

WHAT: EXECUTIVE MEETING
WHEN: THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020
TIME: 7:00 PM
WHERE: KNIGHT& DAY KING GEORGE BLVD

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Last meeting
2. Executive reports
3. Certification clinics – Carey Anderson
4. Update on WorkSafe BC issue.
5. Update on Atom Flag Rules
6. The position of Dir. of Education for 2020
7. Update on Police Information Check
8. Web Master?
9. Update Spring Football

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recruitment
2. Snoop bowl 2020
3. Player Equipment concerns
4. Submit letter for nomination for Football Education Award

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Executive In Attendance:

President – Les Caldwell
Vice President – Farrel Taphorn
Treasurer - Keith Cawthra
Secretary – Skip Mountain
Member at Large – Mark Fontana

Allocator – Avril Cawthra

Regrets - Member at Large – Greg Geub
 Director of Education - Frank Logan
 Past President – Corey Doherty

Guest – Carey Anderson -

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:00 PM

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Feb 12 2020

Les – has everyone received the Feb 12 2020 minutes that were emailed to all executive members?

All members – yes

Are there any errors, omissions or corrections?

All members – none

Les minutes of the meeting Feb 12 2020 are approved.

2ND – Skip

2. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President – Les Caldwell

VMFL AGM Feb 22 2020 as mentioned they discussed the Atom flag rules for this season. (see report from Greg member at Large).

We must insure that we have consistency that is both coaches and officials are familiar with these rules.

Carey Anderson – Just a note the National organizations will be issuing notices in 2022 that there will be NO CONTACT football for all under the age of 10.

BCCFA AGM – I passed on the information we received and the reports we submitted to WorkSafe BC to the President. He said he will look into the matter and report back.

President – Farrel Taphorn

I have registered to attend the CFOA conference in Calgary in May.

NOTE: with the virus warnings it may be cancelled.

Treasurer – Keith Cawthra

[see attached financial report page 7-8]

At this date we have approximately \$3350.00 in the bank.

Horizon WebRef fees have been paid. A substantial savings over Arbiter's cost.

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Member at Large – Mark Fontana

No report.

Member at Large – Greg Geub

Greg submitted his report via email:

PIC

- One member is still outstanding for their PIC. The member has been informed by email that they have until March 31st for return their paperwork to me to be eligible for spring ball.

Member Availability

- Three members have yet to commit for spring ball via HorizonWeb:
 - Deepak Sharma-emailed and phone message with no reply as of 07Mar
 - Nnamdi Okuma-spoke to him on the phone, interested but unsure of HorizonWeb
 - Levi-Spencer Fell-email and voice mail no reply as of 07Mar

Summary of some interesting points from VMFL AGM:

- Six Man Tackle
 - BCCFA and BCPFA both stated six man tackle is to be looked at only in regions outside of the established associations where even 9 man ball doesn't have the recruitment numbers
 - Many questions were asked in regards to Cory Philpot's role in this with BCPFA and as to why VMFL is getting information is being sent out by him if it is only applicable in regions mentioned above.
- Tackle Enrollment
 - Declining but numbers are being offset by gains in flag football at lower divisions
 - What initiatives are being done to increase enrollment rather than leaning towards having more 9 and 6 man options?
 - Mandate for 2022 from COFA will be no tackle football under 12 years of age
- Adoption of U moniker for divisions
 - The motion to have all divisions rebadged to U10, U12, U14, etc. was defeated and current divisions shall remain.
- Orange Helmet Fund Disbursements:
 - BCCFA stated that the Lions control the distribution of funds and this is mainly benefits Junior Football
- BCPFA Health Tracker
 - There is a new App, or it is being tested from BCPFA to track player health. Haven't looked into this application further and will research further.
- Canada Cup Tournament
 - VMFL and BCCFA to host this spring at UBC
 - Possible LMFRA involvement?
- Rule Changes
 - Atom field sizes to be as per CARBTF
 - Atom flag timing: four 20 min quarters with team switching ends at end of quarter. No time outs inside of three minutes in either half, referee may stop clock at their discretion or injury.
 - Atom flags will now be popper style with consistent colour and length for all VMFL teams.
 - Atom kicking converts: all nine defending players can rush

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- Atom Game play rules: In addition to max of five lineman, corners can rush if on the line of scrimmage at the snap
- Atom game play rules: blocking is permitted within 5 yards of the line of scrimmage, sideline to sideline, no cut blocking at any location on the field.
- Atom game play rules: ball carrier: sliding, diving or trucking are not permitted. Defense; sliding not permitted, diving for the flag is permitted provided no contact is made on the ball carrier. Any contact in the manner of diving for the flag shall be a U/R and 15 yards (Les can provide further commentary if needed)

I will be attending the VCFL AGM on Wed and will have an update for next meeting.

