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**Great Lakes Ringette League**

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**Meeting Agenda**

**Monday August 26, 2019 - 7:00 pm**

**Victoria Road Arena – Cedar Room**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Central Region –** Ajax, Oshawa, Whitby

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

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

**Attendees:**

**In Person:** Phil Singeris, Jim File, Shannon Crinklaw, Tom Anderson, Shelley Handley, Adam & Tanya McKinlay, Gord Henderson, Andrew Wilkie, Leah Chapman, Abby Salb, Tina Gale, John Mezenberg (Coaching Rep), Kevin Sweeney (GLRL Scheduler), Jordan Kovats

**On Phone:** Chris McMichael, James Van Lierop, Jason White, Michelle Linton, Nancy Holmes, Stacey Wright, Terrah Warner, Lisa Tucker, Andrea Law, Michell Falkiner, Dan Mitchell, Steve Fraser

**Absent:** David Woolcott, Greg Turner, Christine Senior, Nina Kavalinas

1. **Requests for items to be added to the agenda & approval of agenda**
   * Request for approval – first by Dorchester, second by Forest and all in favour
2. **Approval of Minutes of July 23, 2019 meeting**
   * Request for approval – first by Ajax, second by London and all in favour
3. **Introduction – 2019 – 2020 GLRL Executive Officers**

* President - Phil Singeris
* Vice President - Jim File
* Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw
* Treasurer - Tom Anderson
* Past President - Greg Turner
* Central Region Rep - Lisa Tucker
* Southern Region Rep -Nina Kavalinas (interim) – Andrea???
* Western Region Rep -Shelley Handley

**Other Positions:**

* GLRL Scheduler -Kevin Sweeney
* G&T - rotated through 3 Region Reps
* Membership Services - rotated through 3 Region Reps
* Coaching - rotated through 3 Region Reps
* Officiating - rotated through 3 Region Reps

**CONVENORS:**

1. U12P T.B.D.
2. U14A Nancy Holmes
3. U14AA Andrew Wilkie
4. U16A Michelle Falkiner
5. U16AA Gordon Henderson
6. U19A Adam McKinlay
7. U19AA Jim File
8. Open A ???
9. Open AA ???

**Discussion:**

* Request for U12P convenor and explained the position as key contact for leagues
  + Jim and Phil will appoint a person from WORL and CORL
* Who is interested in league play for A or AA open league?
  + Waterloo has 2 teams interested
  + Elora Fergus is not interested
  + Will need deadline for declaration of Open A and AA to be interested in playing in a league – need to declare by September 10th. Last year the league played 12 league games. Open Reps should email Phil directly if they are interested in joining league play at the Open Level

1. **AA – Team Confirmation for the 2019 – 2020 Season**

**U14AA (8)** Ajax, Oshawa, Burlington, Mississauga, Richmond Hill, Dorchester, London, Waterloo

**U16AA (8)** Whitby, Burlington, Richmond Hill, Dorchester, Guelph, Kitchener, London, Waterloo

**U19AA (6)** Ajax, Mississauga, Richmond Hill, Guelph, London, Waterloo

**Open AA (?) T.B.D.**

1. **A – Team Declaration for the 2019 – 2020 Season**

**U12P (?) T.B.D.**

**U14A (14) EAST –** Ajax, Barrie, Markham-A, Markham-F, Oshawa, Richmond Hill, Whitby

**WEST** – Mississauga, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, St Mary’s,

Waterloo

**U16A (12) EAST –** Ajax. Markham, Mississauga, Newmarket, Oshawa, Richmond Hill

**WEST** - Dorchester, Elora Fergus**,** Forest, Guelph, Paris, Waterloo

**U19A (9) EAST** – Mississauga, Oshawa, Richmond Hill-C, Richmond Hill-W, Whitby

**WEST** - Forest, London, Mitchell, Waterloo

**Open A (?) T.B.D.**

**Discussion:**

* Request to get an understanding of who plans to host a U12P team in the upcoming season
  + Ajax – 1 team
  + Barrie – 1 team
  + Burlington – 1 team
  + Dorchester – 1 team
  + Elora Fergus – 0 teams
  + Forest – 1 team
  + Kitchener – 1 team
  + Guelph – 1 team
  + London – 1 or 2 teams
  + Markham – 1 team
  + Mississauga – 1 or 2 teams
  + Mitchell – 1 team
  + Newmarket – 0 teams
  + Oshawa – 1 team
  + Paris – 0 teams
  + Richmond Hill – 2 teams
  + St. Marys – 0 teams
  + Waterloo – 1 team
  + Whitby – 1 team

