



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Monday March 28, 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), Paris (Michelle Falkiner), Markham (Neil Wang), Mississauga (Roy Reedon - late)

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

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

Regrets: Guelph, Mitchell

Absent: London, Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling (Competition Committee Western),

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Chris Sharpe, Tom Anderson, Holly Davies, Jim File, Greg Turner, Andrea Law (VP Southern Region)

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

- No items to add
- Motion to approve – Dorchester
- Seconded by Oshawa
- No one opposed - Carried

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022

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

2021 – 2022 GLRL Executive Officers

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| • 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

2) GLRL 2021/22 Season Completion

- Goal was to complete 16 games for each division, not able to achieve this due to covid outbreaks, ice availability, teams not wanting to play after provincials
 - Approximately 28 games left to re-schedule for the season as of today
 - Request to all GLRL reps to make sure all games that were played, scores have been recorded accurately
 - If games are not going to be played, submit Game Change Request to move to April 28th
 - GLRL would like to declare an end of the season and have standings accurately reflected
 - End of the Season has been declared by Sunday April 3rd for U14-U19 division
 - End of Season for U12A is Sunday April 10th

3) GLRL Division Champions & Banners

- GLRL will declare Champions this year
- GLRL will consider West/East Champions per Division
- Options will be given to coaches: Banner, or Trophies or Medals for players
- Previous Year Options included: The choice offered to winners was either a banner, or a trophy and individual medals (both options roughly the same cost). Some teams opted for a banner AND medals - in these cases, the cost for the medals was covered by the team
- Concern from Markham: at 16AA level, not all games have been completed so how would you declare the champions? Would look at points and see if anyone else can catch the leader.

4) Gord Bell Award – Application Deadline April 30, 2022

- Bring Gord Bell Award to front of home page on website for more visibility
- Reps are requested to send email to all coaches at U19A/AA teams to promote the Gord Bell Award for players planning to attend post secondary education
- Gord Bell winners will be announced at AGM

5) U12A Scheduling for Next Season

- Requested to be added to the agenda by an association as to whether GLRL will be scheduling the U12A games for next year
- U12A now falls under the regional program as per Ringette Ontario
- Need to understand if Central, Southern and Western regions would want to schedule these teams or keep in the GLRL
- Reps need to understand where their association would like to see U12A games scheduled.
 - Either by region or by GLRL
- Dorchester believes that Dorchester are willing to travel to get the best play and GLRL offers more options for play. GLRL is essential for meaningful competition.
- Waterloo mentioned that an email from Ringette Ontario mentions “meaningful competition” as the cornerstone so keeping teams at GLRL would provide that.
- Chris Sharpe mentioned that even at regional level, more regions are opening to play cross regions so GLRL fits the model to allow for cross region play and should keep at the GLRL level
- Burlington confirmed that U12A is a stepping stone to A and AA levels and it’s a good prep year so should stay at GLRL level.

- Forest likes to start out in the region first with options to play cross conference. Forest is the end of the league, and the league needs to be careful of the amount of travel introduced in U12A year. Keep scheduling the way GLRL has been scheduling.
- Sunderland really enjoyed this season and the current structure and thinks GLRL did a really great job.
- Andrea Law stated U12A is not considered provincial and need to develop players so will need to have cross over loops to play like level teams. Going forward U12A, B, C teams should be treated the same and have the same # of games.
- Waterloo mentioned that we need to help with end of the year tournaments with U12A as well. This year GLRL helped balance which team was going to which end of the year tournament to balance play and should consider doing this in future years as well.
- Phil suggested that GLRL could consider hosting an end of year playoffs tournament for U12A as well.
- Question from Tom Anderson, how will U12 programs be priced now that A, B, C levels all need the same amount of ice:
 - Western has not considered this yet with the new changes
 - Dorchester has A level pay more but get additional funds to book own ice
 - Forest has all levels play the same no matter what
 - May make more sense for associations to standardize prices for U12A, B, C in future (average cost across all teams for one price)
- Consensus is for U12A to be scheduled through GLRL considering the regions for reduced travel but GLRL reps should confirm with their associations and bring results to the AGM

6) Planning for 2022/23 Season

- Need to close out 2021/2022 season and declare champions
- Need to close the books
- AGM to completed with election of 2 officers (Vice President, Treasurer)
- Ask the current GLRL reps and any new GLRL reps to attend the AGM. Have associations appoint GLRL reps for next year so they can attend the AGM.
- Tryouts are underway for Western, Central and Southern
 - AA completed in Western & Central by May 9th, Southern completed by May 18th
 - A completed in Western and Central by May 30th, Southern completed by June 5th
- Team Declarations will be for team level, and teams need to be identified specifically as female, mixed or male by June 18th
- Will determine the ice submission deadlines once teams are declared with hope to have scheduled completed in August with start dates at end of September with goal of 20 games
- GLRL reps are asked to find out what date the association would know their ice allocation for winter ice
 - Bring information from each association to the AGM
 - Forest concern with registration only opening July 1 so concern that may not know all the teams that will be hosted and if they need to return ice times due to low registration
- GLRL to look at getting a scheduler as position on the board as either
 - A volunteer OR
 - Board member (no vote) OR
 - Board member with full vote (bylaws to be updated) OR
 - paid position

7) GLRL Rules Changes – Will have changes to present at AGM

- o Phil Singeris
- o Shannon Crinklaw

- o Neil Henderson
- o Michelle Falkiner
- o Elizabeth Gill
- o Roy Reedon
 - Committee met once and everyone was tasked to review portion of rules to change
 - Scheduled to reconvene and it had to be re-scheduled
 - Will send out rules ahead of AGM and will be voted on at the AGM

8) Other Business

- **Whitby Request – Will boys be allowed at A level?**
 - Boys are allowed to play at A level on male or mixed teams
 - This is not a GLRL matter, this is Ringette Ontario guidelines to follow when running tryouts and making teams
 - Western region is working on rules for co-ed play and mixed leagues around # of boys on the ice vs. girls, etc. based on other league co-ed rules
 - Is the GLRL committee looking at adding rules when mixed league/co-ed play all female teams?
 - Not currently being looked at and hoping Ringette Ontario would look at this more closely
 - Will be added to the Rules Committee to review

9) Next Meeting – AGM – Monday June 13, 2022 – 7:00 via ZOOM

- Would like to have AGM in person for future years
- For this year, may consider in person in Mississauga and will determine next steps
 - Roy to follow-up on cost to rent room

10) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – Mississauga
- Seconded by Ajax
- All in favour - Carried