



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Agenda

Monday Oct 21, 2024 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)

Position/Association	Name	Present/Absent/Regrets
President	Chris Sharpe	Present
Vice President	Brian Kettles	Regrets - Late
Past President	Phil Singeris	Regrets
Scheduler	Jim File	Present
Treasurer	Ron McArthur	Present
Secretary	Shannon Crinklaw	Present
RIC	Emma Bragg Smith	Present
Director at Large 1	Holly Davies	Present
Director at Large 2	Adam Natsheh	Present
Director at Large 3	Roy Reedon	Present
Scheduler 1	Steve Baker	Present
Scheduler 2	Tara Armstrong	Regrets
Schedule 3	Rob Ellis	Present
Ajax/Pickering	Susana Hart	Present
Barrie	James Van Lierop	Present
Burlington	Kate	Present
Cambridge	Andrew Levely	Present
Chatham	Eric Vandermeer	Present
Dorchester	Mike Reaume	Present
Etobicoke	Erin Filey	Present
Forest	Rachel Orvis	Present
Guelph	Jared Pulleybank	Present
Hamilton	Tonya Birkin	Present
Kitchener	Jessica Ward	Absent
London	Melinda Suchard	Present
Markham-Stouffville	Peter Kennedy	Present
Mississauga	Roy Reedon	Regrets
Mitchell	Carrie McKichan	Present
Oshawa	Stacey Wright	Regrets
Paris	Jen Gringerich	Present
Richmond Hill	Adam Natsheh	Present
St. Mary's	Peter Westelaken	Present

Sudbury	Danielle	Present
Sunderland	Karsen Lewis	Present
Waterloo	Courtney Proudfoot	Present
Whitby	Christine Senior	Present

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

- No agenda items to be added

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2024

- Date Changed from August 25th to August 26th
- Motion to approve – Guelph
- Seconded by St. Mary's
- No one opposed

3) 2023 – 2024 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Chris Sharpe
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- Secretary - Shannon Crinklaw
- Treasurer - Ron McArthur
- Past President - Phil Singeris
- At Large Rep #1 - Holly Davies
- At Large Rep #2 -Adam Natsheh
- At Large Rep #3 - Roy Reedon
- GLRL Board Observers:
 - Scheduler - Jim File
 - Referee in Chief (RIC) -Emma Bragg-Smith
 - Referee Scheduler -Steve Baker: Western Region Area
 - Referee Scheduler -Rob Elis: Southern Region Area
 - Referee Scheduler -Tara Armstrong: Central Region Area

4) Financial Report –Ron McArthur

- All associations are paid in full
- All bond cheques are received in good order
- The first mileage cheques will be coming out soon which will be a the first time and involves learning curve
- Payouts will be done end of October, December and February and March
- Concern raised – to keep young officials in the game, they want payment more often or we may have lose refs due to incurring costs
- Concerns with the amount of bank fees that we could be charged since GLRL is a not-for-profit organization – GLRL is lobbying the bank to lower fees but the dual authentication



Bank Accounts	Total: \$49,832.85 CAD
Chequing	\$3,082.71 CAD
Savings	\$46,750.14 CAD

5) Discipline Committee – Jim File/Brian Kettles

- Reps from Ajax, Western and Richmond Hill will be returning on the committee
- Committee consists of same members as last year
- No concerns submitted for this year
- **Update on Suspensions in Game sheets**
 - **Action Item:** Request to add Association President to the Suspension workflow – could only add as manual email as association president email not in RAMP tied to team or player. Need to meet with RO to see if this can occur.
 - Workflow is listed on the GLRL website
 - One issue we are seeing is if Match Penalties are entered in error, we can delete the penalty but we are unable to delete the suspension already put into the game sheets. RAMP is aware and working on this.
 - **Action Item:** Request to RO on how Tournament Convenors are being notified for Suspensions
- Concerns raised - How to find the Game Code & Official Code
 - **Action Item:** Shannon to send Official Codes from RAMP to Emma
 - **Action Item:** One page instructions on website on how to find game code and official code

6) Scheduling Update – Jim File

- Scheduling went better than expected
- Number of Game Change Forms brought in compared to last year – decrease by half from 2023
- May look to have AA start 3rd weekend in September and maybe move A to same weekend
- Some concerns around Thanksgiving weekend – if you don't want to play on this weekend, then must be blacked out

