



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Agenda

Monday January 16, 2023 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)

Central Region (4) – Ajax/Pickering (Heather McMahon), Oshawa (Stacey Wright), Sunderland (Derrick O’Grady),

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (Michelle), Burlington (Kevin Aubertin), Etobicoke (Erin Riley), Markham-Stouffville (Peter Kennedy), Richmond Hill (Adam Natsheh), Mississauga (Roy Reedon), Paris (Jen Mayhew)

Western Region (8) – Chatham (Margie Van Oirschot), Dorchester (Shelley Handley), Forest (Jenn Batty), Kitchener (Brian Kettles), Guelph (David Woolcott), London (Melinda Suchard), Mitchell (Jessica Ward), Waterloo (Kinga)

Regrets: St. Mary’s (Peter Westelaken), Greg Turner

Absent: Whitby (Elizabeth Gill), Cambridge (Nicolette Rehyani)

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Tom Anderson, Jim File, Chris Sharpe, James Van Lierop (Southern VP), Holly Davies, Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling, Andrew Law, Eric V. (Chatham)

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

- Jim File request to discuss increasing body Contact at U12A/U14A level
- Jim File request to add Hotels for Provincial Championships
- Sunderland request to discuss Provincials U14A
- Motion to approve agenda– Chatham
- Seconded by Paris
- No one opposed – Carried

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of Nov 21, 2022

- Motion to approve – Dorchester
- Seconded by Forest
- No one opposed - Carried

3) 2022 – 2023 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Phil Singeris
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw
- Treasurer - Tom Anderson
- Past President - Greg Turner
- Central Region Rep - Holly Davies
- Southern Region Rep - Roy Reeton
- Western Region Rep - Shelley Handley
- Scheduler - Jim File

4) GLRL Game Re-Scheduling

- Games played to date
 - o All games scheduled have been played and scores entered to date
 - o 5 games defaulted to March 31st to be re-scheduled

ID	#	Date	Start Time	Home	Visitor	Arena	Finished	Team Verified	Club Verified	
639773	162060	03/31/2023		Oshawa U16AA	Dorchester U16AA	Delpark Homes Centre	No			
639847	141050	03/31/2023		Oshawa U14A	Burlington U14A	Delpark Homes Centre	No			
639888	191010	03/31/2023		Dorchester S U19A	Oshawa U19A	Flight Executive Centre	No			
639900	191022	03/31/2023		Whitby U19A	Paris U19A	Iroquois Park Sports Centre 4	No			
741036	121068	03/31/2023		Sunderland U12A	Oshawa U12A	Sunderland-Block Memorial Arena	No			

- o U16AA game with Oshawa vs. Dorchester and Oshawa vs Sunderland will be re-scheduled as the associations are working to get extra ice
- o The two 19A re-schedules had a proposal provided to address these re-schedules
- Expectation that all game scheduled will be rescheduled prior to Provincials and that a 20-game season is completed for all divisions.
 - o Re-scheduling process has been working very well.
 - o RICs included after feedback given at the beginning of the year and has been working well.
- Reminder to submit scores within 24 hours.
 - o Shannon is changing the scores manually if more than 7 goal spread because RAMP game sheets are just automatically uploaded
 - o U16AA and U19AA games are showing 3 periods and not 4 periods. **Need to follow up with RAMP on if this is possible to add 4th period to the scoring section.**
 - Holly stated that the minor official needs to indicate a 4th period and manually add the 4th period in the digital game sheet, but these don't appear to be seen from the front end.
- RAMP Issues
 - o Some tournament issues with RAMP. London tournament submitted enhancements to RAMP to improve tournament tracking

- Ties are being ranked alphabetical, not by points
- Nancy experience with game sheet app is that it doesn't show bench staff for suspend able offenses. Kinga confirmed that any player or bench staff can be selected to add to the game sheet.
- Nancy to send Shannon list of WRRL penalties to confirm against GLRL penalty listing. Note: Do not update existing, add new.
- May need to add Nancy to back-end of league so she can review ref comments

5) GLRL Financial Report - Tom Anderson

The screenshot displays the Royal Bank online banking interface for the Great Lakes Ringette League. The page title is 'Accounts Summary' with a greeting 'Good Evening'. The total balance for all bank accounts is \$24,636.11 CAD. The accounts listed are:

Bank Accounts	Total: \$24,636.11 CAD
Chequing	\$2,931.99 CAD
Savings	\$21,704.12 CAD

The interface also includes a search bar with the text 'Enter your question here' and a 'Search' button. There are also links for 'Quick Payments & Transfers' and 'From'.

- 2 pending expenses – Newmarket to have bond refund and RAMP expenses \$787
- Following up with Ringette Ontario who stated RO would pay the \$787 and further discussion on future expenses and who will pay are to be discussed

6) U12A Division Regional Year-End Championships Recommendation from GLRL to Regions:

“For the 2023 Year End Regionals for U12A - The 9 Central & Southern Teams attend the Oshawa event, and the 5 Western Region teams attend the Kitchener event.

For the 2024 Year End Regionals and beyond - That one Event host the whole U12A division on an alternating basis. This would allow for better balanced of play divisions at the event. This must be communicated to all U12A teams prior to the formation of the team”.

