

GVRA Oct Minutes

GVRA Board Meeting

Date: Oct 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: KTPN

Attendance: Wayne Robert, Diane Mintz, Breanne McLean, Jennifer Fossum, Courtney King, Angie Clifford, Lori Einfeld, Rosemary Manton, Brad Marta, Derrick Doige. Jessie Bicknell late arrival.

Not in Attendance: Mati Glover

Meeting called to order 6:03 pm

1.0 Approval of previous meeting minutes, motion by Breanne, 2nd by Jenn, all in favour.

2.0 Approval of Agenda, Motion by Diane, 2nd by Courtney, all in favour.

Motion to approve board reports submitted, by Rosemary, 2nd by Courtney, all in favour. No report submitted by Director of Coaches, Director of Managers. Director of Officials submitted by email.

3.0 Board Reports

1. Approve Reports Submitted

- a. President
- b. Registrar
- c. Director of Schools
- d. Equipment Manager
- e. Vice President
- f. Zone Coordinator

2. Reports by Position without submitted reports

- a. Director of Coaches Update
- b. Director of Managers
- c. Coordinator of Referees

4.0 Business from Previous Meetings

1. Financial Update.

- Wayne to reach out to families with outstanding fees. Motion to accept finance report by Breanne, 2nd by Lori, all in favour.

2. OAB – Update and Needs.

- Schedule done, awaiting approval from RBC, once approved Jen will release. In need of silent auction items.
- Reminder to teams to donate baskets.
- Meeting Thurs Oct 17 to discuss what is left to be done.
- Concern about abusive emails Jen has received from other association teams. Motion that any abusive/disrespectful communication be forwarded to GVRA President to address and email the president of the association with copy to RBC at the discretion of the GVRA President and Vice President by Rosemary, 2nd by Brad, all in favour.

3. U12 Competition Introduction program

- Ice times set, practices to start in November.

- Head coaches chosen for North, South to have 2 teams.
 - 40 players between North and South, North has 9 GVRA, 4 SRA currently.
 - Reminder from Rosemary that facility rooms need to be booked at least 1 week in advance.
4. Director of Promotions- Shadow Box at PV Arena
- 2 Cases, 3 teams interested in using. Breanne to hold onto the key. Motion that each of the 3 teams who expressed interest get 2 x4 section leaving one 2x4 section for GVRA use with an end date of August 31, 2024. Teams can access as soon as they can arrange by Breanne, 2nd by Rosemary, all in favour.
5. TORL Update- See President's report.
6. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Monday, September 30, 2024). Orange Jerseys were fantastic! Thank you to Jen for organizing.
7. Ice. Rosemary is still working on the contracts, will have some ice time for CI. If extra ice is needed the request must be in as early as possible. Only Rosemary and GVRA president are authorized to talk to the city about ice time. Reminder to coaches not to stretch out ice times.
8. Team Formation- Club side is looking positive across TORL. Zone team formation is not solidified yet. U14 expected to add 1 player. U16 still working through appeals with TORL to RBC. Mati to connect with FUN teams to solidify coaches.

5.0 New Business

1. Zone Coordinator Update- as noted above in Team Formation.
2. OAB: Team concern.
 - There is a team who feels Wayne and Jen ignored them and they feel left out of OAB. Ice is maxed out for the tournament. RBC changes to Zone program means that this year OAB is not a Zone sanctioned tournament. Motion for Breanne to draft and email to Sherrie to confirm reasons why U16 Zone is not able to play in OAB and respond to allegations of non response, Diane to proof, by Angie, 2nd by Brad, all in favour.
 - Motion to draft a letter to U16 Zone 5 team executive reminding of code of conduct, policy, respect, professional behaviours, reasonable expectations. Request that all future communications be conducted via email to Zone Coordinator by one U16 Zone 5 team representative by Diane, 2nd by Brad, all in favour. Wayne recused from vote.
3. 2025 Club Provincials U14, U16, U19. GVRA to gather info from RBC and look at potentially hosting. 26 teams needed to break even. Request to hold Female only?? Alternative to revive/host TORL cup???
4. Aiden (goalie coach) appreciation. Motion to offer to provide honorarium of \$500 to Aiden's purchase of goalie pads in acknowledgement of volunteer time, by Jen, 2nd Derrick, all in favour.
5. Winter Carnival 2025
 - No Sweetheart overlap this year. Propose to host a Come try Ringette and enter a float in the parade.

Motion to end meeting 7:59 by Courtney, 2nd by Lori, all in favour

Next meeting TBD, Diane to send our survey.

GVRA Board Reports

September 2024 President Report

The Sept/Oct timeframe has been filled with numerous meetings and answering questions regarding

team formations, as well as inquiries from parents about the operations of GVRA, TORL, and RBC. Some

key activities during this period include:

Member Feedback: I've heard a lot of great things from our membership regarding the start of

the season. It was amazing to see the kids in games with big smiles!

