



Great Lakes Ringette League

Meeting Minutes

Monday September 26, 2022 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

ROLL CALL:

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

Southern Region (7) – Barrie (James Van Lierop & Michelle Linton), Burlington (Ryan Costigan), Cambridge (Nicolette Rehyani), Etobicoke (Erin Riley – late), Markham-Stouffville (Ron Mclean), Richmond Hill (Adam N), Mississauga (Roy Reedon - late)

Western Region (8) –Dorchester (Shelley Handley), Forest (Leah Croft), Kitchener (Brian Kettles), Waterloo (Kinga), London (Melinda Suchard - late), Guelph (Rob McMillan), Mitchell (Jessica Ward - late)

Regrets: Paris, Chatham, Tom Anderson (Treasurer)

Absent: St. Mary’s

Attendance (From Zoom Participant List): Phil Singeris, Shannon Crinklaw, Tom Anderson, Jim File, Chris Sharpe, Andrea Law,

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

- Web Master requested addition of reminder to submit scores (added to new business)
- Dorchester asked to add “coordination of tryout schedules among 3 regions” (added to new business)
- Brian requested to talk about U12A rankings (added under U12A topic)
- Motion to approve agenda– Jim File
- Seconded by Brian Kettles
- No one opposed - Carried

2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022

- Motion to approve – Jim File
- 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

- **AA Teams**
 - Schedules released and very little complaints
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- **Scheduling Challenges**
 - GLRL asks for 15 hours of ice, not all associations provided enough hours
 - Some associations only gave 11-12 hours
 - Puts too much pressure on other teams to fit into a specific schedule which is not fair to all teams
 - For next year, if an association is planning to host A or AA teams, they need to be able to provide a variation of ice times including 15 hours of ice time
 - Some ice times submitted were too late as start times
 - Sometimes late start times cannot be used because of location and age of players being too late
 - Blackout submissions are being abused
 - Some teams have submitted blackout dates above and beyond tournaments including some bizarre reasoning which restricts the scheduling time available
 - This puts more pressure to find schedule times with smaller windows of time
 - There has been a massive number of re-schedules, and some were fault of schedulers and others were not enough time submitted
 - A bunch of double headers were cancelled
 - Webmaster did not see any more game change forms than last year, didn't seem like a ton of re-schedules
 - Oshawa mentioned some re-scheduled games were due to shortage of refs
- **U12A – First Half Schedule**
 - Draft of U12A schedule draft was sent out today and will be posted this week
- **Rescheduling of Games – Process**
 - If two teams agree to a game re-schedule, not an issue
 - Please be aware that keeping putting games off will result in a bunch of games to play before provincials and cancelling these games all together can result in fines
 - There are 5 games on March 31st without times and need to be scheduled by the team

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5) No Division Reps

- This year will not have division convenors, each GLRL rep is expected to be the convenor for their association items and communicate association items
- If coaches are having issues, they should reach out to their GLRL rep.

6) GLRL Team Fees for 2022/23 Season

- **\$100 per team participating in GLRL this season due Nov 1st**
- **GLRL Treasurer Tom Anderson sent email on Sun Sept 25th**
 - Treasurer sent email reminder sent out to all associations September 25th
 - GLRL reps need to forward to their association treasurer and ensure payment is paid by November 1st via cheque or e-transfer. Instructions provided in the email.
 - Instructions on bond cheques included in the email sent by Tom – new associations will need to provide the bond cheque.

7) U12A Division

a. Team Ratings & Second Half Schedule

- U12A schedule in progress
- 7 teams in West division and 8 teams in East Division
- All associations were asked to rate their team and the majority rating as 2 or 3. No associations wanted to rank themselves as a 1

b. Plan for the U12A season:

- Schedule for first half of the season to be posted this week
- Will wait until the tournaments after the first weekend in December, then will look at rankings and tiered divisions
- Collect Ice time & blackout dates for 2nd half of the season with deadline being December 3rd
 - Request to provide 10 ice times in the new year
- All teams will get 5 home and 5 away games in 2nd half
- Rankings of U12A teams to be submitted December 15th
- GLRL to release 2nd half schedule December 20th

- 2nd half games will start the weekend of January 6th

Ice times & Blackout Dates Due	December 3 rd
U12A Rankings Due	December 15 th
Schedule for 2 nd half U12A Draft	December 20 th
2 nd half games for U12 Start	January 7 th

c. Regional Year-End Championships

- April 14-16 – Western Regional Championships (Kitchener)
- TBD (April 7-9) – Central/Southern Regional Championships (Oshawa)
- Longer time frame to book 2nd half U12A games
- Waterloo Concern about blowouts at end of year tournament if U12A teams aren't pooled correctly
- Regional Championships are outside GLRL mandate to enforce but can make recommendations
 - Suggestion is to submit recommendation to 3 regional chairs to decide who they can host at their regional championships
 - **GLRL to recommend the format for hosting championships by end of November**
- Regions need to align cost and # of guaranteed games for U12A at end of year tournament

d. Tournaments (Mixed or Female only)

- Forest asked if all tournaments will be mixed, Chris provided an update that most tournaments are moving to mixed but Ringette Ontario tournament list on website has not been updated
- Holly provided update as she has been surveying other associations and the Ringette Ontario website has been updated since September 25th and hasn't received any other additional information
 - Richmond Hill tournament has been changed to mixed
 - London tournament has been changed to mixed
 - Kitchener tournament will be changing to mixed
 - Waterloo tournament will be changing to mixed – U12A and U19A
 - Other tournaments will have to follow-up with individually

8) Game Sheets

- Many associations are moving to game sheets, but no direct communication given to GLRL
- Associations are the key users and responsible for learning if they choose to use game sheets, GLRL is a support with league information
- Webmaster emailed all GLRL reps with league game codes for first ½ of the year
 - **Shannon to follow-up why the excel sheet didn't export for the whole year**
- Scores can still be entered manually using the guide posted on GLRL website if game sheets are not being used
- If you decide to use paper copies of game sheets, the information filled out needs to be quality including all penalties, etc.

9) Goalie Stand-By List

- Should a list be sent around to all associations to list goalies that can be called up and into games if goalie shortage?
- James Van Lierop has started compiling this list for Southern Region to share
- Each team does need to have a goalie on the roster in order to substitute another goalie in

- Substitutions are supposed to inform president and coaches depending on Regional/RO policy so the spreadsheet will need to have Goalie, level and president contact information
- James will send out list to GLRL reps to put their goalies on the list but cannot be distributed to teams until we get G&T sign-off

Question around substitutions:

- GLRL has allowed for 5 substitutions for skaters and unlimited for goalies
- For tournaments, you are allowed to sub based on ringette Ontario rules as long as your team is not playing in that tournament
 - <https://ringetteontario.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/GT-Sanctioned-Events.pdf>
- Players and Goalies are only allowed to play in 1 provincial championship

10) Other Business

- **Reminder to submit scores (Webmaster request item)**
 - Home team must put the score in for the game within 24 hours whether its game sheets or manual.
- **Tryout coordination between regions (Dorchester request item)**
 - Request from Western region to have tryout schedules aligned between regions to better manage transferring players and players trying out in different areas
 - Would like to start thinking about this now and start booking ice now
 - GLRL doesn't get involved with tryout process and schedules, but can be a conduit to help coordinate between regional chairs

11) Next Meeting – Monday Nov 21, 2022 – 7:00 via ZOOM

12) Future Meeting Dates – Mon Jan 16, 2023

Mon Feb 13, 2023 – Need to move this meeting
AGM - TBD

13) Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn– Mississauga
- Seconded by Richmond Hill
- No one opposed - Carried