



## 2010 Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.  
Conference Call

Participants:

Executive: Larry Timms – Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members: Fredericton Red Bombers – Larry Wisniewski  
Moncton Raiders – Dan Fougere  
Saint John Seawolves – Barry Ogden  
Holland College Hurricanes – Mike O’Grady  
Dalhousie Tigers – Jeff Pond

Alternates: Holland College Hurricanes – Albert Roche, Vernon Doyle, Gary Mancuso  
Dalhousie Tigers – Jim Wilson  
Fredericton Red Bombers – Justin Demerchant

- 1) The AGM was called to order at 7:35 pm
- 2) **Quorum** - It was determined that a quorum was present, with every team represented.
- 3) The **Agenda**, distributed earlier, was amended to add 2 items under new business, namely an 8 game regular season and the timing for the next meeting. Larry Wisniewski moved that the amended agenda be adopted, seconded by Dan Fougere, passed.
- 4) The **Minutes** of last year’s AGM (distributed earlier) were tabled and 2 corrections were noted – the spelling of Wisniewski and the reference to the PEI/Holland College team should be changed to just Holland College. Larry W. moved that the amended minutes be adopted, seconded by Dan, and passed.
- 5) The **Financial Statements** (distributed earlier) were tabled and following a couple of clarification points, Larry W. moved that they be adopted, seconded by Barry, passed. The question then arose as to whether we should distribute the excess revenue as set out in the bylaws. After some discussion, it was moved by Barry, seconded by Dan that we leave the balance with the League for at least another year, and if the balance grows further in 2011, we will reassess the distribution, at that time. Passed.
- 6) **Election of Officers**. Terry Allen had offered to be the new Commissioner of the AFL. Larry Wisniewski moved to accept this offer, seconded by Barry. Unanimous agreement. Larry Timms indicated, unless there was another willing body, to sit as Secretary/Treasurer for another term. Barry moved to have Larry remain in this position, seconded by Jeff, all agreed.

- 7) **Draft 2011 Budget.** A draft budget for the coming year was tabled and following some discussion, it was agreed to hold off until each team submitted, to Larry Timms, revenue and cost estimate for hosting a playoff game. Once this is received, Larry will then complete a new draft for discussion and approval at the next meeting.
- 8) **Other Business -**
- a) **8 Game Schedule** – Various opinions were made as to the pros and cons of increasing the regular season from 6 to 8 games. Barry noted he had been talking to a Scotty Allen in Truro but it appeared it would be 2012 before there would be any possibility that they would be participating in the League. A six team league would allow an 8 game season as there would be no need for byes. Mike O’Grady offered to have Albert Roche work on a schedule and/or work with Bruce Watts, who had handled the scheduling for the first 2 years of the leagues operation. Barry noted that without consensus on the schedule from all parties, we might hold to the 6 game regular season, but accommodate the teams wanting a larger season by an exhibition game plan to add 2 games. Further discussion should take place with final resolution at our next “sit down” meeting.
- b) **Sponsorship.** – Dan raised the point that the AFL should look to getting League Sponsors. After a brief discussion, it was recommended that this be deferred until our new commissioner has had a chance to settle in and this could be further addressed at our next meeting.
- c) **Plaque for Pat O’Brien** – Barry proposed that we purchase a “thank you” plaque on behalf of the AFL for his time as the first commissioner of the AFL. All agreed, and we will proceed with this.
- d) **Practice Schedule** – Larry W. raised the point about agreeing on a practice schedule that he thought had been distributed by Terry McIntyre. As no one had received this, discussion on this matter was deferred until our next meeting.
- e) **Constitution** - Larry W. raised some issues about the current Constitution and Bylaws concerning the timing of the AGM and he plans to make some proposed changes that he will table prior to our next meetings.
- 9) **Next Board Meeting** – It was agreed that, as soon as possible after Terry Allen returns from his travel, we should schedule a meeting so everyone can meet our new Commissioner and address deferred items such as the schedule, sponsorship, practice schedule, the 2011 budget, etc. This should be prior to the end of April.
- 10) Larry W. moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm, seconded by Barry. Agreed.

Action Items

Responsibility

Playoff Game Hosting - Revenue & Expenses

Each Team – by mid April

Thank You Plaque for Pat O’Brien

Larry Timms / Barry Ogden

Revised Budget

Larry Timms

Scheduling Next Meeting

Terry Allen