

Executive In Attendance:

Interim President - Barry Moffat
Past President - Jeff Huot
Treasurer - Keith Cawthra
Secretary – Skip Mountain
Member at Large – Conston Parchment
Guests:
Allocator – Avril Cawthra
Dir. Of Referee Development – Carey Anderson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:02 PM

Interim President's report – Barry Moffat

BCCFA Joe Gluska is the president.

At the recent VMFL meeting they reviewed the game timing of the Atom division. They have decided that all Atom games will now be two 40 minute run time halves (the clock does not stop for injuries or time outs) with a 10 minute half time. There was a question of a kicking game in Atom. Barry will propose at the next VMFL meeting to remove all kicking in Atom. No kick offs and no extra points. They have brought up the possibility of no contact Atom reason insurance liability.

Barry discussed the answers that he received from the questions he sent out to members.

In reference to communication on the field, Carey talked about examples he has come across in game film viewing. When multiple flags are thrown the referee is in too much of hurry to access the penalty and does not wait to hear from all officials that threw a flag. Carey said the referee cannot assume all the flags are for the same infraction.

Barry mentioned that we should not fine people for missing clinics. He said we want people to attend clinics because they want to, not just to avoid a fine. From a general discussion it was brought up that we did fine a number of people last year and no one complained. No decision was made.

Past President's report – Jeff Huot

Jeff received an award from BCCFA for his time involved in the organization; The Long Service Award was presented.

Secretary's report – Skip Mountain

Skip presented the new posters for our 2017 Recruitment Drive all executive members approved. The posters will be sent out to all organizations involved in football and hopefully they will put the new LMFRA posters on the web sites and any social media sites they have.

Skip past out pricing on the Go-Pro camera. Barry said he will be able to get one on loan so we can try it out before we make a decision. He hopes to have it for the Star Bowl in April.

Carey said the CFL and NFL have tried this idea and it did not help them at all.

Skip will ask the membership in April if they are returning to work for the 2017 season. We will ask the members when they are available to work. Wednesday or Friday or Saturday or Sunday.

Treasurer's report – Keith Cawthra

We are in excellent shape. Chequeing Account - \$7000.00 Savings Account - \$6995.00. Carey asked how come we are such good savers.

Keith said we have not made any mistakes on our pay cheques, we have collected fines from our members for not showing up a games and not attending clinics. We don't pay for uniforms anymore and we pay less for insurance.

Carey asked if this will cause a problem with the BC Society Act.

Keith we have to re-register because of the changes he will check to make sure we are ok.

Keith suggested that we pay for all members to have Arbiter on their mobile devices. This will make sure everyone will respond to game assignments on time or at least help.

We will be signing up for another year with Arbiter Keith will check the cost.

Member at Large Report – Constance Parchment

Member Awards – Constance proposed that we eliminate the Senior Official Award.

It turns out to be just a popularity contest. The executive agreed. In 2017 there will be only one award Rookie of the Year.

Avril added it is important the members are recognized.

Jeff said we have the CFOA service awards. All members that have reached 10 years of service or more will receive a pin.

Allocator's report – Avril Cawthra

Star Bowl April 22 – it will be held in Mission or Chilliwack TBA.

Teams will be 9 man Bantam, 12 man Bantam and 12 man Midget.

Barry from the input from the membership would it be possible for you to assign games on a specific day?

Avril yes I can do that. It was suggested that Sunday would be the best day to send out game assignments to the members.

Director of Referee Development report – Carey Anderson

Carey suggested that maybe we have all members write an exam that would give us an idea where the membership is on the rules of the game. Carey also mentioned that in the not too distant future is maybe a requirement from CFOA that all officials write a proficiency exam each year in order to receive insurance. CFOA registration they are working towards having all officials register directly with CFOA on-line.

Keith asked what will be the follow up from CFOA. How will we know who has registered?

Carey will contact CFOA for more information.

Clinics Level 1 in July date TBA and possibly a Level 4 in conjunction with BCFOA. Date TBA.

Carey brought up the fact that he needs help with game film. He has sent out film to some of the members but at this time no one has responded.

Carey expressed his disappointment in the fact that LMFRA was not contacted to work the under 16 games for March 11 and 12.

Apparently the new president of BCFOA contacted the organizers.

Provincial body funding. Carey has mentioned this before that BCFOA is receiving monies from the Provincial Football body but it does not get to LMFRA. Carey said he could use a new lap top computer to use on sight while filming. I could produce film clips on USB drive on the spot.

We could use funds to exchange officials from the island and the lower mainland. This will give our members and the members from the island a better outlook on the game. And we could exchange with the interior. Funding would cover travel, lodging and food.

