



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes

Monday November 15th, 2021 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL:

Central Region (4) – Ajax (Allen Ross), Oshawa (Stacey Wright), Sunderland (Derrick O’Grady), Whitby (Elizabeth Gill)

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (Jim Van Lierop), Burlington (Kevin Aubertin), Cambridge (Jeremy Slotegraaf), Markham (Absent), Mississauga (Roy Reedon), Paris (Michelle Falkiner), Richmond Hill (Stephen Fraser)

Western Region (8) –Dorchester (Shelley Handley), Forest (Adam McKinlay), Guelph (David Woolcott), Kitchener (Sid Perron), London (Andrew Wilkie), St. Mary’s (Lisa Linton), Waterloo (Neil Henderson)

Associations with no GLRL Teams – Newmarket (Melanie Fedigan), Chatham (Absent), Elora Fergus (Absent)

Regrets: Mitchell (Jessica Ward), Greg Turner

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Chris Sharpe, Tom Anderson, Holly Davies, Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (Competition Committee Western), Jim File, Andrea Law (VP Southern Region)

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

- Request for anyone to add items to the agenda
- Forest requested Markham U16A male goalie to be added – cannot be added at this time as this topic is still under review and needs a vote/decision.
- Motion to approve the agenda – first motion by Barrie
- Seconded by Guelph
- Agenda Approved (all in favour)

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2021

- Motion to approve minutes as reviewed
- Need to add note that Chatham did not complete Tryouts in chart. The association tried to form a team without tryouts and were not successful. (*Amendment to minutes made November 15, 2021*)
- Motion to approve – first motion by Forest
- Seconded by Dorchester

- Minutes approved (all in favour)

3) 2020 – 2021 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Phil Singeris
- Vice President - Jim File
- 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

4) Treasurer's Report -Tom Anderson

GLRL Team Fees for 2021/22 Season

- \$80 per team fee due now for 16 game schedule
- This is pro-rated from previous \$100 per team fee
- Only 6 associations still required to pay, and all associations have been notified

5) Division Conveners for 2021/22 Season

- Conveners are responsible for oversight of the division play including games scores are reported and bring to the executive any issues
- Ideally, we would want to avoid conflict of interest if possible.
- Request for volunteers brought forward
- **U12A** – Lisa Linton (St. Mary's)
- **U14A** – Andrew Wilkie (London)
- **U16A** – James Van Lierop (Barrie)
- **U19A** – Neil Henderson (Waterloo)
- **U14AA** – Roy Reeton (Mississauga)
- **U16AA** – Kevin Aubertin (Burlington)
- **U19AA** – David Woolcott (Guelph)

6) GLRL Schedule, Game changes & Website

- www.grl.ca
- **Guides for Teams**
- **Score Reporting**
- **Major Penalty Reporting**
- **Player Statistics**

Discussion:

- New website using RAMP that is hosted by Ringette Ontario
- Reminders on how to report scores was addressed by Shannon
 - GLRL reps were sent an email with team username and passwords to login and report scores
 - Teams must enter home and visitor score
 - Teams must check the "Game is Finished" checkbox in order to have the game count in the statistics

- How to track major penalties?
 - Ramp website not able to track
 - Meeting – Jim, Nancy, and Shannon to discuss how to add to game sheets for penalties and define requirements of what we need and how it will be entered.
 - Nancy to send Shannon the google form to post on GLRL website for reporting major penalties
- Burlington request – what is the correct process if the game score was entered incorrectly?
 - Process is to change the score if incorrect – coach should contact the team for them to go in and edit
 - Should go to the U12A convenor to report
- Andrea Law reminded everyone to put a note regarding substitutions on the game sheets
- Forest asked if the score should be entered with 7 goals spread or should be actual score?
 - Ringette rules state that only 7 game score should be entered
- Tom Anderson (Treasurer) asked who should be keeping game sheets
 - Game sheets are not being submitted

7) GLRL Representatives Responsibilities

- **Communication from GLRL to Home Association**
- **Communication to GLRL from Home Association**
- Lots of communication has come from GLRL lately and some reps are passing information forward and some are not
- It's the responsibility of the GLRL rep to get the information back to the Home Association Presidents and coaches
- The expectation of GLRL rep is to summarize the meeting and provide a report to the Association
- Need to add GLRL reps to the website – will place on website under “About Us”

8) GLRL Rules

- **Know the Rules!**
- **Rules Review Sub-Committee**
- GLRL has had 2 major issues reported this week and there are concerns about coaches and associations not knowing the rules.
- GLRL rules are on the website, coaches need to read the rules and understand the rules.
- Key rules to understand including Ringette Ontario Substitution rules and GLRL substitution rules.
- GLRL rules were created by a merger of rules in 2019 when regions were merged, they will need updating and changes.
- GLRL rules have only had ½ a season of league play to see if there are concerns and evaluate their effectiveness.
- Request for rules sub-committee to review rules and submit amendments for AGM - Phil will sit on committee
 - Shannon Crinklaw
 - Neil Henderson
 - Michelle Falkiner
 - Elizabeth Gill

9) Other Business

a) U12A team concern raised

- Concern with Dorchester U12A being very strong
 - Concern that coach is holding players back because of the score difference and this will affect the development of the girls. Concern raised by another coach not as complaint but as worry about league play.
 - Suggestions of moving girls up to U14A or moving to play other centres that may be more competitive. This would need to be a formal request to move to U14 to come to the league. If G&T moves the team up, then they must play U14 in league and in tournaments
 - Because Dorchester has other teams, they are competitive with such as Burlington, would not suggest moving up right now
 - Need to evaluate Tier 1, 2 and 3 for league play and look at changing circuit
 - Western Region rep (Chris Sharpe) stated that having meaningful play is an important aspect to consider. Suggest having U14A exhibition game to evaluate how they would do.
- b) Concerns with game start time and delays
- There are implications of not starting league games on time. Coaches need to be aware.
 - Make sure coaches and associations read and understand the rules.
 - Rule interpretation can be different but need to understand the content of the rules.
 - Also issues with substitution rules that have been seen. Issues were due to coaches not understanding the rules in place.
- c) Current Issues with a team wanting to use a Male goalie in league play
- Executive is currently taking this under review
 - Ringette Ontario is requiring declaration of mixed teams
 - This is still under review of the league and a decision has not been made but associations with teams have been made aware.

10) Next Meeting – Monday January 10, 2022 – 7:00 via ZOOM

11) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn
- Approved by Burlington
- 2nd by Tom Anderson
- Meeting Adjourned (all in favour)

Action Items:

- Tom to remind associations of payment if not received this month – sent November 15th
- Shannon to add GLRL reps and Convenors to the website with email contact
- Nancy to send major penalty google form to post on GLRL website
- Shannon to book meeting with Nancy & Jim to determine what is needed to report penalties. Confirm with RAMP what is possible prior to the meetings.