**TOTAL – 16 TEAMS & possibly 18 (Central - 3, Southern – 6/7, Western – 7/8 teams)**

1. **GLRL Logo Contest**

**Discussion:**

* + 17 logo design creations submitted to this date
  + Most designs submitted by adults and some player submissions are starting to also come in
  + Request to continue to promote the logo contest

1. **Treasurer’s Report** - Tom Anderson

* Set GLRL Team Fees for 2019/20 Season
* $500 Bond from each member Association
* Procedure to pay these fees/bonds

**Discussion:**

* Bank account has not been set-up yet. Looking to set-up at the Royal Bank in Ajax
* Draft budget cost of $7500 required with 35 teams. $100 initially proposed as team fee. Bond fees will be held in trust and any fines will be drawn from the bond. If the bond drops below $350 then the affected association would be asked to top up amount to $500.
* Some expenses include room rentals, website start-up.
* Each region (CORL, SORL, WORL) each put $1000 as a starting fund for GLRL to start the league. Total of $3000.
* Request for vote on team fees to set for 2019-2020 season being $100 per team.
  + Motion to set team fees at $100/team – First Forest, Second Dorchester, all in favour. None opposed.
* Request for $500 bond per association
* All cheques need to be made out to GLRL at the September 23 meeting. 2 separate cheques required per association: 1 cheque for team fees and 1 cheque for bond fees.
* **ACTION ITEM:** Tom will create a tracking spreadsheet and communicate to all associations the amount owed before the September 23rd meeting.

1. **Change to U16AA & U19AA Game Format**

**Discussion:**

* At last meeting, unanimous agreement to approach ORA to have four 11 min periods to match the U19 format
* ORA approved and agreed to allow for this change and asked we provide feedback on how it goes
* This will only be for league play and not tournaments
* Open Discussion to changing this rule
  + Some pushback at U16AA level with new players coming up and having to adjust
  + Some concerns with ice scheduling
  + Concern with changing the games because the change in format and concerns with not succeeding at tournaments
  + The reason to change format was to have more coaching touch points
  + Chris’s experience found that this format gave the coach more time with the players and that players were not more tired. Stressed there is more value in the extra coaching.
* Motion to Vote to change U16AA format to four 11-minute periods for the 2019-2020 season
  + First by London
  + Second by Dorchester
  + Call to a vote:
    - Is anyone opposed? Mississauga
    - Is everyone else in favour – no comment
    - Motion has passed
  + Action Item – Phil to create a communication to send out to all associations to send to all families as well.
    - Associations need to communicate to coaches, families, scorekeepers, etc.
  + Do we expect referees to request more money?
    - Yes, this may be an issue.

1. **Scheduling of League Game Formats**

* 20 game schedules for all divisions is goal
* AA divisions – will play all opponents
* A division – schedule format to be discussed

**Discussion:**

* Most associations submitted their blackouts on time
* A draft U16AA and U19AA schedules have been created and will be shared.
* We strive for a 20-game schedule
  + U16AA will play 20 games each
  + U19AA will play 20 games each
  + U14AA will have 8 teams and 20 games
* There is a challenge with scheduling A league games
  + U14A – has 14 teams with 7 in east and 7 in the west. Unbalanced 20 game schedule.
    - **EAST –** Ajax, Barrie, Markham-A, Markham-F, Oshawa, Richmond Hill, Whitby
    - **WEST** – Mississauga, Forest, Guelph, Kitchener, London, St Mary’s,
    - Waterloo
    - Original Proposal that each group plays within their own division such as East plays East and West plays West without cross-over. Its suggested at this younger age that not having cross-over is recommended.
    - **DECISION: 3 games within division against each opponent with 2 crossover games with 1 being home and 1 being away.**
  + U16A – 20 game schedule
    - **EAST –** Ajax. Markham, Mississauga, Newmarket, Oshawa, Richmond Hill
* **WEST** - Dorchester, Elora Fergus**,** Forest, Guelph, Paris, Waterloo
  + - Original Propose that each group plays within their own division such as East plays East and West plays West without cross-over.
    - Southern requests cross-over between teams at the U16A level.
    - Concerns with some teams willing to travel to some locations but not all. Example: Western region all stated they would go to Mississauga but not anywhere beyond that.
    - **DECISION:** **Proposal would be to 4 crossover games with 2 being at home and 2 games being played away and 16 other games within their division.**
    - Paris question – is there a new ranking system? Deferred to G&T rep. Will this change the ranking. The answer provided was no.
  + U19A
    - **EAST** – Mississauga, Oshawa, Richmond Hill-C, Richmond Hill-W, Whitby
    - **WEST** - Forest, London, Mitchell, Waterloo
    - Original Proposal – 20 game schedule with cross over games.
    - **DECISION: Play each opponent twice (crossover) = 16 games then 4 additional games within their own division with 2 home and 2 away**
    - **Request as many double headers as possible for this age group in particular**