7) Officials Update – Emma Bragg-Smith

- Arbiter update – everyone has been added
- We have had some struggles to make games happen. Official schedulers are doing what they can to get games filled. Will become more difficult as tournaments start up
- It is not the association's responsibility to schedule officials for games. If the games are going to be cancelled due to officials' shortage, the officials schedulers will reach out to you
- Every week is being scheduled right to the last minute
- At this point, only 1 game re-scheduled due to officials but this was done too soon by association, need to contact the RIC to confirm before re-scheduling
 - Raised that Forest vs Waterloo also cancelled due to lack of refs – Emma to follow up on this one
- With Tournaments coming in, it will test the system for scheduling
- Question: is there an opportunity to get more evaluations of referees completed to move refs up levels? There are opportunities. Cannot schedule evaluations until all officials have taken the mandatory refresher clinic.

8) League Sanctioning Status:

- RO has sanctioned out league as was expected.
- Submitted proposed policies for our sanctioning. We need to know pass the proposed Policies.
 - Social Media Policy – Reviewed
 - Motion to pass
 - Guelph approved
 - Forest seconded
 - Open Floor for Discussion – no discussion
 - No one opposed
 - Screening Policy – Reviewed
 - Motion to pass with updates
 - St. Mary's Approved
 - Barrie seconded
 - Open Floor for Discussion – no discussion
 - Add GLRL scheduler
 - Exclude Referee schedulers
 - No one opposed
 - Discipline and Complaints Policy – Not required to be approved, used the policies already in place
 - Action Item: Post Screening Policy and Social Media Policy on the website.
 - Action Item: Update Discipline and Complaints – review proposal and season date. Reviewed and Oct 2023 is the date of implementation so no change needed.

9) Director & Officer Insurance coverage –

- Because we are a sanctioned league the D&O insurance will be put in place
- General Liability insurance is in place.

Action Item: We have requested copies of the policies for our records from Ringette Ontario.

10) Games not completed to date on web site:

- **U14A** – James Van Lierop
 - No games outstanding
- **U14AA** – Eric Vandermeer
 - No games outstanding
- **U16A** – Courtney Proudfoot
 - 1 Game outstanding – Waterloo at Forest Sept 28 (re-scheduled due to no officials)
- **U16AA** – Roy Reedon
 - No games outstanding
- **U19A** – Peter Westelaken
 - No games outstanding
- **U19AA** – Jim File
 - 1 game to be re-scheduled – London at Mississauga March 31

Other Business:

- Looking at testing a flood between period after period 2 for U16AA and U19AA. Games slow down and ice is pretty rough shape by end of the 4 period games. Possibly safety concerns raised (without specific data) but also may just make the game better with fresh ice. This could impact the ability to get games done without two hours of ice.
 - Concerns around safety of players and officials, ice deteriorating
 - Mississauga will try this as first attempt to gain feedback (suggestion to ensure more than 1 trial)
 - **Impacts:** Scheduling for ref, cost of refs, availability of arena staff
 - **Evaluation will get feedback from coaches, refs from the trial**
 - **Request will be made to all reps to talk to their associations, coaches, RIC and arena staff to see if this is possible. Would only affect the associations hosting U16AA and U19AA.**
- Concerns raised about new goalie warmup rule by specific officials
 - Referee raised concern that rings on the ice for goalie warm-up is contradicting the Ringette Canada rule. Goalie warm-up does not need to have rings shot on the goalie.
 - **Action Item:** update rules for 30 sec to stretch, no rings on the ice. Email Coaches about new policies and updated rules.
 - Clarification of rule instead of Update not requiring
- A (Sault Ste. Marie – March 13-16, 2025) & AA Provincials (Ottawa March 30-April 5, 2025)
 - Intents are open and to be submitted before Nov 15.
 - Your teams must also book hotels through RO provider or will get fined likely. No specific fine amount confirmed
- CRC Intents to proceed now open with the Provincials Intents
 - Costs have increased to \$3000 entrance fee.
 - Also, now teams must use hotel provider for the event or will be fined.

11) Next Meeting – Monday Jan 13, 2024 – 7:00 via ZOOM

12) Motion to adjourn.

- St. Mary's approve
- Hamilton seconded

- **No one opposed**