



Great Lakes Ringette League

Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday May 29, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Iceland Arena – Mississauga (In Person Only)

GLRL AGM

ROLL CALL:

Central Region (4) – Ajax, Oshawa, Sunderland, Whitby

Southern Region (8) – Barrie, Burlington, Cambridge, Etobicoke, Markham-Stouffville, Mississauga, Paris, Richmond Hill

Western Region (9) – Chatham, Dorchester, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Mitchell, St. Mary's Waterloo

1) Welcome – Phil Singeris

2) Roll Call – Shannon Crinklaw

Individual Reps in Attendance:

Ajax	Tom Anderson	Paris	Absent
Oshawa	Regrets	Richmond Hill	Adam Natsheh
Whitby	Liz Gill	Dorchester	Mike Reaume
Barrie	James Van Lierop	Forest	Adam McKinley & Jenn Batty
Cambridge	Absent	Etobicoke	Erin Riley
Burlington	Kevin Aubertin	Guelph	Regrets
Markham	Peter Kennedy	Kitchener	Natalie Piggott
Mississauga	Roy Reedon	London	Melinda Suchard
St. Mary's	Regrets	Mitchell	Tracey Nugent & Shannon Cook
Waterloo	Leah	Sunderland	Absent

Total Votes Present – 24 (Quorum requirement is 17 votes)

Others in Attendance:

Chris Sharpe – Chair of Western Region
Jim File – Scheduler

Shelley Handley – Western Region Rep

Andrea Law – Chair of Southern Region

Current Executive in Attendance:

President	Phil Singeris
Vice President	Brian Kettles
Secretary	Shannon Crinklaw
Treasurer	Tom Anderson
Past President	Absent

3) Adopt Minutes of June 20, 2022, GLRL AGM

- Motion to accept the minutes.
- Approved by London
- Seconded by Barrie
- All in Favour – none opposed (Carried)

4) Presidents Report – Phil Singeris

- First full season since Covid
- Losing U12A for next season as U12 is now considered regional program only.
- Expecting 58 teams next season which is increased from 54 from last season.
- GLRL appreciates all the efforts of executive, reps and volunteers to make GLRL happen.
- Acknowledged and congratulated the league champions and the GLRL league games that helps develop these teams to be able to play in greater play such as Eastern and Western Championships

League Champions of this year 2022-2023:

- U12A – East Division – Etobicoke
- U12A – West Division – Waterloo
- U14A – East Division – Burlington
- U14A – West Division – Forest
- U16A Division – Forest
- U19 Division – Burlington
- U14AA Division – Richmond Hill
- U16AA Division – London
- U19AA Division – Waterloo

5) Treasurer's Report – Tom Anderson

- Revenue based on \$100 fee each team paid for this season.
- Bonds held in trust in savings account which is generating interest payments as well.
- Ringette Ontario appears to still be paying for the RAMP Website, but this could be a future expense.
- Newmarket bond fee was returned as they are no longer a member.
- Surplus for this year is \$5100.
- Bank Account shows approx. \$11,000.
- Growth of \$4800 this year
- Requested if membership has any ideas on how to address the overage. Examples, reduce team fees, or other suggestions on spend.
 - Shelley suggested that GLRL may need to take on provincial ref costs if regions no longer exist as per RO changes coming in Fall 2023. Western Region is covering ref, but Southern region is not, and associations are expected to cover the cost. Central region does have a central scheduler for refs.

- Andrea Law would like to see some funding going to development of refs.
- Question: where does the funding for the Gord Bell award go? CORL provided 4 years of \$500 awards but now the award has been built into operating costs.
- Some do not think \$11,000 is too much money in the bank as there could be a buffer needed if tough times and/or additional costs such as hiring a scheduler for league or refs is required.
- Motion to approve report.
 - Approved by Forest
 - Seconded by Kitchener
 - All in favour – none opposed (Carried)