Discussion:

- Survey sent out to all teams to complete
- Mixed results. Some teams only wanted particular events to attend, a few teams stated they would go to either.
- Based on this year results, the GLRL recommendation is to keep teams in their own region for 2023
- For this year, 8 teams will attend Central & Southern Teams and 6 teams in Western Region including Burlington U12A
- There was some pushback on the recommendation for 2024 and how it would look to Ringette Ontario as it appears to be one large championship and no decisions have been made. The recommendation has been shared with the regions.

7) Gord Bell Award

- Application to be posted on GLRL website
- Deadline to submit – April 30, 2023
- All applicants must submit application forms to GLRL reps and reps responsible to bring to Executive
- **Shannon to post link to GLRL reps in the news article on the website**
- Turn around time will be quick for this award as deadline is April 30, 2023, and AGM is planned for May 15, 2023

8) Planning for 2023/24 Season

- **AA & A Team Tryouts**
 - GLRL has no jurisdiction over team formation and processes but often concerns are brought to GLRL as a community forum
 - Western region has already shared tryout dates with Central and Southern region reps and will be sharing process document with regions soon
 - For Western region, language has been changed around offering and accepting roster positions to be more strict
 - Southern region adding tighter restrictions for signing roster offers and signing a player agreement
 - Western, Southern and Central regions are working more closely together this year
 - Markham U12A team tried to put a team together and dropped down to B after 1st half of the schedule
 - U12A is entry level, and this can happen and scheduling two halves of the season allow for this
 - At higher levels such as U19 level, regions should be aware of skill and teams dropping out at this level causes more problems
- **Who is responsible to re-assign level to teams that are struggling or dominant?**
 - RO has stated no movement of teams within the season and associations should do a better job of evaluating teams
 - RO has issued an operating manual and there is a section for reseeding, but no details have been provided. Right now, its up to the regions to ensure teams are seeded correctly.
 - Southern region is trying to get stricter rules on team formation including forcing teams have a minimum of 12 players and other requirements being discussed. Southern will look to align with Western region.
 - Some issues this year was associations taking on higher level teams and not having enough ice allotment or size of rink to satisfy the needs of this level. Need to consider # of ice time, size of rink and times the ice is available
 - **Chris suggests GLRL to suggest ice times size, # and time available as a guideline for regions and associations to use when considering hosting teams.** Items to consider:
 - Times for U12A being too late
 - Older teams needing proper rink size
 - If hosting AA teams, must have hours on Sat and Sun at a minimum
- **U12 for 2023**
 - Still not recognized as Provincial level as per Ringette Ontario
 - Tryouts in the Fall
 - Burlington enjoys U12A as part of GLRL
 - Waterloo and Guelph would like to see one big championship
 - Holly suggests moving U12A to regional to better align U12A/B so they can align boys playing and give same playing experience

- GLRL is great for keeping competitive play at U12A because GLRL can allow for better loops of play and find meaningful play without travelling too far
- These are conversations to take back to your associations for discussion
- **Changes to Provincial Qualifying?**
 - No further information provided for this season or next
 - Risk from COVID still existed this year when making decisions

9) Other Business

- **Candidates for GLRL Executive for 2023/24 Season**
 - President and Secretary to be elected this year
 - Phil is stepping down as President and will act as Past President next year
- **Body Contact seen in League Play**
 - Unsafe play has been seen that is not being called in league games
 - There is not just one answer to this issue as we have officiating issues, coaching issues, and player issues
 - GLRL was asked to take a lead on help govern this for league play and show a lead on this issue which has not been addressed as strongly as it should be
 - We have no provisions on video submitted and cannot overrule officials as GLRL was not on premise when the call was made or game played, but GLRL suggesting adding rules around what video review would look like
 - RO policy is that videos cannot be used. Witness statements are allowed.
 - This is a U12A specific concern that was raised
 - Some concern with officials being overridden and they are doing the best they can
 - Some concerns about officiating at U12A level across the board
 - Junior level refs
 - With covid, very little ref evaluating and training
 - **GLRL should request RO to re-evaluate the process for reviewing video to be allowed**
 - As long as videos aren't used to "judge an official" and it's used for education purposes or review of severity of contact, this should be allowed.
 - Training players at U12A on how to play safe will continue as these players enter older age groups
 - Summary:
 - Ability to have rules around video being allowed to be submitted
 - Officials need better training especially at U12A level
 - What is the next step?
 - Suggest sub-committee to put together a policy of what would be allowed and have GLRL test for one year in U12A then look to expand
- **Provincial Hotels**
 - All teams should've received email from office to pick up rooms
 - Jim is available to answer questions
- **Provincial Championships**
 - No opening ceremonies at any provincial events this year
 - Ringette Ontario asked U14A teams to rank themselves as Tier 1 or Tier 2 and Sunderland is wondering what they are going to do with this information

- RO is hoping that teams will be honest in their response for scheduling purposes to create meaningful play
- Suggestion to reach out to RO competitions to clarify
- Ringette Ontario may be doing a draw
- Suggestion that GLRL has conversation with RO office and GLRL will provide league standings and recommendations

10) Next Meeting – Monday Feb 27, 2023 – 7:00 via ZOOM

11) Future Meeting Dates – AGM – Monday, May 15th – In Person or Virtual?

- Prefer in person and will discuss at next meeting

12) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to approve – Dorchester
- Seconded by London
- No one opposed - Carried