Cohorts: It is great to see that we have healthy numbers in each of our cohorts and that there is

a healthy number of teams to play within the TORL. With the exception of our Zone teams only

having league games against Zone 6. However, we (TORL) are looking at ways to make sure they

too have a diversity of teams to play within TORL, even if it is scrimmages.

FUN Cohort:

- o Registration has gone very well for the FUN with 19 FUN1 and 1 FUN2. In large part due

- to the Come Try Ringette.

- o Jenn and I had a parent meeting with the FUN group. Welcomed them to ringette and explained what the roles and responsibilities are and the need for volunteers.

- o The conversation seemed to be received well.

- o We have coaches and a manager for the FUN div.

U16 Zone 5 (Follow-up)

- o On behalf of GVRA and KRA submitted a request to RBC to accept the two (2) KRA U16 Club players to be allowed to AP for Zone 5.

- o RBC declined: This letter is to notify the above party that the following athletes have been denied an exception to be U16 Zone Affiliates with the U16 Zone 5 Team, because these athletes did not try out for the U16 Zone 5 Team, and you can't affiliate to a team that you did not try out for.

- o I have responded to RBC notifying them that there is a precedent that was set last year allowing such affiliations within TORL.

- o TORL will support the family's appeal of this decision.

OPEN Update:

- o The team conducted tryouts and released three (3) players.

- o The team was very appreciative of our support. We organized the evaluators and major and minor officials for the scrimmages.

- o I would like to see our continued relationship with Open A to continue. They play a great role in volunteering for both evaluators and coaches.

OAB

- o I want to thank Jenn Fossum for the incredible amount of effort, time and energy she is putting into the OAB.
- o Reminder for everyone this is a significant fundraiser for GVRA. The funds raised support the entire GVRA association and every team and player within it.
- o We unfortunately cannot include all our GVRA teams in the tournament due to capacities (ice).
- o The ask is that every team provides a basket to be raffled off and provides volunteers to the event. This is again a reflection of the proceeds benefiting ALL teams.
- o I'm disappointed by the stance of a small minority who have chosen not to support this request because their teams aren't directly involved. The request for support is aimed at ensuring the success of the fundraising event, which ultimately benefits all teams.
- o My ask is that we find ways to support Jenn and this event.

2025 Club Provincials

- o There were some efforts to try and partner amongst the TORL Associations in putting on the 2025 Provincial but were not accepted by RBC in the format proposed.
- o I have worked with Rosemary, Jenn and RBC to make a best effort for the 2025 Club Provincials. This will be a separate agenda item
- o Ringette BC would like to provide clarity that we are open to hosting individual age divisions (U14, U16, U19) separately if that will make it more attainable to acquire ice within your municipalities and more likely that your Club could host a single age division.
- o Excerpt by RBC: I'd also like to remind you the final deadline to submit a host application for the 2025 Ringette BC Club Provincials is Friday, October 25th, 2024. If by this deadline we have not received any host applications and secured a host or individual age division hosts, the 2025 Ringette BC Club Provincials, unfortunately will be cancelled.

TORL Topics: As President of GVRA, I have a few concerns regarding TORL that I would like to

Raise:

1. TORL Minutes: The approved minutes can be found on the TORL website. One note is that only the adopted minutes are public.
2. President: TORL is still looking for a President.
3. TORL Relationships: Continuous relationship building and maintenance with other associations and their executive.
4. Code of Conduct: The TORL Board is adopting a Code of Conduct.
5. Budget: TORL Is updating the annual budget.
6. TORL Continues to work together for player movement requests.

Promotions

Winter Carnival, I would like to see us host a Come Try Ringette event, and also participate in the parade? This is the first year in a long time where the Winter Carnival doesn't overlap with Sweetheart.

To host Come Try Ringette, we will have to pay a \$25 fee to have it advertised but the deadline to apply to host an event is October 31st. We will also need to provide proof of insurance, and list Vernon Winter Carnival as additionally insured similar to the mall event.

I know that our focus is OAB for this meeting, so I'm hoping we can have a very quick conversation and then work on this over the coming months. We may also want to let the TORL ice scheduler know so that she doesn't schedule any GVRA teams the day of the parade.

Zone Coordinator:

Zone 5 U16 team - thank you to everyone for the email votes to support the addition of player SP to the zone 5 U16 roster. This now brings that team to 13 full time players, with 2 of them playing for Team BC. The roster has not been finalized yet and I'm anticipating additional affiliate players to be named, along with an exception request to Ringette BC for additional games over 5 games currently allowed for affiliates.

Zone 5 U14 team - recently a family requested evaluation for consideration of a movement from the U14 club team to the U14 zone team. Because that roster only has 11 players (+1 from Houston Ringette), there's still room on the roster and the coach did not make any cuts after evaluations. As such, Ringette BC has approved an exception request for this player KA to be evaluated this weekend ahead. I support this athlete being rostered to the zone team, which would leave the U14 club team with 13 players.