Great Lakes Ringette League				
Profit and Loss				
May 31, 2022 - May 31, 2023				
	As of May 31, 2023	Future Expense (2022/23 Season)	Combined	
INCOME				
Team Fees	7,160.00	0.00	7,160.00	72 Teams @ \$100/team; St. Mary's and Cambridge each had \$20 Credit from 2021/22 Season
Association Bond Fees (New to GLRL)	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Chatham, Etobicoke
Other Income - Fines and Appeals	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	Markham-Stouffville, Dorchester
Interest Earned	292.04	0.00	292.04	
Total Income	9,452.04	0.00	9,452.04	
EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	52.16	0.00	52.16	
Website and Scheduling	131.47	0.00	131.47	Scheduling Software Only
Return of Association Bond Fee	500.00	0.00	500.00	Returned to Newmarket (carried over from 21/22)
Rescheduling Expense	600.00	0.00	600.00	Ajax Pickering U19AA (2 games); Richmond Hill U19AA (1 game)
Trophies - League Winners - 2022/23 Season	349.44	1,166.16	1,515.60	Actual
Gord Bell Scholarship - 2022/23 Season	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Actual
Misc. Expenses	92.29	418.32	510.61	Stamps, Stationary, AGM - Room Rental/ Catered Food
Total Expenses	1,725.36	2,584.48	4,309.84	
Surplus/(Deficit)	7,726.68	(2,584.48)	5,142.20	

6) Gord Bell Awards – Phil Singeris

- 8 applicants
- GLRL expecting to see more applicants and need to re-evaluate how we can communicate better to all associations.
 - GLRL posted on website in February.
 - GLRL sent email to GLRL reps and U19 coaches.
 - WRRRA announcement sent twice.
- Suggestion to relabel to “Scholarship” so its clearer that its for post secondary – Website has this award listed as “Gord Bell Memorial Scholarship Program.”
- Suggestion to create GLRL Instagram account.
- Winners:
 - Southern/Central – Julia Whissell – Cambridge/Paris
 - Will be entering the social work program at Mohawk College
 - Western – Emily Sharpe – Kitchener
 - Will be entering Arts & Business program at University of Waterloo
 - Winners will be notified by email from GLRL President

7) ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President & Secretary Positions are up for election to a 2-year term.

• To be carried out by Tom Anderson & Brian Kettles

- President Nominations
 - Chris Sharpe
 - Shelley Handley nominates.
 - Seconded by Roy Reedon
 - Chris accepts the nomination.
 - No other candidates brought forward – Chris Sharpe acclaimed.
- Secretary Nominations
 - Shannon Crinklaw
 - Roy Reedon nominates.
 - Seconded by Melinda Suchard
 - Shannon accepts the nomination.
 - No other candidate brought forward – Shannon Crinklaw acclaimed.
- New Business raised: when will the official transition date be for GLRL positions?
 - August 1st will be the official transition date before the first meeting.
 - Shannon to continue with Secretary duties.

8) Introduction of 2023 – 2024 GLRL Executive Officers

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| • President | - Chris Sharpe |
| • Vice President | - Brian Kettles |
| • Secretary | - Shannon Crinklaw |
| • Treasurer | - Tom Anderson |
| • Past President | - Phil Singeris |
| • Central Region Rep | - Holly Davies |
| • Southern Region Rep | - Roy Reedon |
| • Western Region Rep | - Shelley Handley |

Action Item: President to send email to regions to confirm who the rep will be for upcoming season 2023-2024

9) Presentation & Adoption of GLRL Safety/Supplementary Discipline Committee

- Policy has been circulated to reps prior to the AGM meeting.
- Key Summary Points:
 - Meant to provide accountability for dangerous behaviour that was not addressed by officials in a game. Meant to make the game safer.
 - An outlet for frustrated players and parents
 - Would allow for a video 45 seconds or less.
 - Was vetted through officials and some officials concerned that GLRL could overstep.
 - 3-person committee to review the incidents and suggest decision to GLRL
 - This is meant to be the last resort, must be submitted through GLRL and has a \$150 submission fee from the association.
 - Calls for committee up to 5 members with a minimum of 3 members would be in place before first league game.

