



# Great Lakes Ringette League

## Meeting Agenda

Monday August 25, 2024 - 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	Regrets
Scheduler	Jim File	Present
Treasurer	Ron McArthur	Absent
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	Regrets
Schedule 3	Rob Ellis	Present
<b>Ajax/Pickering</b>	Allan Ross	Present
<b>Barrie</b>	Ashley Quenneville	Present
	James Van Lierop	Present
<b>Burlington</b>		Present
	Kevin Aubertin	
<b>Cambridge</b>	Michelle Whissell	Present
<b>Chatham</b>		Present
	Eric Vandermeer	
<b>Dorchester</b>	Mike Reaume	Present
<b>Etobicoke</b>	Erin Filey	Present
	Aaron Kraft	Present
<b>Forest</b>	Jen Batty	Absent
<b>Guelph</b>	Jared Pulleybank	Present
<b>Hamilton</b>	Tonya Birkin	Present
<b>Kitchener</b>	Jessica Ward	Absent
<b>London</b>	Scott Borland	Present
<b>Markham-Stouffville</b>	Peter Kennedy	Present
<b>Mississauga</b>	Carolina DeBrum	Present

<b>Mitchell</b>	Carrie McKichan	Present
<b>Oshawa</b>	Stacey Wright	Regrets
<b>Paris</b>	Sarah Hyndman	Present
<b>Richmond Hill</b>	Adam Natsheh	Present
<b>St. Mary's</b>	Peter Westelaken	Present
<b>Sudbury</b>	Christine Beland	Present
<b>Sunderland</b>	Karsen Lewis	Present
<b>Waterloo</b>	Courtney Proudfoot	Present
<b>Whitby</b>	Christine Senior	Present

**Other's Present: None**

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

- No items requested.

**2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024**

- Motion to Approve – Guelph
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Mary's
- **No one opposed.**

**3) 2024 – 2025 GLRL Executive Officers**

- President - Chris Sharpe
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw
- Treasurer - Tom Anderson (acting until position filled)
- Past President - Phil Singeris
- Director At Large #1 - Holly Davies
- Director At Large #2 - Adam Natsheh
- Director At Large #3 - Roy Reeton

**GLRL Board Observers:**

- Scheduler - Jim File
- Referee In Chief -Emma Bragg-Smith
- Officials Scheduler #1 -Steve Baker
- Officials Scheduler #2 -Rob Ellis
- Officials Scheduler #3 -Tara Armstrong

**Updates to the Executive/Board:**

New Treasurer voted in on August 26<sup>th</sup> by executive – Ron McArthur and will be starting at the next meeting.

Director at Large positions used to be region specific, but regions are dissolving so name changed to elected positions.

GLRL Board Observers are not part of the executive but are part of the board as per the Incorporated Bylaws.

#### 4) Planning for 2024/25 Season

- No U12 Teams in GLRL any longer, was removed in 2023
- Blackout Dates – Submission of blackout dates was better than last year. Some associations were very heavy for blackout dates in 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- Blackout dates are no longer being accepted for this year – Email sent by GLRL on August 23rd to all GLRL reps and coaches.
- Any changes to schedules will need to be addressed via the Game Change Form process.

#### 5) Season Scheduling Update – Jim File

- U19AA and U16AA is on GLRL website.
- As of August 26, U14AA schedule also loaded but may require some changes.
- U19A, U16A are imminent to be loaded to website.
- U14A more work to be done.
- Schedule Format – U16AA & U19 AA Teams 4 x 11 Min Periods with 1 time out per half.
  - o **REMINDER NEW 5 MIN WARMUP THIS SEASON!** LET MINOR OFFICIALS AND REFS KNOW!
- Schedule Format – A Teams 2 x 15 Min & U14AA 2 x 15 Min
- 20 Games per division (Sudbury 16 total for U16AA)
- Reminder that some associations: Ajax, Cambridge, RH, Whitby, Etobicoke and Burlington has flood at start of ice time.
  - o Team composition and acknowledgement: **All teams declared as female only.** There was no male only or mixed teams for this season.

#### Discussion:

- **Consider adding a maximum number of blackout dates that allowed to be submitted when Ice submission is provided. Suggestion: you are allowed to provide 4 black out dates and any additional needs to have explanation.**
- Some associations are blacking out dates to enforce participation in association events.  
Examples: Santa Claus Parade

**6) Teams for 2024/2025 – 52 total**

- 58 teams in 2023-2024
- 55 teams in 2022-2023

(5 teams)	(7 teams)	(6 teams)	(11 teams)	(12 teams)	(11 teams)
U14AA	U16AA	U19AA	U14A	U16A	U19A
Burlington	Barrie	Ajax-Pickering	Barrie	Ajax-Pickering	Barrie
Guelph	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Chatham	Forest
London	London	London	Cambridge	Dorchester	Guelph
Oshawa	Kitchener	Kitchener	Dorchester	Etobicoke	London
Richmond Hill	Oshawa	Mississauga	Etobicoke	Forest	Markham-Stouffville
	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill	Forest	Hamilton	Paris
	Sudbury		Guelph	Guelph	Oshawa
			Kitchener	Mitchell	St. Mary's
			Oshawa	Paris	Sunderland
			Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill	Waterloo
			Sunderland	Sunderland	Whitby
				Waterloo	

