

LMFRA Minutes MEETING – June 13, 2020

WHAT: EXECUTIVE MEETING
WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2020
TIME: 3:00 PM
WHERE: CAWTHRA RESIDENCE

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Last meeting
2. Executive reports
3. Covid 19 – In the Official world
4. Update on WorkSafe BC issue.
5. Bylaws Amendment RE: Life Members
6. Update 2020 football season
7. Life Member/Retire #

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recruitment
2. Education

Executive In Attendance:

President – Les Caldwell
Vice President – Farrel Taphorn
Treasurer - Keith Cawthra
Secretary – Skip Mountain
Member at Large – Greg Geub
Member at Large – Mark Fontana
Director of Education – Frank Logan
Allocator – Avril Cawthra

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 3:00 PM

Les: Asked if there were any additions to the agenda for today's meeting?

Reply: Les I would like to add Life members and Retired numbers

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – May 14 2020

Les – has everyone received the May 14 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 MAY 14 2020 are approved.

2ND – Keith

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.

President – Les Caldwell

The VMFL is determined to have football [contact] this season the fall of 2020. The indications at this time lean toward 9-MAN football. At this time the August Tournament schedule look doubtful.

Les asked Keith if the August Tournaments are cancelled will this have a negative effect on our finances?

Keith – for the 2020 season at this time we will be ok. We can have a closer look at the books in September and it may force us to rethink our AGM.

Les – BCCFA is looking into the format of the 2020 championship games. And there has been a lot of discussion around the possibility of 6-MAN football [contact] becoming the main focus.

Greg – Have any of the associations started any football activity?

Frank – I know that the VCFL is accepting registrations but I haven't heard anything about starting practices.

VP President – Farrel Taphorn

I have received a refund from CFOA regarding the cancelled conference. But the Airline is only giving me credits.

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Treasurer – Keith Cawthra

To date we have approximately \$3200.00 in the bank. We have a \$25.00 charge for new keys to our mailbox the old ones were misplaced.

I'm considering changing our bank, we may be able to save money on fees with another bank. I will keep the Executive up to date on my findings.

Farrel – Who has signing authority for our cheques?

Keith – At this time Skip and myself have signing authority.

Les – Are our members insured?

Keith – We are ok on member insurance until the end of July. So we will be able to make sure all the members are insured when we know what the 2020 season will entail.

Greg – Will the LMFRA insurance fees increase with the presence of COVID-19?

Keith – We have not received any information from CFOA re: new insurance premiums.

Secretary – Skip Mountain

No report.

Member at Large – Mark Fontana

No report

Member at Large – Greg Gueb

Just thinking about what we are doing, at the firm I work with, they are developing COVID-19 Policy. We should develop a COVID-19 Policy for LMFRA.

Skip – Greg will you take on the tack of developing the Policy?

Greg – Yes. I can develop a policy and send it to the executive for approval.

Keith We should send it out to the members.

Skip – We should follow the same procedure as we did with the PIC [Police Information Check], we send out the policy and each member has to sign an agreement to follow the policy or they can not work as an official for LMFRA.

Keith – Just a note as to the by-law – the members that have chosen not to work the 2020 season because of the COVID-19 scare will STILL BE CONSIDERED to be ACTIVE Members for the 2020 season. that mean they will retain their right to vote at the AGM.

Director of Education – Frank Logan

My suggestions for ball handling, when and if the 2020 season gets underway, is to have 4 balls per team and each team would have a ball boy. The ball boy would be responsible for sanitizing the balls. Discussion to be continued when we have more information from the associations.

Allocator – Avril Cawthra

No report.

3. COVID - 19

Greg to draft a COVID-19 policy for LMFRA. In this policy we will propose a standard for PPE [Personal Protection Equipment] for our members.

NOTE: This will be based on and work in conjunction with the provincial bodies and the local associations. Further discussion will be required.

4. WORKSAFE BC

Les – I have not received any further communication from WorkSafe BC on this matter.

Keith – I have received 2 letters for WorkSafe BC, first letter stating they will send a second letter. Second letter to be returned by July 01 2020 allows the LMFRA to apply for an extension or more time to submit any additional information that we [LMFRA] feel is required to state our case.

If we do not require an extension then a decision on the case will be made by July 19 2020.

Les will complete the Request for Extension form and return it to WorkSafe BC.

Greg – Will WorkSafe BC be doing a risk assessment on the On-field Responsibilities of a Football Official?

Keith & Les – We will wait to see the outcome of their [WorkSafe BC] on our case. Any other steps are to be determined.

Keith – I had a brief discussion with a lawyer and in their opinion, it will be a difficult to define the Duties of a Football Official in the work place because we [the football officials] do not have any control over our work environment. We don't know the weather or the field conditions for the games we are assigned.

Further discussion required.

Greg – Is Derek Duvall an active member?

Keith – he resigned from LMFRA. I will send a copy of the letter to skip to keep on file.

5. By-Law Amendent RE: Life Member voting eligibility

Keith I have drafted an Amendment Proposal for the LMFR By-Laws that will state – Life Members will have the right to vote and any item/s that require the membership to vote.

Farrel – We should include a disclaimer for the 2020 season that you DO NOT have to work five games to be considered an Active Member because of the COVID-19 scare.

6. Update on the 2020 Football season

At this time there are no plans for any football games [contact] in the month of August. As mentioned earlier in the President's Report the VMFL and the VCFL plan to have a football season for 2020 beginning in September.

7. Life Member and Retire the number

Les – I would like to propose a motion - To make Jeff Huot a Life Member and to retire his number [23].

Motion accepted and seconded by Keith Cawthra

All members of the executive voted in favour of the motion

Skip – Who are the Life Members of LMFRA

Keith and Les –

1. Dave Moore
2. Rudy [?????]
3. Lyle Cawthra
4. Charlie Henry
5. Wayne Skelly

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recruitment

Skip asked Mark if he has sent out any emails to our proposed New Recruits.

Mark – No I haven't.

Skip – Please check the binder of registration forms that I pasted on to you. The new recruits and their emails are there.

Skip – will there be a Level 1 Clinic this year [2020]?

Les – I question the rational of having a Level1 since the New Recruits will have to pay for the training clinic plus invest in a uniform and they may or may not get any games this season.

Keith – We need to have a training clinic [Level 1]. It may not be possible to have it at our usual time in mid-July but we must have a clinic. We have new recruits' that have expressed a real interest in being a football official and we need to secure them as members. Perhaps the clinic will be late August.

Frank – Should I contact Carey about the Level 1 clinic?

Keith – Yes, we should contact Carey and see what the 2020 training schedule will look like.

2. Education

Skip – We can use email and our web-site to get information to the members.

Frank – there was discussion at the last meeting mentioning the use of on-line education activities. Is that still an option?

The Executive committee yes please look into it.

Les I motion that the meeting be adjourned.

2nd Keith Cawthra

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

NEXT MEETING JULY 09TH THURSDAY time and place to be determined.