckinlay

Guelph – Absent

Kitchener – Nancy Holmes

London – Absent

Mitchell – Dan Mitchell

St. Marys – Chris McMichael

Waterloo – Leah Chapman

Executive Roll Call:

1. President - Phil Singeris (Present)
2. Vice President - Jim File (Present)
3. Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw (Present)
4. Treasurer - Tom Anderson (Present)
5. Past President - Greg Turner (Present)
6. Central Region Rep - Lisa Tucker (Present)
7. Southern Region Rep - Mark Woods (Present)
8. Western Region Rep - Shelley Handley (Present)

Absent: Kevin Sweeney (Scheduler), Officiating, Coaching

Central Region – Ajax, Oshawa, Whitby

Southern Region – Barrie, Burlington, Markham, Mississauga, Newmarket, Paris, Richmond Hill

Western Region – Dorchester, Elora Fergus, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Mitchell, St. Mary's Waterloo

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

- No items to be added to the agenda

2) Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2019 meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes by Dan Mitchell (Mitchell)
- Second by Shelley Handley (Dorchester)
- No on opposed, all in favour.

CONVENORS:

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| 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 Report:

- Quite a few games needed re-schedules, but they have had no issues re-scheduling
- Overlap games have been occurring since the beginning of January and it seems to be working
- One outstanding game is Dorchester to play Burlington, but planning is in process

U14A Report:

- All games that have been cancelled have been re-scheduled
- All scores reported

U14AA Report:

- No concerns

U16A Report:

- No concerns with schedule
- Games Feb 9th Paris @ Dorchester just reported online

U16AA Report:

- All games played
- Some games cancelled on January 18th and all have been re-scheduled
- No further concerns

U19A Report:

- One game left to re-schedule from January 18th
- Some Concerns with how backloaded the schedules are, and some teams are going 4-6 weeks between games. There are also games the weekend before provincial which could be an injury risk.
- Gaps between games need to be addressed in next year's calendar may have been a glitch in the scheduling software.
- Next year, GLRL needs to identify what is a legitimate conflict is including not playing games before provincials.
- Is it possible to start looking at scheduling during the weekdays for closer associations instead of putting pressure to play on weekends only? This is something to consider.

U19AA Report:

- All games have been played or re-scheduled
- No feedback from this level.
- Still have positive feedback on the new game format

Question to Group: Are any associations having problems getting officials for games and had to cancel?

- Associations are having some issues getting officials, but this is not the norm. There is difficulty during tournament weekends and weekends with multiple tournaments

4) Treasurer's Report

- Tom Anderson

- Not a lot of transactions taking place for the last few months
- Working on an updated budget including transactions for AGM
- Bank account holding bond money is over \$9500
- Bond will not be refunded this year and will roll over to the next year.
- \$8100.50 is the balance of the spending account. AGM renting fee has already been paid.
- Money was set aside for trophies, banners, scholarships, AGM expenses, etc.
- Possible suggested expenses:
 - Food at AGM
 - Banners/Trophies for Championship teams
 - CORL has Gord Bell scholarship. Would like to keep this award. Coral awards \$500 to the winner and has given out 2 winners per year based on anyone playing in CORL that current year and was heading to post secondary school.
CORL does have some money left over for this year.

Consider adding the listing of past and present winners on the Website.

- Open Floor to Other suggestions:
 - Western Region moved away from banners because they were not being hung and were collecting dust
 - CORL region moved away from plaques and instead provided medals
 - Suggestion to list Champions on the Website
 - Everyone would have an opportunity to hang a banner and maybe not all associations have a place for a trophy
 - Phil to work with executive to make final recommendation for what hardware to move forward with.