Farrel – Asked if there is any plans in the works for the VMFL and the VCFL to have people on the sidelines that are trained in concussion protocol?
Les and Keith will check with the organizations.

Allocator – Avril Cawthra

Star Bowl was held on March 8 in Langley [MAP]. The 2 games went off without a hitch. Avril mentioned she does not receive notifications on the new allocation system. Skip will contact the software people for a solution and send the information to Avril.

Secretary – Skip Mountain

I sent Mark the LMFRA Membership list as well as suggestions on contacting the members for the 2020 season to see who will be available.

3. Certification Clinics - Provincial Education coordinator – Carey Anderson

[see attached financial report page 9-12]

The national football organizations are attempting to coordinate the training of all football officials and have proposed a timeline for implementation. [see attached reports]

The current Level system will be replaced with Modules. The modules will be a combination of on-line training and classroom sessions. Cost to be discussed. Module 1 would be a Mandatory introduction to the system. Training resources would be allocated on a demand basis.

They will track an individual official's progress via an on-line system called the Coach's Locker. This will be a secure private sign in system. Each organization will have one of their members monitor the system, for LMFRA, that would be our Director of Education.

One of the advantages of the Coach's Locker would be assist in recruitment. The national body would receive requests from individuals to become football officials, from the national web-site Football Canada, and that information would be sent on to the particular regional organization.

At this time I'm planning to have Clinics for 6 and 7 man mechanics, date June 28 2020 location TBA, and I would like to invite the LMFRA members to participate.

LMFRA director of Education and the executive committee will suggest members that can attend.

There will be a Level One Clinic in July date and location TBA.

Canada Cup U16 will be held at UBC and Abbotsford in July date and location times TBA.

Carey mentioned he would be available to assist our Director of Education with our training needs.

5. Update on WorkSafe BC

Refer to Presidents Report.

6.The Position of Director of Education

Keith I propose a motion to assign the position of Director of Education for 2020 to Frank Logan.

Second – Farrel

All members were in favour. Motion carried.

7.Police Information Check

Greg reported that Corey Doherty's Police Information check is still outstanding.

8.Web Master

Keith I propose a motion to assign the position of Web Master for 2020 to Cole Brien.

Second – Mark

All members were in favour. Motion carried.

Skip to send documentation to Cole.

9.Spring Football

Keith the 2020 Spring Football will include Midget only no Bantam teams have signed up.

LINE UP

5 Midget Teams

2 games each Sunday at the same park

VMFL has ruled out the possibility of 6 Man Football for the spring 2020.

Fund Raiser – VMFL will be holding a Pub Nite on June 6 2020. Details TBA.

NEW BUSINESS

Recruitment

Skip just wanted to remind everyone that this is recruitment time. Mark will send out a message to all members to THINK RECRUITMENT.

Snoop Bowl – rap star Snoop Dawg is very big in the US with youth football.

Will be held April 11 2020

Langley MAP

1 game – U10 – U11

3 games – U12 – U13

10 games – U14 – U15

Les we will charge \$700.00 for the day to provide officials for the Bowl.

Education Award

Farrel letter has been submitted.

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Player Equipment

Keith the Star Bowl was a good example of how the coaches and players are ignoring the Player Equipment rules.

Outstanding issues: Knee pads, Knotted Jerseys and visors and others.

Keith sent the following email to the Presidents of the VMFL and the VCFL:

Kevin, David,

Please keep in mind as you read this, the referees do not make the rules, we only enforce them.

Below you will see a picture of football knee pads and below that a basic picture of football equipment required for tackle football. Please note the knee pads COVER the knees. (PLEASE NOTE COVER THE KNEES IS THE IMPORTANT ISSUE)

Not sure if both of you watched the Star Bowl yesterday or not, but had the officials enforced the rule of being properly equipped, there would have been about 20 kids able to play! (this was absolutely ridiculous yesterday!)

We have had this conversation before about being properly equipment. It is a question every referee asks every coach before the start of every game. All coaches say 'YES'

By saying that, they are telling the referee that every player on their team is properly equipped for the game. As we know that is not the case, as we seen yesterday.

Until the rule is changed by the leagues, here is what will happen for Spring Tackle and Fall tackle.

First Player not properly equipped in the game, will be asked to leave the field to get fixed up, he has 3 minutes to do so. After that **every** time a player is seen not properly equipped, there will be a bench OC call against that team's bench. When a bench gets two OC calls, the first person ejected is the head coach.

Halfway through last season, the referees were sent a safety issue by the coaching coordinator of the VMFL. No explanation or other information came with it. Just no tackling was allowed above the shoulder pads.

There was some discussion around it and 4 days later it was understood what the intent was of the rule. All was good.

So we get sent this, yet teams can't get players properly equipped for a game, WHAAAAATTTT ????

