



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Agenda

Monday Feb 24, 2025 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)

Position/Association	Name	Present/Absent/Regrets
President	Chris Sharpe	Present
Vice President	Brian Kettles	Present
Past President	Phil Singeris	Absent
Scheduler	Jim File	Present
Treasurer	Ron McArthur	Present
Secretary	Shannon Crinklaw	Present
RIC	Emma Bragg Smith	Present
Director at Large 1	Holly Davies	Present
Director at Large 2	Adam Natsheh	Present
Director at Large 3	Roy Reedon	Present
Scheduler 1	Steve Baker	Present
Scheduler 2	Tara Armstrong	Absent
Schedule 3	Rob Ellis	Present
Ajax/Pickering	Julia Golem	Present
Barrie	James Van Lierop	Present
	Ashley Quenneville	Absent
Burlington		Present
	Kate Diell	
Cambridge	Andrew Lively	Present
Chatham		Present
	Eric Vandermeer	
Dorchester	Mike Reaume	Present
Etobicoke	Karen Webber	Present
Forest	Rachel Orvis	Present
Guelph	Jared Pulleybank	Present
Hamilton	Tonya Birkin	Absent
Kitchener	Jessica Ward	Absent
London	Melinda Suchard	Present
Markham-Stouffville	Peter Kennedy	Present
Mississauga	Carolina DeBrum	Present
Mitchell	Carrie McKichan	Present
Oshawa	Stacey Wright	Absent
Paris	Jen Gringerich	Present
Richmond Hill	Adam Natsheh	Present

St. Mary's	Peter Westelaken	Present
Sudbury	Danielle Joselin	Present
Sunderland	Karsen Lewis	Present
Waterloo	Courtney Proudfoot	Present
Whitby	Christine Senior	Present

Other Attendees: Andrea Law – MRA Rep

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

- Nothing to add to the agenda.

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of Jan 13, 2025

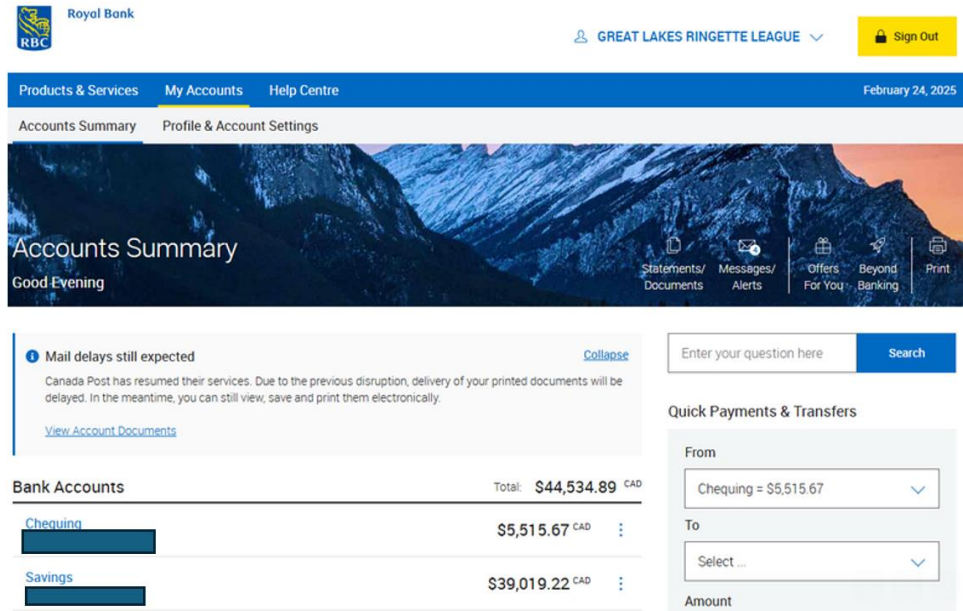
- Motion to approve – Mitchell.
- Second by Barrie
- No one opposed.

3) 2024 – 2025 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Chris Sharpe
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw
- Treasurer - Ron McArthur
- Past President - Phil Singeris
- At Large Rep #1 - Holly Davies
- At Large Rep #2 -Adam Natsheh
- At Large Rep #3 - Roy Reeton
- GLRL Board Observers:
 - Scheduler - Jim File
 - Referee in Chief (RIC) -Emma Bragg-Smith
 - Referee Scheduler -Steve Baker: Western Region Area
 - Referee Scheduler -Rob Elis: Southern Region Area
 - Referee Scheduler -Tara Armstrong: Central Region Area

4) Financial Report –Ron McArthur

- Cash Status



- \$489.25 has been moved to a Virtual Wallet for owed Referee Mileage Reimbursement and is not reflected in the above balance
- Outstanding request for payment of \$160 remaining from teams
 - Mississauga \$160
 - Oshawa \$480 out of \$640 as \$160 already paid
 - St. Mary's \$160
- Official Millage Reimbursement Status, proposal for additional fee and current stats
 - All referees online except 7 referees
 - If we do not get reimbursement requests by end of March, then all reimbursements will be made next season as we need to close out the GLRL financial statements.

