



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Monday February 7, 2022 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL:

Central Region (4) – Ajax (Allen Ross), Oshawa (Stacey Wright), Richmond Hill (Stephen Fraser), Sunderland (Krystin O’Grady), Whitby (Elizabeth Gill)

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (Jim Van Lierop), Burlington (Jenn Aubertin), Cambridge (Jeremy Slotegraaf), Markham (Neil Wang), Mississauga (Roy Reedon - late)

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

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

Regrets: Paris (Michelle Falkiner)

Absent: Andrea Law (VP Southern Region)

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

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

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

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022

- Motion to approve – Ajax
- Seconded by Burlington
- No one opposed - Carried

2021 – 2022 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

3) GLRL Season Schedule

- Goal is to complete 16 games for each team
- Extend season to end of March & into April if necessary (after Provincials)
- Remaining Games to be Rescheduled (March 31st default date) – See List Below

42 GAMES REMAINING TO BE RESCHEDULED (as of Feb 7th)

Games by Division	Games by Association	
U12A - 9	Burlington - 3	Mississauga - 4
U14A - 3	Cambridge - 1	Oshawa - 5
U14AA - 7	Dorchester - 2	Richmond Hill - 9
U16A - 6	Forest - 3	St Mary's - 2
U16AA - 11	Guelph - 1	Sunderland - 2
U19A - 4	Kitchener - 4	Waterloo - 1
U19AA - 2	London - 1	Whitby - 3
	Markham - 1	

Meeting Discussion:

- Originally had approx. 160 games to be re-scheduled
- Now there are approx. 40 more games to be re-scheduled as of today
- A few teams stated they don't want to play after provincials because parents didn't sign up for extended season
- The majority of teams that have been involved and asked just want to play
- League play is important as well as end of year provincial tournaments
- Some centres are struggling with ice time, have heard some associations were going to have 3 games in a day.
 - 2 games/day and 4 games/weekend should be considered the maximum
- Open the Floor Comments/Questions
 - No comments
- Request to have each Association provide comments on how re-scheduling is going and any issues

Association	# of games	Comments on Scheduling Games
Burlington	3	Having some ice issues. U19AA coach working to get the game scheduled and some emails are going back and forth for U16AA games. There is open communication and trying to make it happen.
Cambridge	1	Game being played against Waterloo tomorrow night. Need to reach out to Waterloo to make another game happen but may need Waterloo ice. Will be looking to play during the week.
Dorchester	2	U12A game against London but reshuffle occurred, and they don't want to play Dorchester's U12A team. Need to re-schedule and will reach out.

		U16AA time offered was too late even though before provincials. Looking to re-schedule after provincial event.
Forest	3	One game re-scheduled this morning U12A. 2 games left to re-schedule. U16A and U19A games to be re-scheduled. Ajax declined due to other commitments and will be scheduled after provincials. U19A game times sent to London and waiting on response. Could the Forest vs. Ajax game played at the Ajax tournament be also counted as league play. If both teams are agreeable to this, this could be an option.
Guelph	1	U12A vs. Whitby to re-schedule. David to follow-up on the re-schedule.
Kitchener	4	U16AA games to be re-scheduled, shouldn't be any issues. Mississauga was re-scheduled after some issues and trying to schedule before provincials to make people happy.
London	1	U19A vs. Ajax game to be scheduled. Waiting to hear back from U19A coach.
Markham	2	U16AA vs. Mississauga and U16AA vs. Richmond Hill (#5044) need to be re-scheduled. Planning to re-schedule after provincials. Richmond Hill would prefer to be before provincials if possible. Can reduce to one hour if needed.
Mississauga	4	U16AA has 3 home games to re-schedule. U16AA missed a game due to scheduling issues and no longer wants to finish the season. Mississauga is working to re-schedule and reach out to Roy if further assistance is needed.
Oshawa	5	Barrie game is re-scheduled, waiting on Whitby coach and in progress of scheduling the U19A games. Offered ice times to Mississauga that would not work so will offer the end of March. U16AA have tried to re-schedule and Mississauga stated they are too busy. The ice provided was rejected because Mississauga had power skating.
Richmond Hill	9	All 9 games have been agreed with opposing teams and waiting on ice purchase agreement with Richmond hill. All before provincial events. Hoping all requests come through from the City of Richmond Hill.
St. Mary's	2	U16A vs. Forest and vs. London to be re-scheduled. Re-scheduling in progress. Should be good to re-schedule but may be the end of March.
Sunderland	2	U14A and U16A games to be re-scheduled. U16A game working with Barrie to get in the scheduled. U14A with Richmond Hill coach has been emailed 5 different ice times and haven't heard back from them yet. Will most likely be weekday game. U12A also has 2 games right when shutdown occurred, and these games don't need to re-schedule because Sunderland will still have 16 games played without the 2 games before Christmas.
Waterloo	1	Game between Waterloo U19AA teams. Can schedule in-house. Looking for an option before provincials.
Whitby	3	The 3 games not re-scheduled are all U12A and following up with coach on why these aren't re-scheduled.