- Only applies to league games in GLRL.
- Submission should be submitted within 7 days of the game. Discussion around aligning with 14 days as per RO policy but was determined to be kept at 7 days.
- Concerns:
 - RO ignores videos so complaints come to regional chairs, suggests that a ref is included in the 3-person committee.
 - Suggestions that there needs to be a clear path of escalation.
 - Concern that committee may be interpreting rules of play and infractions and may not be trained as refs to make the calls.
 - If paying \$150 should be allowed to submit multiple videos for review
 - Concern that this could target teams and players.
- Changes to policy:
 - Change to minimum of 3 members up to 5 members. Voting to pass must be 51%
 - If the committee member has a conflict of interest, the Executive Chair can assign another member temporarily appointed on case-by-case basis.
 - Raise submission fee to \$300 as paid and provided by the association. The association is responsible to collect fees from team, coach and/or parent/player.
 - Add clarification that review would be during the time the teams have stepped on the ice and stepped off the ice.
 - Need to add submission details that are required when submitting including: date of game, time of game, opponent, location, context and jersey #.
 - Update point 11 – the offense count will continue to double year over year, but fines will reset the beginning of each league year. Add “multiple **athlete** offenders”.
 - Update point 11a – change fines to double at third offense - \$200 then \$400 for 4th offense.
 - Update point 10 – update “repeat **athlete** offenders.”
 - Update point 9b – add issue letter **and/or administrative educational responsibility**.
 - Remove “educational sessions” from the language within the policy because there are no parameters around what this means and who will provide this.

Action Item: GLRL needs to send notification to all associations before the start of next season regarding the introduction of this new policy with the expectations that each association will communicate to all coaches. GLRL can also notify coaches but only after the association has been notified and has time to disseminate the information.

Action Item: GLRL to review Ref in Chief listed on GLRL website as people have emailed with no response – Steve Baker

- **Motion to Approve Vote to add the supplementary discipline committee policy to the GLRL official rules.**
 - **Nominated by Jim File**
 - **Seconded by Brian Kettle**
 - **All in favour – Carried unanimously.**

10) Sudbury U16AA Team playing in GLRL for 2023/24 Season

- GLRL contacted by Sudbury U16AA manager to request to play in GLRL next season.
- No teams will be required to travel to Sudbury.
- Propose to bring Sudbury into the league as a 16-game season.
 - League games would be split out on 4 weekends – 4 games per weekend.

- September 23/24th weekend – play Kitchener 2 games and London 2 games. Waterloo games will be considered Sudbury's home games.
- Oct 14th/15th – play Richmond Hill and Oshawa in Port Carling – 1 game per association.
- January – play Burlington and Mississauga
- February – play Richmond Hill and Oshawa
- Reason this is brought to GLRL, you have to be a member of one of the 3 regions: Southern, Central or Western and Sudbury is not a member so a vote must take place.
- Barrie stated they have been working with Sudbury for the past 3 years and the Sudbury team is very committed to travel and making this work. Sudbury looking for a true experience as AA.
- Question: if we vote for Sudbury to join the GLRL, is this a one-year trial or will Sudbury be a member going forward? The motion will be for 1 year trial of Sudbury to join GLRL.

Action: Confirm the bylaw states how the banners are awarded at end of year – based on points

- Motion to add Sudbury U16AA to the 2023-2024
 - Approved by Forest
 - Seconded by Richmond Hill
 - **All in favour – unanimous (Carried)**

11) Planning for 2023/24 Season

- Tryouts, Team Formation, Scheduling

- Barrie's U14A and U16A are in question and Barrie will let us know the result.
- Paris U16A in question
- Waterloo U16A in question
- Richmond Hill U16A waiting on a goalie.
- Waterloo U19A folded (remove)
- Richmond Hill U19A waiting on goalie.
- If a team is declared mixed, league play is an option but could be limited based on other team responses. RO is not allowing play at tournaments or provincial championships.