Director of School Programs

- I have emailed the SD22 elementary schools (excluding Cherryville, Lumby and Lavington for now) to see who would be interested in hosting gym ringette. 3 schools have given a positive reply and I am in contact with them to schedule them in.
- I was in touch with Kelly Sawchyn to see if she has any experience with gym ringette and would be willing and/or available to help. She informed me that she does not have any experience with the program. I am looking for a roster of teenagers who would be available to help.
- I emailed RBC to see if there are any upcoming coaching clinics or instructors courses available for gym ringette. If there are I would be interested in completing such a course. I haven't heard back from them yet.

Equipment Update:

Progress:

- All teams now have jerseys, coaches bags, goalie gear (minus FUN who didn't want their jerseys yet)

- Arrived - Second Full Set of Fun Jerseys from Timbits
- Arrived - 8 new Coaches bags with GVRA Logo
- Purchased:
 - With Grant for 'Come Try Ringette':
 - 30 more rings
 - 2 Large and 2 small Coaches Boards
 - Equipment Budget:
 - Purchased 2 Left Trappers and 1 Right Blocker for u10/12 group
- Received - 20 Name Bars for Zone Jerseys - Rosemary coordinated with zone teams on these, as well as ordering Keeper Jerseys from Sun Valley

Working On:

- Purchasing another set of 24" goalie pads for u10's third team (3rd set being used is not great)
- Pricing out/Purchasing 2 more Junior right trappers, 1 Junior right blocker, and 2 Junior left blockers for goalies (currently we only have two Right-handed sets in GVRA)
- Pricing out/Purchasing 1 Junior goalie chest protector u12 age
- Continue checking in with all coaches to see what they still need for the season
- Pricing/printing our GVRA logo on the canopy through Graphic Enterprises
- Pricing out/Purchasing Pinnies with numbers to swap out for our Evaluation Jerseys - discussed with Rosemary
- Purchasing another storage bin for the Orange Jerseys

Vice President Report

I have been working as the CI Coordinator this season. To date we have 13 players in total between GVRA and SRA. Michelle Wicklund will be the head coach. Michelle is very keen to get this team on the ice and getting them going. So far Rosemary has been able to find two ice times. One in November and one in December. Michelle hopes to try for at least one ice time in October.

I have also been asked to bring forward a concern in regard to one of our GVRA teams feeling excluded from this season's OAB. The hope moving forward is just to have better communication between team coach, team manager, BOD and families. I believe there was some communication, just didn't always get to all people involved?

Registrar

DIVISION	COUNT
FUN1	19
FUN2	1

Open	18
U10	31
U12	26
U14	24
U16	23
U19	16
TOTAL	158

6 Players with outstanding balances:

DIVISION	REG DATE	BALANCE	AMOUNT PAID	EMAILED RE BALANCE
U10	SEP 2, 2024	545.00	0.00	Sep 19, Oct 12
U14	Aug 5, 2024	245.00	250.00	Oct 5
U16	Aug 15, 2024	495.00	0.00	None (transfer)
U19	Sep 30, 2024	545.00	0.00	Oct 12
U19	Oct 1, 2024	545.00	0.00	Oct 12
U19	Oct 1, 2024	545.00	0.00	Oct 12
		2,920.00		

Since our last meeting:

- Three players were cut from Open, and were refunded minus tryout fee and admin fee
- U19 Registrations were closed
- U14 and U16 registrations will close on November 1, 2024 (all-gender registrations have already been closed as the teams have been declared all female)
 - Currently Fun, U10, U12 are OPEN until December 31, 2024 but not sure if this inline with BC Ringette policy.

I will likely be uploading staff, official, and volunteer registrations to our GVRA folder tomorrow.

Treasurer

Financial statements are up to date as of Oct 14, 2024. Revenues are up this year, primarily due to the increase in registration fees, and other items like the Legacy Grant, increased camp revenue and the carwash funds. I created the excel spreadsheet that gives a running estimate if we maxxed out each budget to the end of the year. (Please keep in mind that I'm inputting these numbers, so there is potential for error, which I try to double check for but I typically end up noticing when we discuss at the meeting). So with the increased revenues, but also increased ice costs and bc ringette dues, it's early to predict but we're currently looking at breaking even at year end. This is not taking into account any additional fundraising like 50/50's at viper games, etc. and I also haven't included any gaming revenues for the OAB.

We also have approximately \$30k in retained earnings per the balance sheet as of March 31, 2024 which should be discussed further at this or an upcoming meeting.

ADDENDUM

Email Motion/Vote Sept 24, 2024

Motion to approve U19 club team for 2024/25 for keeper jerseys provided by sponsor upon approval of final design keeping GVRA colours and logo by GVRA board by Wayne, Second by Rosemary, all in favour.

Email Motion/Vote Oct 9, 2024

Motion to allow Zone 5 U16 coach to roster player SP pending results of 4th evaluation by Courtney, 2nd by Diane, All in favour by email votes.