- Some associations with Ramp are not seeing games linked – need to speak to the association ice schedule to make sure each team is linked to the right site (GLRL, WRRRA, etc.)
- **The fine for not playing games is \$500 per game and we want to avoid if possible but will issue fines if not trying to get re-schedules**

4) GLRL Survey – Overview of Information Collected

- Providing an Overview of the information that was collected
- 2/3 of associations willing to play games until the end of April with 1/3 of associations saying not willing to play
- Not all associations can access ice in April/May
- 3-4 associations were willing to hold one day events, but no dates were provided
- **If you run into an issue where your association cannot schedule games due to ice availability, please let the GLRL executive know so that help can be given.**
- Some associations are running spring programs and summer programs.
- GLRL's role is to provide league play and will not be providing a spring/summer program and this will be left to the individual associations
- Tryouts will be taking place in Spring for next season as per normal procedures.
- There must be an end date to the season. The fiscal year end is March 31st.

5) U12A – Year End Regionals

- Survey given out to U12A teams, and most teams were willing to go to either tournament
- Only switch ended up being Dorchester going to Hamilton and Ajax going to London
- Jim Van Lierop confirmed that 2 Northern teams will be joining the Hamilton event to have a 10-team loop. Still working on format for Hamilton event. Details to be provided this week.
- London tournament will have 4 game guarantees with a bronze and gold medal game
- Score2Stats is up for London tournament for teams to register and includes hotel information

HAMILTON (8 GLRL Teams) Apr 13-15

Barrie

Burlington

Cambridge

Richmond Hill

Oshawa

Whitby

Sunderland

Dorchester

+ 2 Northern Teams

LONDON (6 GLRL Teams) Mar 25-27

Forest

Guelph

London

Mitchell

Waterloo

Ajax/Pickering

6) GLRL Rules Changes

- Rules Review Sub-Committee Established

- Phil Singeris
- Shannon Crinklaw
- Neil Henderson
- Michelle Falkiner
- Elizabeth Gill
- Roy Reeton

- First review meeting took place to review the rules and actions taken away by each person to make updates
- The goal of the committee is for recommendations to go to the board. Board will approve and take results to the AGM meeting.
- Next meeting is on February 17, 2022.
- Dorchester asking if GLRL is putting out any requirements around boys attending tryouts that everyone will need to follow
 - GLRL is responsible for the league play, not how to run tryouts and that is left to the associations
 - GLRL is creating team declaration forms declaring teams as Mixed or female only
- Request for Western region to share the guide for team formation with Central and Southern region. There is a guide that won't be ready.
- Shelley shared Google Form that Western region is using to have players declare intents.
 - Can see all the responses and help determine if tryouts will be female only or not
- Concerns about asking players the mixed/female question this far in advance because believe that players don't understand what they are asking.
 - Tryout guide is also provided with a link to Ringette Ontario guidelines about mixed/female league information for review
- President of Association (Tom Anderson) doesn't feel like he is equipped to answer a lot of the question on mixed/female leagues and guidance is needed from Ringette Ontario
- Jim File suggested that GLRL could help govern this issue, but rebuttal for associations to be accountable and are willing to share. Western Region has a committee to assist with getting the forms in place and although there may be room for improvement, they need to get things in place.
- Western Region Current Form does not ask for the player's gender. Can make team decisions based on who is willing to play in mixed team or female only team.

7) Gord Bell Award – Applications due Apr 30, 2022

- Accept applications until April 30th
- Committee to select winners
- Winners announced at AGM
- Eligible players are a Player who is current player playing in this season and moving onto post-secondary education
- Applications to be sent to the GLRL rep then sent to Phil or Greg.
- Updated Application form will be updated on the Website for Tuesday February 8, 2022
- Responsibility of the GLRL rep to communicate this to the association

8) Other Business

- Forest asked how Provincial Rankings will be done
 - Chris Sharpe was able to address that there will be no rankings
 - Random selection
- Covid Update from Chris Sharpe
 - Health attestations must be completed for every single ice time
 - Coaches should be checking and not allowing players to go in the dressing room or on the ice
 - Every ice time including practices or games
 - The reason for this liability for Ringette Ontario
 - RAMP update was completed on Sunday
 - Every team is supposed to have a Covid Safety Leader
 - Keep in mind that each league controls questions separate from association RAMP questions

9) Next Meeting – Monday March 28, 2022 – 7:00 via ZOOM (New meeting not likely)
AGM – Monday June 13, 2022 – 7:00 via ZOOM

10) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – London
- Seconded by Burlington
- All in favour - Carried