



# Great Lakes Ringette League

## Meeting Agenda

Monday September 22nd, 2025 - 7:00 pm

ZOOM ONLY

**ROLL CALL: (State your Association & Full Name)**

Position/Association	Name	Present/Absent/Regrets
President	Shannon Crinklaw	Present
Vice President	Brian Kettles	Present
Past President	Phil Singeris	Regrets
Scheduler	Jim File	Present
Treasurer	Ron McArthur	Present
Secretary	Carrie McKichan	Present
RIC	Emma Bragg Smith	Present
Director at Large 1	Holly Davies	Present
Director at Large 2	Adam Natsheh	Present
Director at Large 3	Aaron Kratt	Present
Scheduler 1	Steve Baker	Absent
Scheduler 2	Tara Armstrong	Absent
Schedule 3	Rob Ellis	Present
<b>Ajax (Observer)</b>		Absent
<b>Barrie</b>	Ashley Quenneville	Absent
<b>Burlington</b>	Kevin Aubertin	Present
<b>Cambridge</b>	Andrew	Present
<b>Chatham</b>	Eric Vandermeer	Present
<b>Dorchester</b>	Nicole Lindsay	Present
<b>Elora Fergus</b>	Jolene West	Present
<b>Etobicoke</b>	Erin Filey/ Aaron Kratt	Present
<b>Forest</b>	Rachel Orvis	Present
<b>Guelph</b>	Jared Pulleybank	Present
<b>Hamilton</b>	Scott Eason	Present
<b>Kitchener</b>	Brian Kettles	Present
<b>London</b>	Jess Walker	Present
<b>Markham (Observer)</b>		Absent
<b>Mississauga</b>	Andrea Law	Present
<b>Mitchell</b>	Carrie McKichan	Present
<b>Oshawa</b>	Jamie Lynn Vanderlinde	Present
<b>Paris</b>	Jen Mayhew	Present

Richmond Hill	Scott Dyer	Present
St. Catharine's	Kara Sanders	Present
St. Mary's	Peter Westelaken	Present
Sudbury	Shawn Bomhhower	Absent
Sunderland	April Carter	Present
Tillsonburg	Matt Freeland	Present
Waterloo	Courtney Proudfoot	Present
Whitby	Stacey Beck	Present

#### Others in Attendance:

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

Guelph. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chatham

#### 2) Approval of GLRL Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2025

- Link: [Link to Meeting Minutes](#)

Hamilton. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waterloo

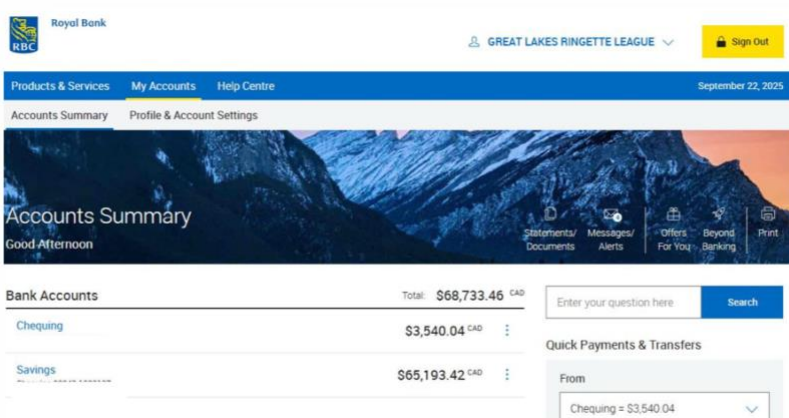
#### 3) 2025 – 2026 GLRL Executive Officers

- President - Shannon Crinklaw
- Vice President - Brian Kettles
- Secretary - Carrie McKichan
- Treasurer - Ron McArthur
- Past President - Phil Singeris
- At Large Rep #1 - Holly Davies
- At Large Rep #2 -Adam Natsheh
- At Large Rep #3 - Aaron Kratt
- 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

GLRL achieved 100% fee collection from all participating associations with strong financial standing

- Current bank balance stands at **\$68,733.46**
- All association bonds successfully collected from new members and repaid to departing associations
- Referee payment system streamlined with **99% of referees** having banking information in system
- Three payment cycles scheduled: **early December** (Sept-Oct games), **November-December**, and **January-February-March** periods
- Expectation for faster payment processing this year due to established banking infrastructure.



## 5) Discipline Committee – Brian Kettles

- Discipline committee restructuring addresses membership gaps and geographic representation
  - Zero submissions reported for current period, maintaining low historical complaint levels.
  - Jim File removed due to board conflict of interest with RO.
  - Geographic expansion sought for southwest Ontario and GTA representation to avoid regional conflicts.
  - Policy updates removed outdated date references while maintaining core disciplinary framework.