Makes me think what an insurance company will say or do if a claim was made and it turns out the player was not properly equipped even though the coach told the referee all his players were properly equipped.

So, we have a new Spring Tackle season coming soon, how does this message get to the teams ? I also say, at your next league meeting, please have someone there from the insurance company and let's see what they say.

Les – Motion to adjourn

Keith – seconded.

Meeting Adjourned. 8:45 PM

Next meeting Thursday April 09 2020.

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2020 BUDGET

ACTUAL

EXPENSES

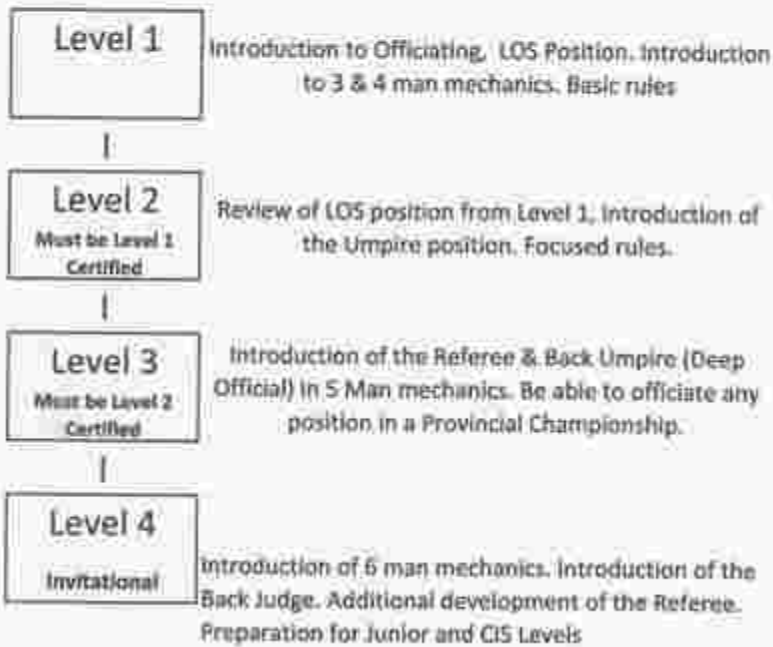
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EDUCATION	\$ 250.00	
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RULE BOOKS	\$ 750.00	
GAME FEES	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 660.00
AGM	\$ 1,300.00	
WEB	\$ 425.00	\$ 586.67
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MISC	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL	\$ 69,325.00	\$ 1,930.06

