



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes

Monday November 21, 2022 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL:

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

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (Michelle Linton), Burlington (Jenn Aubertin), Cambridge (Nicolette Rehyani), Etobicoke (Erin Riley), Markham-Stouffville (Marie Scott), Richmond Hill (Adam Natsheh), Mississauga (Roy Reedon), Paris (Sarah Hysman)

Western Region (8) – Chatham (Eric), Dorchester (Shelley Handley), Forest (Jenn Batty), Kitchener (Brian Kettles), Guelph (David Woolcott), Mitchell (Jessica Ward - late), St. Mary’s (Peter Westelaken)

Regrets: Waterloo

Absent: London (Melinda Suchard)

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Tom Anderson, Jim File, Chris Sharpe, James Van Lierop, Greg Turner, Holly Davies, Nancy Nicolson-Houghtling, Andrew Law

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

- Update on U14 program for next season requested to be added by Liz Gill
- Movement of A team to AA requested to be added by Brian Kettles
- Motion to approve agenda– Holly
- Seconded by Brian Kettles
- No one opposed - Carried

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2022

- Motion to approve – St. Mary’s
- Seconded by Dorchester
- No one opposed - Carried

3) 2022 – 2023 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Phil Singeris
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- 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
- Scheduler - Jim File

4) Scheduling Update

- **U12A Second Half Schedule**
 - Will start working on this for 2nd half schedule to start in January
- **Rescheduling of Games**
 - Reminder of the process for all associations to use the Game Change Request form online
 - The Current Process seems to be working
 - Expectation of re-scheduling is that it will be done, need to have 20 game schedules for the year
 - Reason for re-scheduling games should be inclement weather and lack of officials
 - Re-schedules should not occur because star players are missing as substitution rules exist that can be leveraged
 - As season moves on, there will be less time to make up games so please continue to re-schedule games as soon as possible
 - Forest asked for turnaround time for re-schedules: Shannon stated that it should be changed with 24-48 hours. If they are not seeing a change, please email Shannon directly.
 - Tom explained that game changes need to have notifications to officials as well if possible
 - Shannon stated that email notifications are turned on for re-schedules and emails go Ref in Chief official Steve only at this time. Tom to provide emails to add to the email notifications.
 - Will add Tara Armstrong tara.armstrong@rogers.com

Games still needing to be scheduled:

ID	#	Date	Start Time	Home	Visitor	Arena	Finished	Team Verified	Club Verified	
639773	162060	03/31/2023		Oshawa U16AA	Dorchester U16AA	Delpark Homes Centre	No			      
639847	141050	03/31/2023		Oshawa U14A	Burlington U14A	Delpark Homes Centre	No			      
641875	161090	03/31/2023		AjaxPickering U16A	Barrie U16A	Ajax Community Arena 1	No			      
653494	121068	03/31/2023		Sunderland U12A	Oshawa U12A	Sunderland-Brock Memorial Arena	No			      
700322	192302	03/31/2023		Richmond Hill U19AA	Whitby U19AA	TBA	No			      

5) GLRL Financial Report – Tom Anderson

- Transactions this month included:
 - Return Newmarket ringette bond fee \$500
 - \$100 Team Fee for Markham U19AA collected
 - Markham U19AA team folding was fined \$500, and this was used for associations payments reimbursed ice costs to Ajax (\$400 for 2 ice times) and Richmond Hill (\$200 for 1 ice time).
 - \$792.29 expenses still to reconcile
- Bank Balances listed below. The savings account includes \$11,000 of association bond payments held in trust.
- \$400 outstanding in GLRL team fese which has been arranged with Tom due to a lost cheque

Accounts Summary
Good Evening

Bank Accounts	Total: \$24,474.92 CAD
Chequing	\$2,831.78 CAD
Savings	\$21,643.14 CAD

6) U12A Division

- **Balanced 2nd Half Divisions**
 - Last year U12A was split into 3-tiered divisions names Red, White, Blue to allow for meaningful play
 - **Current Standings as of November 21, 2022:**

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	DIFF	PIM
U12A East									
ETOBICOKE U12A	8	8	0	0	16	77	26	51	10
BARRIE U12A	6	4	0	2	10	50	27	23	22
RICHMOND HILL U12A	8	4	3	1	9	63	55	8	14
WHITBY U12A	8	4	4	0	8	36	39	-3	20
OSHAWA U12A	5	3	1	1	7	24	13	11	14
MISSISSAUGA U12A	7	2	5	0	4	29	46	-17	6
SUNDERLAND U12A	6	1	5	0	2	16	35	-19	8
MARKHAMSTOUFFVILLE U12A	7	0	7	0	0	3	54	-51	4
U12A West									
FOREST U12A	7	7	0	0	14	54	18	36	30
WATERLOO U12A	6	4	2	0	8	29	30	-1	0
LONDON U12A	5	3	2	0	6	26	16	10	18
GUELPH U12A	5	2	2	1	5	22	28	-6	10
BURLINGTON U12A	7	1	5	1	3	27	37	-10	10
DORCHESTER U12A	5	0	3	2	2	16	30	-14	22
CAMBRIDGE U12A	6	1	5	0	2	25	43	-18	10