1. **GLRL Schedule**

* Update

**Discussion:**

* Season begins on September 21, 2019
* U16AA and U19AA draft schedules are complete and ready to share
* Hard copies made available at the meeting
* Kevin’s software can help identify other options for schedule changes and identify conflicts
* Need to tweak the schedule over the next 48 hours
* Process:
  + New schedule will be shared by end of week
  + GLRL will review the schedule and provide feedback to the ice scheduler
* U14AA, U14A, U16A and U19A schedules
  + Draft schedule to be provided September 8th
  + Concern is some associations need to give regional schedules back so need to confirm provincial games by 15th of September
* U12p will be done later in September once teams are confirmed
* **DECISION:** All division schedules to be finalized by September 15th to respect associations ice planning
* Need to confirm when associations can return ice because some are by end of September or beginning of October.

1. **Website**

* **Update**

**Discussion:**

* Working to change the CORL website over to the GLRL website
* Need to get an update on the website progress. Concerns with spelling errors and typos.
* Need to change CORL to show GLRL even if we lose the history
* Need to load bylaws and key contact list this week
* Jim to follow up with Rob to get the website updated as quick as possible
* Any volunteers with strong tech background to take this on? No volunteers
* Most associations are moving to RAMP and moving away from MBS sports web

1. **Membership Services**

**Discussion:**

* Membership Services invited to bring forward reports
* No reports at this time
* Reminder that releases for players have to be fully signed and submitted to membership services before anyone steps on the ice

1. **Officials Report**

**Discussion:**

* This is a rule change year so will need rule change clinics – all refreshers will be pre-registered via coach’s locker

1. **G + T Report**

**Discussion:**

* G&T report – no format changes for tournaments formats. AA ranking format will match the A format. No more ranking games.
* Before tournament schedule is completed, G&T to schedule ranking games

1. **Coaching Report**

**Discussion:**

* Must have female coach or assistant coach at every game for both AA and 14A
  + Next year will need for all ages including U16A and U19A
* Moving to respect in sport so all teams U8 to U12 – coaches must take respect in sport (Must complete for activity leaders not parents)
  + Over the next year then older groups will be required
  + Online module that is $30 and takes 3 hours to complete
* Starting in 2020, mandatory that teams have trainers on the bench at all sanctioned events. Focus is on dedicated trainers not just certified coaches. Trainer needs first aid and respect in sport.
* All certifications are due November 30th except CI which is due January 15th
  + MED courses set-up online and only for ringette coaches
  + Estimated cost is $80
* Suggested to use coaching pathways on Ontario Ringette to know what is needed

1. **New Business**

* Master Contact List – please review and submit any corrections to Phil
* Substitution for League play guidance on submitting appropriate age groups that can be called up for a game
  + Operating Manual chart does exist
  + Need internal guidelines at each association as well
  + Mississauga’s concern is with GLRL players calling up inappropriate regional age groups as substitution

1. **Next Meeting – Monday September 23rd, 2019 – 7:00pm – Mississauga (Iceland)**
   * G&T has tournament assignments for U12P meeting on September 23rd
   * U12p will stay within WORL and not play in GLRL this season
   * Concern is some associations have to turn their ice back on September 15th and the U12p schedule will not be ready
     + Teams declared September 12th
     + G&T tournament assignments September 23rd
     + League play will start September 30 in Western and October 4th for GLRL
     + Assuming 20 game schedule with 10 home games
     + Western Region is keeping U12p and regional
     + CORL and SORL will schedule U12p and regional together
2. **Future Meetings – Nov 18, Feb 10 & AGM (late Apr or May)**
3. **Motion to adjourn – 9:24pm**
   * **First Ajax**
   * **Second Forest**

**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**

**MEETING ACTION ITEMS:**

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| Action | Responsible | Target Date to Complete |
| All associations to declare Open teams wanting league play | All Associations | September 10th |
| All associations to bring 2 cheques to the next GLRL meeting. One cheque for team fees ($100 per team) and one cheque for association bond ($500) | All Associations | September 23rd |
| Send out spreadsheet communication to each team to let them know how much team fees and bond collected tracking is. Include mailing address to send cheques. | Tom Anderson | September 13th |
| Send out communication to U16AA teams and associations with new league game format rules for them to communicate to families, scorekeepers, coaches, etc. | Phil | September 13th |
| Communicate U16AA and U19AA draft schedules to GLRL members to review and provide feedback | Phil | August 29th |
| Provide draft schedule for all divisions for review | Phil | September 8th |
| Final schedules for all divisions to be provided to associations so all unused ice can be returned to regional programs | Phil | September 15th |
| Meeting with Rob to update the CORL website – change to GLRL | Jim | August 30th |

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