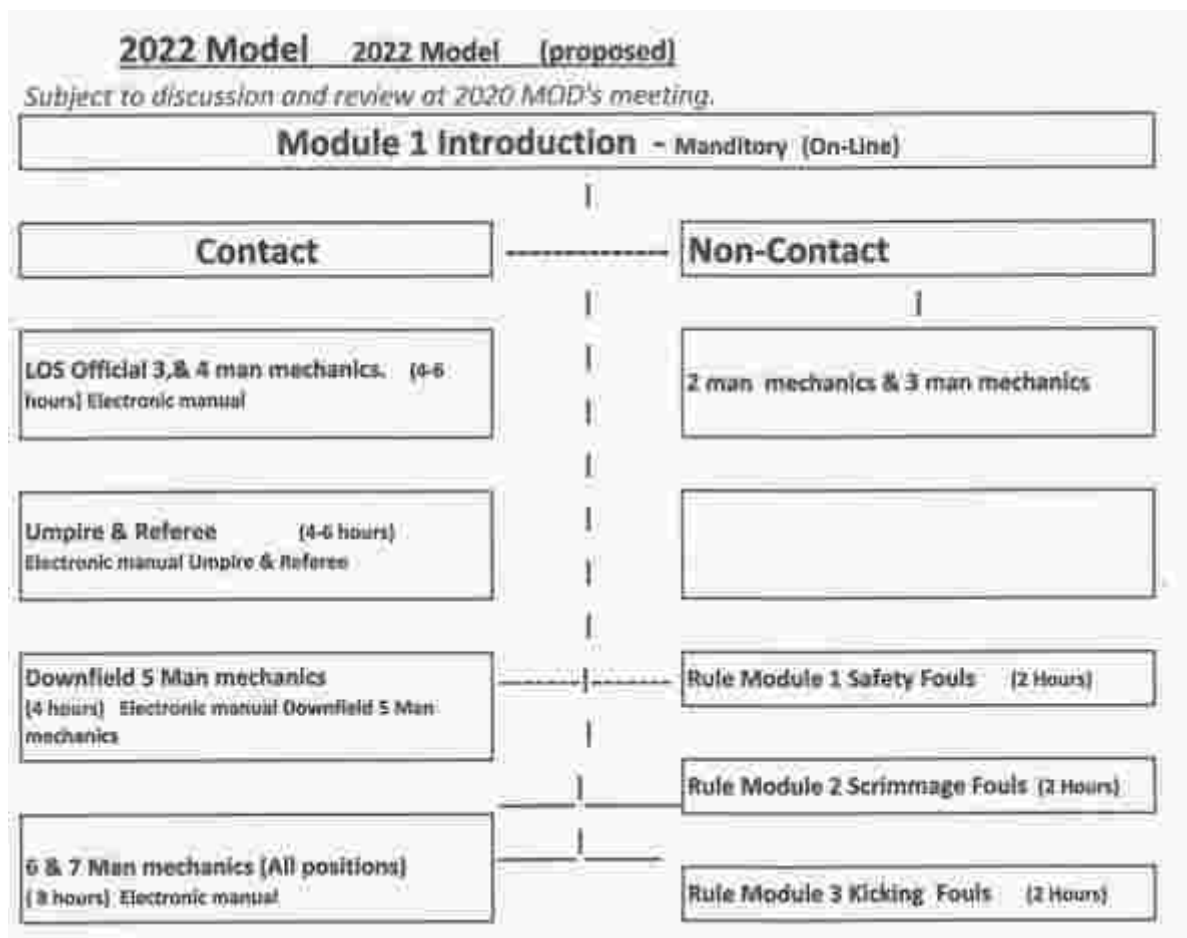
INCOME

ARBITER	\$ 700.00	
GAME FEES	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 660.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 2,500.00	
FINES	\$ 250.00	
EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00	
TOURNAMENTS	\$ 3,300.00	
	\$ 70,250.00	\$ 660.00

Flow Chart

Current Level System





Educational Classes for Officials

Current Level programs are being replaced by modules. Targeted date for the switch over is 2022. In order for the transition to be successful, each interested party must do their part.

Football Canada: - Develop, market and promote.

Provincial Sports Organization (BCPFAI- Promote training, and support training through active recruitment.

CFOA: - Provide experts to review and manage content of the program.

-Provide Master Official Developer (MOD's) candidates.

FOA's: -Set up clinic dates and locations.

-Manage training / trainers and availability.

IVLOD's: - will train Official Developers (OD's) for both contact and non-contact officials.

-will monitor and ensure the OD's are correctly delivering the program.

(notes)

Time frame of implementation

2019

(1) Master Official Developers (MOD's) will be training Official Developers (OD's) throughout the Province, including non-contact football (Flag / touch).

(2) introduction and registration of the Coaches Locker for registering officials, training of officials, evaluation of officials, maintenance of education /training.

(3) Continued training in current Level programs with current manuals

(4) Liaison with the Provincial Sports Organization (PSO)

2020

(1) MOD's to review new student manuals, advising any changes and corrections

(2) All working officials should now be registered on Coaches Locker

(3) Piloting programs through Coaches Locker and running in conjunction with the current Levels.

(4) Determining what the modules are going to look like

2021

(1) All OD's should be trained and in place through-out the Province

(2) Coaches Locker should be fully utilized.

(3) "Grandfathering" of officials onto Coaches Locker

2022

(L) All programs should be completed and switched over to the new modules.

(2) All manuals will be "electronic".

The New Model (proposed)

As 2022 approaches and the new model is in place, Local FOA's will be able to track and update the status of their current officials, as well as being advised about new officials. By following the attached Flow Chart, here is how the new system should work.

- (1) A new official, whether recruited by the PSO, or FOA will be directed to go on-line and sign up with Coaches Locker and will receive a seven-digit number. The new prospect will take the mandatory on-line Module 1 introductory course. Once completed, his status will be "official in training". The local FOA will be notified by Football Canada of this status.
- (2) FOA's in conjunction with the MOD's, will schedule and host training modules. MOD's will staff these modules with the local OD's. OD's can then draw on expertise from officials that they feel are capable of presenting the topic(s) required in the module.
- (3) Once dates and locations are set up in Coaches Locker, new and current officials can sign up on-line for these modules.
- (4) Upon completion of the training modules, the official's status will remain "Official in training" until an evaluation has been completed. Once the evaluation has been completed and is successful, the official's status will be changed from "In training" to "certified".

Secondary Training

Film nights, specialized subjects / meetings can also be added to Coaches Locker. In fact, it is strongly recommended that the local FOA's adopt this idea for a variety of reasons.

NON-CONTACT FOOTBALL [Flag / Touch]

Non-Contact Largest growing part of Football Canada

Wants a parallel program to contact for non-contact

By 2022 Age groups re-structured / offering programs

U10 Non-Contact 6 a side Football

ULZ Non-Contact 6 a side Football 9 a side Football

U14 Non-Contact 6 a side Football 9 a side Football 12 a side Football

U15 Non-Contact 6 a side Football 9 a side Football 12 a side Football