

## Grey Bruce Ladies Broomball Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2022 Location: Grey Bruce Building, Owen Sound Time: 7:00pm

Attendance: 13 of the 14 teams were represented with one delegate. Wiarton did not have a delegate.

Opened the meeting at 7:10.

### Treasurers Report

Jenna has looked into accepting E-Transfers to the account. This requires a visit to the bank by Jenna and Melissa with a letter from the league confirming the request.

A vote was brought for approval to keep two people as signatories on the account, with only one needed for transactions. This will allow the account to utilize etransfers. The vote passed.

The Chesley Community Club used proceeds from their annual Beef BBQ to make a \$2000 donation to the Grey Bruce Ladies Broomball League. In return they appreciate the support of our players at their annual BBQ. Next BBQ June 17, 2023.

Inclusive of this donation, the current balance of the League account retains a balance of \$18,499.12 aprox. A lengthy discussion followed on what portion of this balance should be considered a surplus (not required to operate) and what that surplus should be used for in the current or upcoming years. Several proposals were made:

- Donating a portion to a local youth broomball league upon its inception sometime in the next two years, to provide equipment for participants. – Courtney Baumber
- Waive all teams fees for the year end tournament. The last year end tournament cost \$2750. In 2019, league fees included costs for a year end tournament, however we were unable to participate in a year end tournament due to CoVID. With increased costs, the 2023 year end tournament will cost in excess of \$2750.
- Determining a dollar value that the league is willing to reduce the surplus by, divide this amount by the number of teams in the league, and apply this to team league fees once they are determined. League fees are currently estimated at \$1700/team without the cost of the year end tournament.
- Using the surplus over the next few years to lower team league fees.

The vote to use surplus funds from the account for the year end tournament for the 2022-2023 season was passed. No teams will be required to pay for the year end play off tournament.

The discussion of what to do with the remaining league surplus was tabled until we have a better idea what the season will cost.

### League Play 2022/23

All local arenas have been contacted for available ice times. Restrictions being blocks of ice time/referee availability/drive times for teams.

Currently, we have been able to secure Saturday from 7-10:30 at Tara, and Sunday at 5:30-8:00, or 5-7:30 in Keady.

Other options are Sunday from 5:00pm – 7:30pm in Keady, followed by Ice Time from 8:30pm – 11:00pm in Tara. This would keep all games on Sunday, but would have the last game starting after 10pm on a Sunday. **Addition post meeting Tara is not available until 9pm Sunday nights due to Figure Skating.**

We need 7 ice times per week to allow each team one game per week. This year the season has been shortened to 17 weeks instead of 19 weeks due to where Christmas falls.

There was a discussion on whether teams would be willing to drive to Wiarton, Owen Sound, Chatsworth or Markdale for ice time if there was availability at any of these locations.

This discussion was tabled while delegates looked into ice availability with these centers. As some centers are still waiting to confirm the number of teams they have for their hockey season, there is a possibility that ice will open up when centers have that information finalized.

**Addition post meeting : Wiarton Ice Availability –**

**Sundays 6-7pm, 8pm-11pm**

**Mondays 5-6pm, 9:30-11pm**

**Tuesdays 5-6pm, 9:30-11pm**

**Wednesdays 5-6pm, 9:30-11pm**

**Thursdays 5-6pm**

**Fridays 5-6pm, 9-11pm**

**Saturdays 6-11pm**

IF no other ice times become available, the 7 weekly games will be played between Saturday and Sunday evening, with a minimum of 6 games played by each player on their own team throughout the season, to qualify to play in playoffs.

### Ghost Player Amendment

In an attempt to reduce the number of games being forfeited due to teams being short players the league voted on the following allowances for this season. If your team has determined prior to the game that they have at least 5 players available, but less than 8 players, they are allowed to make an open invite to other teams for Ghost players. The guidelines are as follows:

- If your team finds they are short players prior to the date of play, an open invite to all teams will be posted on the group facebook page, with the number of Ghost players required. The first responses to the post, fitting the number of required players, will be the players accepted as Ghost Players – no specific player/team invites to avoid stacking players.
- Your team must have a **minimum of 5 original players**.
- Your team is allowed a **maximum of 3 Ghost Players**.
- Any team playing with a Ghost Player may have **no more than 8 players total**.
- The win or loss will count towards the team, and is of no benefit/loss to a Ghost Player
- As a Ghost Player, the goals you score, or the games you attend, do not count towards your regular season stats. (Must still play 6 games with your regular team to qualify for playoffs)
- As a Ghost Player, any penalty minutes accumulated during the game **DO** count towards your regular season stats.
- On the game sheet, all Ghost Players will sign in on the bottom three lines with a notation of their home team behind their name.

The vote to allow Ghost Players was passed.

Tammy was going to make sure that there is no restrictions for approval of posts required for the facebook group for this purpose or that there were several admin listed to approve posts.

### Referees

Due to a shortage in referees and their availability, there was a vote brought to amend the constitution by way of removing the provision that fathers/sons are not allowed to referee a game together, and that a player may be refereed by a family member during league play and avoided if possible during playoffs. This vote was passed.

### Tournaments

There are a few different formats the playoffs can take. These options will be made available with the minutes of this meeting. If each team can please discuss their preference before October 3, 2022, that would allow a better idea on what we need for ice time, and resources for the playoff tournament.

The Mean's League is hosting the Keady League tournament in January.

### Changes to the Executive

There were two positions on the executive needing filled.

Statistician - previously held by Krista Henry was filled by Jennifer Armstrong (Shooters).

Secretary – previously Shooters was filled by volunteering Jennifer Taylor (KTWs)

### Constitution

As the constitution has not been reviewed or updated since 2018-19 season (due to Covid), each team rep is asked to reach out to their teams for any changes that they wished to have discussed at a meeting. If all players/teams can please read the constitution and bring any requests for changes or additions to the attention of Tammy to be added to an agenda or email discussion with team representatives.

Similarly, the current executive has been in place for a number of years. If there is a position you think you might be interested in, or an area that you would like to help out, please bring it to the attention of the executive. All current positions will remain filled for the season. Any changes to executive can be made at the end of the season meeting. All executive are available to discuss the duties involved in their position if you have any questions or interest. Thank you to all current executive volunteers.

## Game Schedule

Through draw of a hat, the following are the schedule positions.

1. Blizzettes
2. Slapshot
3. Tara
4. Queen Bee
5. Ruff Ryders
6. Breakaways
7. Wiarton
8. Gold Diggers
9. Young Gun
10. Broom Bangers
11. Shooters
12. Mabels
13. KTW
14. Wildcats

All teams will play each other once. All teams will play twice against the opponents of their first four games.

## Meetings

- October 3, 2022 at 7pm. A tentative virtual meeting if needed. If delegates find other chunks of ice time at other locations, the days and times of play will be finalized at this meeting. This meeting should also allow us to finalize the annual league fees, and any further discussion on the surplus.
- March 27, 2023 @ 7pm. Annual end of season meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm. Thank you to all team reps that volunteered their time.