5) Discipline Committee – Jim File/Brian Kettles

- No submissions at this time
- Having the committee available is a good deterrent and helping encourage safe behaviour

6) Scheduling Update – Jim File

- We have a bunch of cancellations from snow over past 2 weekends
- Games being cancelled due to ref shortage – for next year, GLRL needs to address the scheduling of refs as this has been more of a concern than anticipated.
- NRL Hubs are causing major officials availability concerns. Reached out to RC to discuss
- Jim recommends Hubs weekends as this makes scheduling and refereeing easier. Could be a hub weekend based on level of officials. This is done for Nationals and Easterns – group the teams that go that match the referee level required.

7) Officials Update – Emma

- Lots of cancellations due to officials not being available, injured etc.
- **Key Problem:** GLRL now sees that the league is not adequately stocked with qualified referees to attend all games and need to define the available resources. Need to investigate development program for ref.
- **Action Item:** GLRL executive and RIC to have a meeting and include Officiating development committee to make plans for next year and set up sub-committee if needed.
- **Is there a lack of evaluators for Referees as well?** Yes, there is a lack of evaluator clinics since Covid. Provincial clinics available but not regional clinics available.

- RO does not want to send evaluator to tournaments which is creating a problem.
- Associations may be willing to chip in revenue to support evaluations for refs.
- Level 1 and Level 2 refs are a concern raised but these refs do not fall within the league jurisdiction.
- GLRL needs Level 3 and Level 4 refs.
- RO tournament selections and the grouping of tournaments are going to be even more crucial next year to ensure there are enough refs for hubs, tournaments, league games, etc.
- **Action Item – Secretary to tally stats on cancelled games for end of season for committee and AGM.**
- Officiating committee of the RO meet every first Monday of every month but does not have as much power to sway RO for needs at this time.

8) RO status:

- A new election is coming for RO. Chris Sharpe and Jim File are running for open positions on the RO board. We would love to get our member associations support when it comes to voting March 18th for Jim and Chris
- Provincials starting this week, AA - Ottawa, A - Sault Ste. Marie. Good luck to all GLRL member teams at provincials this year!
- RO Committee Participation:

Chris Sharpe named Chair of Competitions Committee – will look at competition stream including ranking and how tournaments will run in the future.

Shannon Crinklaw named Chair of Team Formation Committee – team formation including team allocation, division of province, team selection, evaluation and coaching.

- 2-year term for committee members
- Committees appear to be short-term as this point but nothing announced.

9) Games not completed to date on web site:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	1237794	2416258	03/31/2025		Richmond Hill U16AA	Barrie U16AA	Ed Sackfield Arena North	No		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	1237799	2416263	03/31/2025		Sudbury U16AA	London U16AA	Mainway Recreation Centre (Pad 2)	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1237827	2419207	03/31/2025		Burlington U19AA	London U19AA	Mainway Recreation Centre (Pad 2)	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1237833	2419213	03/31/2025		Mississauga U19AA	Richmond Hill U19AA	Iceland Arena Rink 4	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1243563	2419135	03/31/2025		Barrie U19A	St Marys U19A	Stroud-Innisfil Community Centre	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1247241	141021	03/31/2025		Forest U14A	Burlington U14A	Legacy Recreation Centre	No		

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- Oshawa U16AA vs Richmond Hill U16AA is being scheduled after provincials – due to ref shortage.
- Oshawa U19A vs. Guelph U19A was cancelled due to injuries by Guelph and re-schedule is in progress.
- Richmond Hill U16AA vs Barrie U16AA – looking to re-schedule in March.

- Sudbury U16AA vs. London U16AA – **convenor to confirm both coaches have agreed to cancel the game** then the league will need to address.
 - This would not affect league standings.
 - Richmond Hill and Barrie went to Sudbury to play league games that were scheduled during Sudbury tournament.
- Burlington U19AA vs London U19AA – will this be re-scheduled – needs follow-up.
 - This could affect league standings.
- Mississauga U19AA and Richmond Hill U19AA – cancelled due to ref shortage and both coaches agreed not to play the game. If a one-hour game format is possible, GLRL would accept that for this game. Need to confirm coaches agree. **Jim as a convenor to send email.**
- Barrie U19A vs. St. Mary's U19A – was re-scheduled for Feb 23rd and wasn't able to get refs. Will continue to try and re-schedule.
- Forest U14A vs. Burlington U14A – trying to re-schedule, Forest has limited ice after provincials.
- **For all associations, if you are unable to re-schedule games, please reach out to the league convenor and GLRL executive.**

10) Other Business:

- Need to open the Gord Bell Memorial Scholarship for 2025 Season
Set deadline for applications as April 30, 2025
Challenges last year some athletes forgot to submit the application with other documents.
Updated on website to reflect that athletes can both be from the same region area.
Action Item: Update application form and send out announcements.
Applications are to be submitted to the GLRL rep then brought to the GLRL executive by the rep.
Suggestion to have an award for scholarship for people who are refs for the sport. The selection committee is already factoring in ref experience when selecting winners. **Having a separate award would need to be brought to the AGM.**

11) Next Meeting – AGM – May 26th, 2025 @ 7pm VIA ZOOM

- Positions for Election: President and Secretary (2-year term)
- If Chris ends up being accepted to RO Board, he may be required to resign prior to AGM and will review once the board is in place.

12) Motion to adjourn.

- **Motion first – Guelph**
- **Seconded by St. Mary's**
- **No one opposed.**