



## Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Moncton Football Association Building, Centennial Park, Moncton, NB

Participants:

Executive: Terry Allen, Commissioner, Larry Timms – Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members: Fredericton Red Bombers – Justin DeMerchant  
Saint John Seawolves – Barry Ogden, Bill Todd  
Holland College Hurricanes – Mike O’Grady, Vernon Doyle  
Dalhousie Tigers – Henry Whitfield, Rick Rivers

Guests: Dalhousie Tigers – Stu McLean

- 1) The meeting was called order at 10:05 AM
- 2) Those present introduced themselves and their affiliation.
- 3) It was determined that all member organizations were represented and thus, there was a quorum.
- 4) **Agenda** - Prior to adopting the agenda, 2 amendments were made to agenda item 12 Other Business, adding All-stars to 12 a) and Expansion to 12 c). Justin then moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Barry. Adopted.
- 5) **Correspondence** – It was noted the only correspondence was from the NBFOA about increase in their game fees. This was deferred to the 2012 Budget agenda item.
- 6) **Minutes** of the 2010 AGM and May 1, 2011 Special General Meeting. Larry tabled the minutes of both of these meetings and after a typo correction to the Special General Meeting Minutes, Mike moved the 2010 AGM minutes be approved, seconded by Rick, and then Justin moved that the minutes of the Special General Meeting be approved, seconded by Barry, both were adopted.
- 7) **Commissioner’s Report** – Terry gave a verbal report for the 2011 season, noting it was a good year for the AFL, after the start-up issue of have the Moncton team drop out just prior to the season start and the associated issues of having to re-do and republish the schedule. Rick moved we accept Terry report, seconded by Barry, passed.
- 8) **2011 Financial Report** – Larry tabled the 2011 Financial Statements noting the only major variance was the revenue shortfall due to Moncton dropping out. There were a couple of questions concerning the make-up of the website cost. Larry raised an issue about whether the League should establish limits on their expenses associated with the playoff games as he sees some variances in the cost of bussing and officials between hosing/travelling locations. After some discussion, it was felt that these differences

were not significant enough at this time to warrant establishing limits but that each home and travelling teams should watch these to ensure reasonability. Larry moved that the 20122 Financial Statements be adopted, seconded by Barry, approved.

- 9) **Election Of Officers** – Terry has just completed his first year as Commissioner so will continue on as per the constitution. Terry noted that no name has come forward for Vice –Commissioner as of yet, but he indicated he had been talking to Jim Wilson about pursuing an individual from Nova Scotia. Bill Todd also raised the point that we should possibly consider 2 Vice-Commissioner positions, which would lead into a rotation option.

With no names being brought forward for the position of Secretary-Treasurer, Larry indicated he would continue on for another year.

- 10) **2012 Draft Budget** – Larry tabled a draft budget for the upcoming year. Fees would increase from 2011, mainly due to 1 less team in the league. There was some discussion whether \$500 was enough for the website and discussion on this matter was deferred on this to the website item in Other Business. The Draft Budget was moved to be adopted by Larry, seconded by Mike. Adopted.

#### 11) **Constitution – Bylaw changes**

**Motion 1** - amend Bylaw Article 6 – Player Age to:

Players must be in the eighteen to twenty four (18-24) age group. The individual must be in this range as of December 31st of the current playing season.

Moved by Justin; seconded by Barry; unanimously adopted.

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**Motion 2** – amend Bylaw Article 3 .1 to:

In order to be eligible to play in the playoffs, players must have been on the game day roster for at least two regular season games. New players cannot be added after a team has fewer than 2 regular season games remaining. The maximum number of players to be dressed for a game is 55 for the visiting team, with no restriction on the home team. Two weeks prior to the playoff start, Playoff Eligible Rosters must be sent to the Commissioner.

Moved by Mike; seconded by Barry; unanimously adopted.

It was noted that game day rosters should be handed to the referees at the start of each game (home and away teams) and the referees should sign and mail these to the commissioner, following the games (if necessary, the home team should include an addressed and stamped envelope to expedite this for the officials).

**Change to Bylaw Article 3 .11**, as set out by Football Canada Article 3.11 is replaced by

All eyes shields (visors and or glasses) must be clear.

This new rule removes the waiver that could be provided by an Ophthalmologist. For this upcoming season only CLEAR VISORS and or Glasses are permitted to be worn by players.

- 12) **Concussion Policy** – Terry indicated that Football BC has a policy which we will most likely adopt and this will be communicated to all teams prior to the season start.

### 13) Other Business –

#### a) League Statistics, Game Forms and All-stars

Each home team will provide key statistics based on a standard league form, to be developed, for both the home and away teams and submit these to the league and the visiting team. Statistic should include at a minimum, scoring, passes, receptions, rushes (who, number and yards), sacks, tackles and interceptions. Suggestions for standard statistics form should be sent to Terry.

After some discussion, it was agreed that each team will name a player of the game and at the end of the season each team will name 6 all-star players. These names will be posted on the AFL website.

#### b) Website Maintenance

Justin and Henry volunteered to make a proposal (by early June) as to what should be on the AFL website to improve the Branding of the League and also to determine the anticipated cost to hire someone who would maintain it. Will be the responsibility of every team identify an individual who will be responsible to co-ordinate and submit articles and pictures once the content of the website is determined.

#### c) Overall Promotion of the League / Expansion

The improved website should help with the Leagues visibility and branding. Need to improve local media contacts to ensure we expand the game and league exposure. Suggest we plan to have a presence at any Maritime Combines in the future.

Expansion - General consensus that we should expand with a minimum of 2 teams – Moncton, Cape Breton, Truro, second team in Halifax? This would not happen before 2013, but if anyone hears on interest from any area they should communicate this to Terry.

#### d) Player Game Limits – Home and Away Teams

This agenda item was covered under the Bylaw changes.

### 14) New Business –

Terry noted that he requires ASAP the specific dates, start times and locations for the league games as per the agreed to schedule.

### 15) Adjournment – Moved by Mike seconded by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm

#### Action Items

#### Responsibility

Website Maintenance

Henry & Justin

Team Stastions

Each Team

Statistics Form (suggestions to Terry ASAP)

Terry

Concussion Policy

Terry

Game dates, times and locations to Terry Allen	Each Team
Proposed Candidate Names for Vice Commissioner	All (Jim Wilson)
Media Contacts – Promotion	All
Player of the games and all-stars	Each Team
Games Rosters to the Head Referee before each game	All Teams