Association	# of Teams	U14A	U14AA	U16A	U16AA	U19A	U19AA	GLRL REP
Ajax Pickering	3	X		X			X	Heather McMahon
Barrie	4	X	X	X		X		Michelle Linton
Burlington	3		X		X		X	Unknown
Cambridge	1	X						Michelle Whissell
Chatham	1	X						Eric Vandermeer
Dorchester	3	X		X		X		Mike Reaume
Etobicoke	1	X						Unknown
Forest	3	X		X		X		Jen Batty/Adam McKinlay
Guelph	3	X		X		X		Unknown
London	4		X		X	X	X	Melinda Suchard
Kitchener	3		X		X	X		Brian Kettles
Markham Stouffville	2			X		X		Peter Kennedy
Mississauga	2				X		X	Roy Reedon
Mitchell	1	X						Tracey Nugent
Paris	2			X		X		Unknown
Oshawa	4			X	X	X	X	Stacey Wright
Richmond Hill	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	Adam N
St. Marys	1					X		Peter Westlaken
Sudbury	1				X			Troy
Sunderland	3	X		X		X		Unknown
Waterloo	4	X		X			X	Kinga Cormier
Whitby	4	X	X	X		X		Liz Gill
TOTAL	59	13	6	12	7	13	7	58

Action Item: GLRL to send out Team Declaration that each GLRL rep will need to complete.

Action item: Include in team declaration form additional question “are you willing to play a mixed team if required?”

Scheduling Request:

- August 1st – all ice must be submitted to GLRL.
- GLRL to send form for associations to submit.
- AA ice is first to tackle and target is to have it done by August 10th
- AA games start the 3rd week of September – September 16-17th
- A games start the 4th week of September – September 23-24th
- RO is running AAA this year and will assign to tournaments
- 20 game schedule – 10 home and 10 away games – request 15 time slots per team
- AA will try to get 10-12 games in before Christmas because the finals is in February not March
- AA provincials is March 1-3rd, A provincials is March 15-17th
- Not all teams go to provincials so only top 8-10 teams will go in the province

Action Item: GLRL to release the ice submission form through RAMP to all Ice Schedulers

12) Open Forum – Questions from the Floor

- Suggestion to limit policy discussion at AGM, should be brought forward in Zoom meeting prior to the AGM
- Is there any appetite to incorporate the B level play into the GLRL league? Something to consider in future but regions are already having discussions. Could be disadvantage for regional as conversations tend to fold around provincial play. Open A teams may be considered for future.

13) Next Meeting – Monday, August 21st via Zoom

14) Motion to adjourn.

- Approved by Dorchester
- Seconded by Barrie
- All in favour – Carried

AGM - Number of Votes per Association 2022-2023 Season

Association	# Teams	U12A	U14A	U14AA	U16A	U16AA	U19A	U19AA	# Votes
Ajax Pickering	4		X		X	X		X	2
Barrie	4	X	X	X	X				2
Burlington	4	X	X			X	X		2
Cambridge	2	X	X						1
Chatham	1		X						1
Dorchester	5	X		X		X	2		2
Etobicoke	1	X							1
Forest	4	X	X		X		X		2
Guelph	5	X	X		X		X	X	2
London	4	X	X			X	X		2
Kitchener	3			X		X	X		1
Markham Stouffville	2	X			X		X		1
Mississauga	4	X	X		X			X	2
Mitchell	1		X						1
Paris	2				X		X		1
Oshawa	6	X	X	X	X	X	X		2
Richmond Hill	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	3
St. Marys	1				X				1
Sunderland	2	X	X						1
Waterloo	4	X	X		X			X	2
Whitby	4	X		X			X	X	2
TOTAL	69	14	14	6	11	7	12	6	34

AGM Summary for Planning 2024:

- 23 attendees (expecting 30)

Food Order:

- 2 sub trays (feeds 10-12 each)
- 1 wrap tray (feeds 12-15)
- Cookie tray (feeds 15-20)
- Individual chips – 2 bags
- 1 case of 12 sprite
- 1 case of 12 coke
- 1 case of 12 diet Pepsi
- 2 cases of 24 water

- Fruit tray (feeds 15-20)

Food Left Over:

- 1 full platter of subs
- Very few wraps
- ¼ sub tray
- No cookies
- 1 full case of water
- ½ case of sprite
- ½ case of diet Pepsi
- ¼ case of coke
- Small amount of Fruit