5) U16AA & U19AA Game Format

- All feedback that has been received is posted
- **Good feedback:**
 - Large benches get more opportunity to play,
 - gives more time for coaches to coach in between periods and touch more players,
 - if game not going well then there is time to refocus between periods
- **Constructive feedback given:**
 - Goalies would like to play 2 periods because it affects their mental focus in the game
 - Longer games affect commute time
 - 4 periods can break up the momentum of the game
 - Extra game is affecting referee costs
 - \$38.00 for AA will be paid in September for CORL, \$37.50 is currently being paid to refs in Mississauga
 - Western region bumped up the pay for refs in the past year
 - Will have a survey sent out to each association to see what is currently being paid and if any changes are going to be made, this activity needs to be done so that the additional cost can be included in the registration costs.
- **Recommendation for next year**
 - GLRL will send a letter to ORA to endorse to continue to move to this game format for next season. Motion to endorse this new format with ORA to have 4 periods of 11 minutes.
 - Motion to endorse the new 4 period of 11 minutes format to ORA by Jim File (Central)
 - Second by Steve Hales (Elora Fergus)
 - No one opposed, all in favour.
 - **Should this new format be tested at U19A or U16A next season?**
 - Feedback provided shows concerns with cost and booking extended ice blocks. Its harder in smaller centres to get 1.5 hours.
 - As benchmark, U16AA did 2 periods of 18 minutes in Alberta.
 - Final Decision at this point is to not consider any changes for next season for U19A and U16A.

6) U12P Tryout Process for 2020/21 Season

- In last meeting, there was very significant support for changing tryouts to be Spring only
- No associations in GLRL are opposed to only hosting tryouts in the Spring
- Hockey Canada has just rolled out a policy that ages 10-12 cannot tryout for competitive teams until the Fall
- Fall tryouts affect the ability to recruit regional coaches and impact on regional team formation
- Other issues such as losing players, ice issues are valid concerns as well.

- **Recommendation:** get the teams named in the spring and no team activities until after Labour day as per the guidelines.
- Phil reached out to eastern region and Eastern region does Fall tryouts and have been doing them for years. There is only 1 association in the East who only does spring tryouts and its not a concern.
- **Action Item:** GLRL petitions ORA to change the policy to allow spring only tryouts.
- Ajax, Oshawa, Whitby and Pickering have decided to hold tryouts in the Fall only this upcoming year even though they do support the letter to be sent. The spring/fall tryout combination was a nightmare, so they have decided to hold all tryouts in the Fall.
- **Motion:** To write a letter to ORA to consider spring only tryouts
 - Motion to write letter to the ORA to consider spring only tryouts by Shelley Handley (Dorchester)
 - Second by Abby Salb (Mississauga)
 - No one opposed, all in favour
- Reminder from Phil to share all the information from the GLRL with their own boards and Presidents as emails are not sent and websites aren't posted

7) Membership Services

- No Report

8) Officials Report

- No Report

9) G + T Report – Andrea Law

- Provincial schedule will be out after February 18th for the AA
- Coaches meeting will be replaced by conference calls
- A lot of changes are underway for the plan for next year. A different look and feel for how the season will go.
- Changes to tournaments, ranking games, etc. within the next few years with some pieces being 2-3 years away. Example: Eliminate 4 tournaments on one weekend.

10) Coaching Report

- No Report
- There was some struggle to get the coaching requirements done and a request was made to consider making the coaching certification a graduated system to get qualifications in order to recruit younger coaches. This request needs to be brought to John Mezenberg.

11) New Business

- No New business

12) Next Meeting – AGM - Monday April 20th, 2020 – 7:00pm – Mississauga Iceland Arena

- No WebEx option for this meeting

13) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Shelley Handley (Dorchester)
- Second by Adam Mckinlay (Forest)

Action Item:

1. Executive to decide on which hardware to order for champions of the league (i.e. banners, trophies, medals).
2. Executive to decide on AGM food and other expenses to be provided.
3. Website updates to be made:
 - List of league champions for the year
 - Gord Bell winners and criteria
4. Secretary to create a survey to distribute to associations to gather referee costs. The results of the survey will be used to provide recommendations to standardize referee pay.

Important Dates:

AA Provincials – Richmond Hill, March 12-15th

A Provincials – West Ottawa, March 19-22nd

U12 Provincial Event – Sault Ste Marie, April 2-5th