



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes

Monday March 25, 2024 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)

Central Region (4) – Ajax/Pickering (Tom Anderson), Oshawa (Holly Davies), Sunderland (Jenn Smallwood), Whiby (Liz Gill)

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (James Van Lierop), Burlington (Kate Diell), Cambridge (Bethany Van Der Kooy), Etobicoke (Erin Filey), Markham-Stouffville (Peter Kennedy), Mississauga (Carole), Paris (Sarah), Richmond Hill (Adam Natsheh)

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

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

Regrets: Heather McMahon (Ajax)

Absent: NONE

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Chris Sharpe, Brian Kettles, Shae Stanbra (Western Rep), Andrea Law (Southern Region), Jim File, Roy Reedon (Central Rep)

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

- Shannon requested to add Planning for Season 2024-2025 with Team Declaration dates
- On Camera discussion on RIC for next season
- Peter – request to have officiating discussion

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2024

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

3) 2023 – 2024 GLRL Executive Officers

- Spots for election at AGM this May– Vice President & Treasurer
- Vice President – Brian is willing to stay
- Treasurer will be needed

4) Financial Report

- New RBC feature to send e-transfers up and running. Still requires 2 signatures/approvals to e-transfer
- When GLRL incorporates, GLRL will have income to declare
- Total value of bonds being held is # of active associations x \$500 (22x\$500 = \$11,000)
- **Action Item: AGM Report to include the list of associations we are holding bonds for**

The screenshot shows the Royal Bank online banking interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Products & Services', 'My Accounts', and 'Help Centre'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Accounts Summary' and 'Profile & Account Settings'. The main content area features a banner with the text 'Accounts Summary' and 'Good Morning'. To the right of the banner are icons for 'Statements/Documents', 'Messages/Alerts', 'Offers For You', 'Beyond Banking', and 'Print'. Below the banner, there is a table for 'Bank Accounts' with a total balance of \$28,186.25 CAD. The table lists 'Chequing' with a balance of \$816.33 CAD and 'Savings' with a balance of \$27,369.92 CAD. To the right of the table is a search bar with the text 'Enter your question here' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a section for 'Quick Payments & Transfers' with a 'From' dropdown menu.

5) Discipline Committee Status

- 1 submission from Guelph vs Dorchester U16A
- Were not able to review some videos submitted because they were from tournaments but other videos were also provided to be reviewed.
- Process was followed and review was completed in timely manner as per the procedure
- Resulted in 2 warning letters for players and 1 suspension for player. Association President confirmed suspension was served.
- In review, the first submission was a little clunky but hit all timelines in the policy.

6) Incorporation Status & Updates

- Marked up Bylaws sent by SportsLaw to us for review
 - GLRL has 60 days to get Bylaws in order and approved from time of Incorporation
 - **Action Items: Executive to get bylaws in order and send to GLRL to review, meeting before AGM needed to answer questions so bylaws can be approved at AGM.**
- Changing 3 Region Board positions to "At Large Positions"
 - Request to get proper representation across all areas as key focus
 - Want to protect region influences but will be difficult to keep these in place if regions don't exist
 - If have 3 "at large positions", these positions would have to be separate people from association reps. Suggestion to group associations together and have 1 person in addition to represent that area. Limit the term to 1 year was suggestion and alternate so you are only electing a new person each year.
 - Would the GLRL want to see 3 positions at large open to everyone vs. 3 positions open based on geography? Sunderland, Oshawa, Burlington requesting region representation. Andrea Law suggested that we have 3 at large roles written in the bylaws but "recommend" where we would like to see the reps from in terms of geography.

- Suggestion if positions are at large and open to everyone then bylaws should be limiting to more committee work
- Should consider lining up with Ringette Ontario Zones
- Discuss setup a new formal RIC Role in GLRL
 - Need this as formal role with Ref Scheduling
 - Regions who are currently scheduling Refs but some regions will disappear
 - Will have to consider who is paying for Refs and who is paying for Ref mileage
 - Does GLRL need to get \$ from each association at beginning of the year to share and pay for Ref mileage? To be considered.
- Discuss setup Scheduler Role as Paid Position in GLRL
 - Would schedule all games and officials
- Remove obsolete roles on Board – Open Discussion
 - There are a list of roles in current Bylaws that have never been used
- **Action Item: Should Past President have full voting rights? To confirm with Sport Law.**

7) Major Penalties in League Play – Update and Form

- Tracking and management of suspensions being discussed with other leagues and RO
- Looking to use RAMP to do more tracking and email notifications
- RO agrees that with the removal Competition committee that things haven't been completely streamlined
- RO is working on a workflow/tool and use of RAMP incorporated
- Recent Western Regional Championship experienced the most suspensions they have seen and had very little direction to Ringette Ontario on helping making the right decisions
- RAMP functionality needed includes locking down forms and automatic notifications