- Markham is withdrawing the U12A team for the 2nd half of the season and moving the team down to U12B

- Western region is pretty happy with the way the current division is set up as viewed by Shelley Handley as Western Region Provincial Chair
- Burlington is happy with where they are in their division
- Forest is happy with current status and doesn't believe the stats show how close the games really are
- Etobicoke is bored and wants more of a challenge. Travelling to forest would be a long day.
 - Would the team be willing to travel to East/West for a day of games? Barrie and Etobicoke would be willing to look at this.
 - Burlington is willing to be middle ground ice for exhibition games for western and southern/central to meet. Jenn has spoken with the Burlington Ice Scheduler.
- Barrie U12A is willing to do travelling to play Western teams
- Jim File suggested picking 2 top teams from west and east do some cross over and don't play the bottom teams in same division. Divisions would stay the same otherwise. Then the 2 bottom teams could have crossover play as well if needed.
- Whitby is a young team and building. It is ok to stay in the same division.
- Mississauga is polling the parents on how they feel about the season as their only wins were against Markham who are withdrawing.
- Waterloo won gold in London tournament and are willing to play tougher teams if it helps to book double headers and book central ice.
- Oshawa is also willing to travel to get to play more challenging teams.
- Richmond Hill has rotating goalies, so scores are distorted as some games have big wins and some have big losses.

Action Item: Associations to see if they have ice that can be used to schedule cross over games and let Phil Singeris & Jim File know via email.

- **Second Half Ice Submission**
 - Need all Ice by December 3rd
 - Need 8-10 ice times from each association between January 7th – March 26th
 - All games in first half must be played out
 - Will work with scheduler and regional reps about cross over play
- **Regional Year-End Championships**
 - Southern Championship – March 31 – April 2 in Oshawa
 - Western Championship – April 14-16 in Kitchener
 - GLRL doesn't have anything to do with planning of regional but last year GLRL made recommendation of which teams would go to which championships based on league play
 - Both regions have enough ice to accommodate teams, but they need to know how many teams are going to each championship to plan
 - Decisions would be based on dates and who is willing to travel
 - Teams will not be forced to play outside their region
 - Ringette Ontario is forcing regional play at U12A level, but some teams are clearly not getting meaningful play
 - Northern teams are not coming to Southern Championships this year as they did last year
 - Western and Southern could have flexibility to get more ice if request to host all U12A teams in one area if enough notice is given.
 - It could be possible to split the teams in divisions and send 1 division to Southern event and 1 division to Western event, but the organizers need to know the # of teams in the division to secure ice times. Currently total of 14 teams in U12A division.

- Both Southern and Western have 4 game guarantees for U12A.
- Chris Sharpe believes that optics for this event would be better to send 7 teams to Southern and 7 teams to Western event.
- GLRL will only be making a recommendation on what could be done based on GLRL standings and the Chairpersons of the regional events will make the final decisions.

Action Item: Associations need to ask their U12A teams which championships they are willing to attend

7) Goalie Stand-By List

- Was a suggestion from Southern Region
- Currently Presidents and Coaches are contacting each other to share goalies if needed
- This didn't move forward any further for GLRL practice
- No further action

8) Other Business

- **Update on U14 Program for Next Season**
 - U14AA will continue for next year but most likely not after that
 - Removing U14AA is a Ringette Canada initiative not Ringette Ontario and is already being removed in Quebec
- **Movement of A team to AA requested to be added by Brian Kettles**
 - Some concerns around U19 level around moving teams around
 - Nancy from Competitions was instructed that they cannot move teams between A and AA due to the impact on league play and tournaments.
 - Biggest concern around Dorchester U19A Lindsay team being 8 wins and 0 losses and concerns around Dorchester having 2 teams in the same division and one not moved to AA.
 - Associations do not understand why Dorchester and London didn't have a U19AA.
 - The question is "how did Western region allow this?" There needs to be some lessons learned from how this decision came to be.
 - The other concern is that the 2 Dorchester U19A teams do not play each other which was a GLRL suggestion not knowing it would create conflict.
 - GLRL needs to have a meeting around team formation and how regions make decisions in a later January meeting to provide recommendations on how this can be done better.

9) Next Meeting – Monday January 16, 2023 – 7pm VIA Zoom

10) Future Meeting Dates – *****NEW DATE*** February 27, 2023** AGM - TBD

11) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn– Kitchener
- Seconded by Sunderland
- **No one opposed - Carried**