



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes

Monday August 28, 2023 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)

Central Region (4) – Ajax/Pickering (Heather McMahon), Oshawa (Stacey Wright), Sunderland (Jennifer Smallwood), Whitby (Elizabeth Gill),

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (James Van Lierop), Burlington (Kevin Aubertin), Cambridge (Michelle Whissell), Etobicoke (Erin Filey), Markham-Stouffville (Peter Kennedy), Paris (Sarah), Richmond Hill (Adam Natsheh),

Western Region (8) – Chatham (Eric Vandermeer), Dorchester (Mike Reaume), Forest (Jenn Batty), Guelph (Freedom Warne), Kitchener (Natalie Piggott), London (Melinda Suchard), Mitchell (Tracy Nugent), St. Mary's (Peter Westelaken), Waterloo (Kinga Cormier)

Northern Region (1) - Greater Sudbury (Troy McLaughlin)

Regrets: Mississauga (Roy Reeton),

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Tom Anderson, Jim File, Chris Sharpe, Brian Kettles, Shae Stanbra (Western Rep)

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

- No additional items to add.
- Motion to approve agenda– St. Mary's
- Seconded by London
- No one opposed – Carried.

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of Mar 6, 2023

- Motion to approve – Whitby.
- Seconded by Burlington
- No one opposed - Carried.

3) 2023 – 2024 GLRL Executive Officers

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| • President | - Chris Sharpe (Kitchener) |
| • Vice President | - Brian Kettles (Kitchener) |
| • Secretary | - Shannon Crinklaw (London) |
| • Treasurer | - Tom Anderson (Ajax) |
| • Past President | - Phil Singeris (London) |

- Central Region Rep - Holly Davies (Oshawa)
- Southern Region Rep - Roy Reedon (Mississauga)
- Western Region Rep - Shae Stanbra (Forest)
- Scheduler - Jim File (Richmond Hill)

4) Planning for 2023/24 Season

- **No U12 Teams in GLRL this year**
 - all planning will fall under the Regions for U12 age group.
- **Blackout Dates – Some associations submitted no blackout dates...Your teams will have to make any change arrangements required if they have challenges.**
 - No putting blackout dates makes it difficult to schedule. GLRL will not guess at blackout dates for teams.

5) Season Scheduling Update

- **Scheduling Update: Target AA will be formally released Sept 1, 2023, and A will be released by Sept 8 or sooner.**
 - Draft schedules have been sent out for first review for U19AA, U16AA, U14AA and U19A at this point. On schedule for AA to be delivered September 1st.
 - U16A and U14A still in progress to be developed.
 - Target to have AA schedules loaded to website by end of this week.
 - Tried to use ice on Sept 23-24 as best as possible.
 - Ringette Ontario has been late to announce tournaments.
 - GLRL reps requested to see the schedule in draft before its finalized. The drafts were shared with a small group looking for obvious errors.
 - **Action Item for All Associations:** ensure your Registrar/Webmaster have the league Tie in instructions completed for each team.
 - **Action Item:** Shannon to email all GLRL reps when schedules are loaded to notify them. Associations needing spreadsheet format, can email Shannon with special requests.
 - Whitby and Sunderland requesting separate spreadsheet.
 - **Action Item:** Shannon will email out Game codes to be used with the Game sheet App and teams will be able to login and see their game codes themselves as well.
- **Schedule Format – U16 & U19 AA Teams 4 x 11 Min Periods with 1 time out per half**
- **Schedule Format – A Teams 2 x 15 Min & U14AA 2 x 15 Min**
- **20 Games per division (Strive for 12 in 1st half +/-)**
- **Reminder that some associations: Ajax, Etobicoke, RH, Whitby, and Burlington has flood at start ice time.**
 - **Team composition and acknowledgement: All teams declared as female only. There was no male only or mixed teams for this season.**
 - Confirmed with GLRL Reps on the meeting that there are no mixed teams, and no surprises should arise.

6) Teams for 2023/2024

(6 teams)	(7 teams)	(7 teams)	(13 teams)	(12 teams)	(13 teams)
U14AA	U16AA	U19AA	U14A	U16A	U19A
Barrie	Burlington	Ajax-Pickering	Ajax-Pickering	Ajax-Pickering	Barrie
Burlington	Kitchener	Burlington	Barrie	Barrie	Markham-Stouffville
Kitchener	London	London	Richmond Hill	Markham-Stouffville	Oshawa
London	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill	Sunderland	Oshawa	Richmond Hill
Richmond Hill	Greater Sudbury	Waterloo	Etobicoke	Richmond Hill	Sunderland
Whitby	Mississauga	Mississauga	Whitby	Sunderland	Whitby
	Oshawa	Oshawa	Forest	Whitby	Dorchester
			Guelph	Dorchester	Forest
			Mitchell	Forest	Guelph
			Waterloo	Guelph	Kitchener
			Cambridge	Paris	London
			Dorchester	Waterloo	Paris
			Chatham		St. Mary's

7) GLRL Team Fees for 2023/24 Season

- \$100 per team payable before 1st league game – Confirm with motion.
 - Deadline for payment will be prior to the first league game for your association.
 - Can be paid by e-transfer or cheque. First year to try e-transfer.
 - Action Item: Tom to send out instructions this week.
 - Motion to accept team fee for 2023-2024
 - Motion to approve – Forest.
 - Seconded by Dorchester
 - **No one opposed - Carried.**
- RO has introduced as small sanctioning fee for GLRL, appears to be \$50. This fee will be paid for by GLRL and not by associations/teams.
- Bond will be held in trust. Will need to collect from Sudbury new to GLRL this year prior to 1st game of the season.
 - Only 1 new member this year, Greater Sudbury, so a \$500 cheque to be held in trust will be required from Sudbury.
- Current Financial State:
 - Not much changed since last meeting
 - All cheques cashed, nothing owed.