Keith said we should prepare a budget for these items. Carey will prepare a budget for presentation.

Old Business

Recruitment General Discussion

Barry suggested that we offer an incentive to our members in order to get them to find new members. After a brief discussion it was suggested that we set up a program called Referee Recruitment Program

We will offer any member that finds a new member that new recruit stays with us until week 5 (mid-season) will receive \$25.00. If the new recruit last the entire season we refund their membership fee.

Barry will send this out to the membership to see what they have to say.

Keith proposed a new pay method.

He suggested that we offer to pay the referee of each game an additional \$10.00.

And members who have less than 5 years' experience should be paid less than other members.

This could cause more trouble than its worth. Makes us look like a union pay scale.

After a brief discussion no decision was made. Keith will prepare a brief to send out to the membership

Referee incentive

Carey wondered how we could create an incentive for our members to take on the referee position. Our members forget that the line of scrimmage officials make more decisions in a game than the referee.

Carey didn't think that the pay scale was the way to go.

Constance mentioned that being a relatively new guy of I wear the white hat I need a strong umpire to help me out. And this probably true for other members as well.

Arbiter

Barry was wondering if there were any issues on the use of Arbiter.

Avril the biggest concern is getting everyone to block of the dates that they are not available.

Skip will prepare a hand out for the members on how to block of dates.

Uniform

Skip will send out a notice to the membership on April 1 with reference to the CFL jersey being the standard for 2017. We will let the members know that if they choose to purchase the only a short sleeve jersey they will be able to wear a long sleeved black shirt under the short sleeve jersey in cold weather. This makes the purchase of a long sleeved jersey unnecessary.

Skip to check by-law to make sure the payment of \$75.00 to new members for their uniform has been removed.

New Business

Information committee

LMFRA Minutes EXECUTIVE MEETING – March 08, 2017

Barry suggested that we form a committee that will be responsible for the selection of members to officiate playoff games and provincial finals.

The committee would also be responsible for communication to the membership in the off season. They also could pole the members to see what they have for individual goals and what they expect from their membership in LMFRA.

After some discussion it was suggested the committee would consist of four member's one member being from the executive committee. All decisions by the committee would be presented to the executive committee before being carried out. Refer to the suggestion from Carey on choosing members to officiate playoff games (below).

OFFICIALS (Non Referee)

- Appearance - Properly equipped in the LMFRA approved uniform. 10%
- Demonstrate & understanding of pre-snap mechanics & positioning 10%
- Demonstrate & understanding of mechanics as play develops 10%
- Demonstrates confidence while correctly ruling on plays 10%
- Demonstrates correct signal(s) during correct application 10%
- Hustles on post play. 10%
- Reaction to pressure situations 10%
- Communicates with crew 10%
- ____% mark on National Rules test 20%

REFEREE'S

- Appearance - Properly equipped in the LMFRA approved uniform. 10%
- Demonstrate & understanding of pre-snap mechanics & positioning 10%
- Demonstrate & understanding of mechanics as play develops 10%
- Demonstrates confidence while correctly ruling on plays 10%
- Demonstrates correct signal(s) during correct application 5%
- Communicates with crew 5%
- Reaction to pressure situations 20%
- Adjudicates fouls in a confident timely manner 10%
- ____% mark on National Rules test 20%

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VMFL Game Schedule for 2017

Barry said that the VMFL will make an effort to assign games on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Schedule deadline is August 1 final adjustments August 9 ready to go August 16.

Officials for Pemberton

Barry said he was asked by VMFL if we LMFRA will provide officials for games in Pemberton. Jeff no we cannot supply officials but we can run a training session for the officials they provide. Training and travel charges will be paid by Pemberton.

Payment for bridge tolls

Barry proposed that we look at paying members for their bridge tolls if they have a multi game day and extra travel is required. We will use 2017 as a test season. Barry will track the members that have to use a toll bridge in order to get to their multi game day game. Proposed a \$5.00 a game fee for multi games in a day where extra travel is required.

Question that need to be answered:

What is the travel time?

Was the field assigned out of the way?

VMFL Contract

Jeff suggested that we extend our present contract for an additional year. This will give the new executive for 2018 adequate time to review and prepare for a new contract in 2018.

Games Schedule for 2017 preseason

Valley Pride Bowl April 15

Zone bowl Langley May 20 (long weekend) round robin tournament PW and JB

June 10 visiting team from the prairies will play some VMFL teams.

Disciplinary committee

Jeff will take Barry's place on this committee for the 2017 season.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:27 PM.