## 6) GLRL Administration

- RAMP system experienced significant operational challenges during critical hub weekend periods.
  - London hub weekend saw all penalties incorrectly display as bench penalties requiring manual correction.
  - Whitby experienced complete system outage affecting game sheet accessibility.
  - Richmond Hill reported games with no data entry capability, necessitating backend fixes by Shannon and Carrie.
  - Paper backup game sheets now strongly recommended for all games, with photo documentation as alternative
- Team code distribution and game sheet access requires ongoing monitoring and support.
  - Each team provided username and password for Great Lakes system access.
  - Home teams retain editing privileges, creating complications during hub weekends when host association isn't home team.

- 24-hour score reporting requirement emphasized with weekly Monday reviews by Shannon and Carrie to ensure “game finished” checkbox completion.
- Action Item: Add league conveners to website under ‘About Us’ section.
- Survey planned for January to address season length and game distribution concerns.
  - Current 20-game season may be excessive, with historical pattern showing incomplete game completion.
  - Front-loaded hub schedule creates challenges for January-February game distribution when teams need tournament preparation.
  - Options under consideration: 16 games with 5 tournaments vs. 18 games with 4 tournaments.
  - AAA year considerations may require separate season structure due to tournament conflicts.
- Playoff format discussion resurged with midweek game possibilities for season conclusion.
  - Previous committee review indicated general opposition to playoffs from membership
  - Midweek games suggested for A-level teams with shorter travel requirements
  - Game change form statistics show comparable numbers to previous years, indicating stable rescheduling patterns.
- Action Item: Review and analyze game change form statistics before November meeting

#### 7) Scheduling Update – Jim File

- Hub weekend format successfully launched with mixed feedback from associations and teams
  - London, Whitby, Burlington, and Kitchener hosted inaugural hub weekends with varying success levels.
  - Waterloo coach feedback indicated challenges with 3-hour game turnaround being insufficient for proper recovery.
  - Oshawa 19 AAA team accumulated 7 games played by end of weekend, raising concerns about front-loaded season structure.
  - Positive outcomes included enhanced team building opportunities, referee efficiency gains, and showcasing high-level play to younger athletes.
  - Kitchener provided 12 hours of ice time enabling better game distribution and official utilization

- Referee management benefits clearly demonstrated through hub weekend concentration.
- Emma reported successful integration of officials with evaluation and coaching opportunities.
- Four officials working in pairs system allowed for better game coverage and development feedback.
- Hub format enables mileage cost effectiveness and responsible resource allocation as noted by Rob.
- Expansion suggestions include adding 14 AA, 16A & 19 A games to create full-day experiences for officials and team.
- Ice time, minor officials and ref paid for by Hub host. Ref Mileage paid for by GLRL.

#### 8) Officials Update – Emma

- Arbiter launched to improve referee visibility across leagues
  - Emma leading integration to prevent mileage overpayment and improve scheduling coordination.
  - Steve collaborating on proper formatting and ranking systems for referee development.
  - Discovery of unknown officials wanting advancement through improved system visibility.
  - RIC meetings scheduled for immediate training on Arbiter functionality.
- RAMP vs. Arbiter efficiency review requested due to association investment concerns.
  - Andrew from Cambridge raised concerns about associations' RAMP module investments and system duplication.
  - Ringette Ontario's preference for RAMP as national standard noted alongside Canadian vs. US company considerations.
  - Timeline set for updated demonstration of RAMP referee capabilities against current Arbiter features.

#### 9) U14AA League Games Used for Ranking

This is RO responsibility not GLRL

- U14 AA ranking game integration imposed by Ringette Ontario for provincial championship preparation
  - Select GLRL league games will serve as official ranking games for tournament seeding.
  - Games targeted for December, January, February timeframe with specific game identification pending.
  - League maintains 20-minute periods despite tournament 17-minute format, with RO approval.

- Tournament ice limitations driving need for alternative ranking methods beyond traditional tournament play.
- Provide specific list of U14 AA league games to be used as ranking games.
- Notify clubs and coaches of designated ranking games.

**10) Other Business:**

- Goalie Working Group - Aaron Kratt
- Aaron from Etobicoke launched collaborative goalie development working group addressing league-wide shortage.
  - Three-phase approach: talent identification mapping, best practice sharing, and collaborative solution development.
  - Initiative supported but not led by GLRL, allowing independent operation with league endorsement.
  - Open information sharing model with findings available to all associations regardless of participation.
  - Potential RO policy feedback component to address systemic goalie development challenges.
  - Email contact provided for associations interested in contributing expertise and resources.

**11) Meeting Schedule for Year:**

- Mon Nov 17 – 7:00pm
- Mon Jan 19 – 7:00 pm
- Mon Feb 23 – 7:00pm
- AGM - TBD

**12) Motion to adjourn.** Tilsonburg. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Forest.