**7) GLRL Team Fees for 2024/25 Season**

- \$130 team fee + \$425 officials mileage fee = \$555/team payable before 1<sup>st</sup> league game - approved at AGM
  - o **Payment Deadline due prior to team's first league game**
- RO has introduced a new sanctioning fee for all leagues of \$1000 for this coming season.
- All Bonds will be held in trust. Will need to collect from Hamilton new to GLRL this year prior to 1<sup>st</sup> game of the season.
  - o **Action Item: Hamilton to provide bond cheque for \$500 to be held in trust.**
- Does Cambridge have one still in place? Yes, Bond in place.
- Additional expenses since AGM: Incorporation – approx. \$2000 and additional awards paid for.
- Expenses came in approximately \$500 lower than expected for last year.
- All Treasurer access and tools being transferred to new Treasurer, Ron McArthur over the next several months.
- **Action Item: Tom Anderson will send payment details to all associations via email after the meeting. [GLRLtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:GLRLtreasurer@gmail.com)**
- Savings Account reflects the 22 associations with bond fees.



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Bank Accounts	Total: \$22,501.32 CAD
Chequing	\$846.40 CAD
Savings	\$21,654.92 CAD

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8) Division Convenors required for (need volunteers):

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| U14A – James Van Lierop   | U14AA – Eric Vandermeer |
| U16A - Courtney Proudfoot | U16AA – Roy Reedon      |
| U19A – Peter Westelaken   | U19AA - Jim File        |

- Action Item: Add Convenors to Website

9) GLRL Safety/ Supplementary Disciplinary Committee will remain in place for 2024/2025 season.

- Brian Kettles, Jim File plus we are looking for 2 to 3 other volunteers.
  - o Action Item: Jim/Brian need to check with volunteers from last year first then bring to next meeting if a new member is required.
- Details on the committee can be found at: <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/greatlakesringette/files/GLRL%20Disciplinary%20Committee%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
- Process was tested last season and process worked far better than originally thought. Decision was made unanimously, and process was carried out. Process was also completed in a timely manner.

10) Official's– Emma Bragg Smith

- Emma is new RIC for league.
- Three new Official's Schedulers in place (Steve, Rob and Tara)
- Starting to load schedules into Arbiter.
- Email will go out to all GLRL officials in next day or two to registers for Arbiter. All GLRL game assignments will come from Arbiter.
- Both U14A officials to be scheduled by GLRL
- Officials to be paid millage by GLRL, through Officials Schedulers, approval by Emma and paid out by treasurer, 4 times per season (End of: Oct, Dec, Feb, April)
- Reminder Officials Millage for exhibition & LORO games must be paid by home association, not paid by GLRL.

- **Action Item: GLRL reps need to communicate to officials that mileage is being paid 4 times/year. If official is ref for multiple games, need to ensure mileage is split between GLRL games and regional games (paid by association) as required.**
- Dorchester has concerns about how mileage is split.
- **Example: If official completes A game, then travels to B game, then completes another A game. Mileage should be split so that 2/3 paid by GLRL and the 1/3 of mileage paid by local association because not GLRL game.**
- Holly Davies (Oshawa) perspective is that the process with spreadsheets is working really well right now for Oshawa and will be seamless.

#### **11) League Sanctioning by RO**

- RO has sent us list of items we need to have in place for league to be sanctioned. Executive is working on this and should have formal application in this week.
- We must use Ramp Game Sheets for all league games.
- All BOD/Exec committee must be registered with RO. Cost to be covered by GLRL.
- Provide Copy of league rules (these are updated on web site)
- We need to create:
  - i. Social Media Policy,
  - ii. Screening Policy (We are going to use Stirling Background Check) to be completed by all of board and board observers except Convenors,
  - iii. Discipline & Complaints Policy,

**Action Item: GLRL required to apply for league application to be sanctioned under Ringette Ontario.**

## 12) Other Business

- GLRL Reps for associations – Please double check and confirm contact information is correct on GLRL web site.
- Game Sheets – Ramp will be entirely what the league is run off.
  - o Game sheets can be loaded then turn on airplane mode then load later.
- League Rules link (Some updates refer to AGM minutes for what the changes were):  
[https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/greatlakesringette/files/GLRL\\_League\\_Rules\\_2024%20Final.pdf](https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/greatlakesringette/files/GLRL_League_Rules_2024%20Final.pdf)
- Substitution Rules: Same as last year, See Section 14 in League rules.
  - o Suggestion for small rosters to have 2 team agreements to fill roster to allow substitutes if needed in case of injuries. Teams should be required to have 11 players.
- Game Changes requested here: <https://glrl.ca/form/4900>
- AA Provincials in West Ottawa, Feb 27-March 2
- Nationals in City of Ottawa, March 30-April 5
- A Provincials Sault Ste Marie, March 13-16

## 13) Next Meeting – Monday Sept 23, 2024 – 7:00 via ZOOM

### 14) Future Meeting Dates – Mon Nov 25, 2024

Mon Jan 13, 2025

Mon Feb 24, 2025

AGM – TBD (April/May 2025)

## 15) Motion to adjourn.

- Closing Notes: League play is meant to develop players and hope everyone has a great start to the season.
- Motion to adjourn – Chatham.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by St. Mary's
- **No one opposed.**