8) Officiating

- Respect for Refs Guidelines added to Website
- GLRL RIC discussion – does anyone feel strongly that GLRL doesn't need a RIC?
 - All agree that a GLRL RIC is needed
 - GLRL needs to find a RIC
 - RIC does not receive compensation
- Is this going to be a paid position for scheduling the officials?
 - This needs to be considered
- **Action Item: GLRL to discuss and decide on Ref Scheduling position and if this is paid**
- **Action Item: GLRL to find RIC candidates for next season**

9) Team Formation for 2024-2025

- GLRL Team Formation Guidelines on Website
- **Action Items: GLRL Reps to review the guidelines**

10) Games Formant/ Rules discussion

- For U19AA and U16AA should we increase warmup time to match NRL of 5 min?
 - **Action Item: AGM vote on increasing the warm-up time to 5 minutes. Would need to be added to GLRL Rules.**
- For goalies who come into games cold (In a case of replacement due to injured goalie, should we permit a warmup time for stretch to help avoid injuries to those goalies)
 - If goalie comes out due to emergency or mid-period, need to give some time to provide a stretch for them to warm-up.
 - **Action Item: AGM vote to review and would need to add GLRL rules.**

11) Games not completed to date – U19AA Only

- 3 games are not completed as of yet
- These games have not been played. We need to get answers and decide if forfeits are occurring or if they are going to be played. If being played we need to see them “scheduled” to occur before end of March, Can be scheduled for after March.

ID	#	Date	Start Time	Home	Visitor	Arena	Finished	Team Verified	Club Verified	
906683	2319217	02/03/2024	12:30 PM	Burlington Blast U19AA	Oshawa Storm U19AA	Mainway Recreation Centre	No			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Home RSVP <input type="checkbox"/> Away RSVP <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel <input type="checkbox"/>
906684	2319218	02/03/2024	5:00 PM	Burlington Blast U19AA	Mississauga Mustangs U19AA	Mainway Recreation Centre	No			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Home RSVP <input type="checkbox"/> Away RSVP <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel <input type="checkbox"/>
906676	2319210	03/31/2024		Oshawa Storm U19AA	Richmond Hill Lightning U19AA	Delpark Homes Centre	No			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Home RSVP <input type="checkbox"/> Away RSVP <input type="checkbox"/> Cancel <input type="checkbox"/>

- Burlington is looking to pursue but wants to ensure the teams will show up to play the game. Ice time is available.
- Oshawa also has ice time but needs to confirm the team will be able to play.

12) Scheduling Debrief

- Questions or Issues with scheduling this season (double headers, travel, etc.)
 - Looking for feedback from associations on what went well and what didn't for this past year
 - **Action Item: Get feedback from associations to bring back to AGM**
 - Feedback from Etobicoke: Our only issue in Etobicoke was a Chatham/Forest Double header that didn't have enough time for travel. Chatham was able to accommodate us earlier.
 - GLRL is not responsible for any costs associated with travel – this is a team cost
 - **Action Item: Need to confirm if RO will be assigning tournaments all year or just 2nd half again to consider in scheduling**
 - For next year, need to try and black out heavy tournament weekends because hard to get refs
 - Associations need to communicate that Provincial teams should be expected everywhere
 - Need to consider starting games for AA as soon as possible in September
 - Feedback received to Jim was there were too many double headers
 - U14A was a bit of an issue – pains with travel – try to get 1 trip east and 1 trip west
 - Consider Tier for U14A especially for teams that have AA
 - **Action Item: Ask RO what plan for U14A is for next year in terms of qualifications for Championship and Tiering so league can fall inline**

13) AGM Date & Location

- Vice President & Treasurer Positions – Election (2-year position)
- Remote or In-Person -where?
 - Zoom Meeting – Monday May 27th
 - Iceland Arena closed for renovations

14) Other Business:

- **League Champions for 2023-2024**

- U14A – Mitchell Stingers
- U14AA – Barrie Blizzard
- U16A – Forest Xtreme
- U16AA – Richmond Hill
- U19A – Forest Xtreme
- U19AA – Waterloo Wildfire
- GLRL offers a choice of banner or trophy and up to 20 medals for players
- If associations want more, the team can pay GLRL to get additional items
- Should be in after a month of ordering
- **Action Item: Tom Anderson to reach out to winning teams with email instructions**

- **Gord Bell Scholarship Application Open**

- Associations give to GLRL rep
- GLRL rep needs to send to GLRL Executive on or before April 30, 2024
- Submit application forms to Chris Sharpe and Shannon Crinklaw
- Committee will review to decide winners
- Winners announced at AGM
- GLRL reps encouraged to check application to ensure they are fully completed as some applications could not be considered last year because they were incomplete

15) Next Meeting

- April Meeting suggested – Preliminary Team Planning and Bylaw Review
 - April 29th – 7pm - Zoom
- AGM – Monday May 27th with Zoom – 7pm

16) Motion to adjourn.

- Motion to approve – St. Mary's
- Seconded by Barrie
- **No one opposed - Carried.**