Total: \$21,972.16 ^{CAD}	
\$1,471.82 ^{CAD}	⋮
\$20,500.34 ^{CAD}	⋮

8) Division Convenors required for:

- Required in bylaws/rules for GLRL league play.
- Gives a different perspective to GLRL on issues and challenges with the GLRL.
- Role includes keeping an eye on the division games and activity, check for scores to be submitted on time, contact teams to keep games scheduled or re-scheduled, receive complaints to the convenor before they are brought to the executive board. Examples: Trouble re-scheduling games and help to find common ground, complaints about rink conditions, following up with teams who have submitted scores.
- In the past, there is help needed to get people to play all 20 games. Each team in the association has committed to playing 20 games as being part of the league.
- James provided insight as he was the division convenor in the past. He didn't see a lot of activity and maybe only had 3 emails in the year. Easy to follow the website and see rules on website. James stated it was not very time consuming and rewarding to get to know other teams.
- Request for volunteers to self nominate as convenors:
 - **U14A** – James Van Lierop
 - **U14AA** – Kevin Aubertin
 - **U16A** – Liz Gill
 - **U16AA** – Natalie Piggott
 - **U19A** – Peter Westelaken
 - **U19AA** – Kinga Cormier
- **Action Item:** template for division convenors to be provided by GLRL for convenors to email all teams to introduce themselves and their role.

9) New for 2023/24 GLRL Safety/ Supplementary Disciplinary Committee

- New Policy added for this season.
- RO provides no guidance on video submission and this topic. This is the first of its kind to try and increase the safety in the sport.
- Policy can be found on GLRL website.
 - <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/greatlakesringette/files/GLRL%20Disciplinary%20Committee%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
- As part of the new policy, GLRL are looking for 2 to 3 names of interested parties for executive to consider for the committee.
 - The Role of the committee member – VP of GLRL would get the video and share with the committee. Committee will review the video and make recommendation to the GLRL executive based on the rules. The key is this will **not** overturn officials on the ice.
 - Ideally the committee would be 5 members and only 3 are needed to review the video submission so GLRL can ensure that timelines are met.
 - Request for nominees:
 - Holly has emailed names to Phil and Chris for people interested.
 - Brian has name from Kitchener interested.

- **Action Item:** Chris requested all names of those interested to email him by end of this week (September 1st)
- **Action Item:** update the disciplinary committee first word “Proposal”

10) Other Business

- **GLRL Reps for associations – Please double check and confirm contact information is correct on GLRL web site.**
 - Highly recommend phone numbers for coach contact if possible but understand that some do not want phone numbers posted online.
 - **Action Item:** Update Brian Kettle email on Executive contacts
 - **Action Item:** Google form for coach’s contact details with password and share with GLRL Reps and coaches.
 - **Action Item:** Update Kevin Aubertin email- registration@burlingtonringette.com
 - **Action Item:** Update Jenn Smallwood stingerzringette@gmail.com
- **Game Sheets – Ramp is expected to be fully operational. Reminder to confirm your scores on the web site after game completed.**
 - Thank you to Oshawa and London for helping navigate the Game Sheets Ramp
 - Greater Sudbury will need to bring iPad, etc. and hardware in order to get GameSheets to work for their games.
- **League Rules:**
https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/greatlakesringette/files/GLRL_League_Rules_2022%20FINAL.pdf
 - **Action Item:** GLRL reps to share link to League Rules to all coaches.
- **Substitution Rules: Same as last year, See Section 13 in League rules.**
 - You can only add a substitution up to a max of 12 players unless your team is 11 players and then you can only substitute up to 11 players.
 - For example, if your team roster has 16 players, you cannot add subs unless you only have 11 players and can only add 1 sub to bring up to 12 players.
 - For example, if your team roster has 11 players, you can only add subs up to 11 players and cannot have 12 players.
 - Often teams add a 2-team player agreement to allow for greater team size and this is not a problem.
 - You must mark “sub” on the Game Sheet
 - GLRL follows RO substitution rules except Goalies can be substituted unlimited times for league games.
 - Player can only be substitute up to 5 times.
- **Game Changes requested here:** <https://glrl.ca/form/4900>
- **Ramp – Tournament application process has dropped need for team code.**
 - Team code no longer required to register for tournaments. Ringette Ontario head office had this removed.
- **Competitions committee has been disbanded by RO office. Now send all Competitions items to Steph Laurin in RO office including two team agreements, suspensions. Essentially anything your competitions rep would be involved with. I have inquired about major penalty tracking, but process is unknown.**
 - If player or coach gets suspended, GLRL rep must email Steph to report what happened and when it was served.
 - **Action Item:** GLRL to remove form from GLRL website and put Steph details to contact for Major Penalties, Suspensions, etc.
 - Ensure major penalties and suspensions are marked on the Game Sheet app.

- **A Provincials in Waterloo, AA Provincials location not announced.**
 - Inquiries have been made about AA Provincials, but nothing has been shared at this point.

11) Next Meeting – Monday Sept 25, 2023 – 7:00 via ZOOM

- **Action Item:** Will update the website with new dates.

12) Future Meeting Dates – Mon Nov 20, 2023

Mon Jan 15, 2024

Mon Feb 26, 2024

AGM - TBD

13) Motion to adjourn.

- Motion to approve – Chatham.
- Seconded by Dorchester.
- **No one opposed - Carried.**