

ATLANTIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE
EXECUTIVE/BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2009 – 8:30 PM
Conference Call

Members On line: Larry Timms, Larry Wisniewski, Bill Todd, Barry Ogden, Dan Fougere

Members Absent: Roger Collette, Terry McIntyre, Pat O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

The agenda distributed earlier was accepted. New items would be dealt with under Other Business...

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting. Larry W. noted that under Other Business, Game Admission Fees that his recommendation was, \$3 per university student and seniors and not just \$3 per student. The minutes have been amended and the revised minutes to that meeting are attached.

2. Registration Information requirements of FNB. – Larry had contacted Terry McIntyre concerning this and reported that Terry indicated that the final decision had not been made on this by FNB, but felt all necessary information that FNB would require was on our forms. He believed that name, address, birth date, and possibly email would be required and Dan added that Medicare number might be asked for also.

3. Bus Schedule/Contract – Barry reported that no contract had been signed, as of yet, and he would contact them re this and the payment schedule. The following is the response he received:

“Once an invoice is issued the payments are usually sent to our office in Newfoundland, the invoice is sent on the day off or day after the charter is departed. We prefer that a cheque be issued for each charter, rather than a cheque being issued in monthly or quarterly payments.”

Therefore, we do not pay up front. Barry also indicated to them that we could not sign a contract for a few weeks.

4. Game Admission Charges – Further to the correction made to the minutes noted above, both the Seawolves and Moncton felt that the \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/seniors was in line with their plans but did not feel that the \$3 should be limited to university students. After some discussion, it was felt that the AFL would set these limits for the first year; namely, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and each team could interpret the definition of student as their organization decided. Every team agreed that minor league player would be allowed in free as long as they wore their jersey and/or had a League pass. As the League grows this matter will be discussed further.

5. Official Timer - Paid – This topic was discussed and it was felt that for playoff games the AFL would pay a stipend for timers. Both Saint John and Moncton have identified individuals in their areas that have performed this function for many years and believe that there is no bias. Every game location has a scoreboard clock so it is believed that this will eliminate blatant bias. Larry W.

indicated they would, as has been the practice in Fredericton, pay an NBFOA official to time their home games.

6. AFL Website – It was identified that there is no official AFL website, although all 3 teams have their own. Terry McIntyre has an Icon on the FNB website but currently no link. Barry will follow up with Terry as to his involvement with this “Icon” and Dan indicated he would contact Bob Gifford to see if he could possibly provide time to develop an AFL website. It was felt that all 3 team sites should be linked to the AFL icon on the FNB webpage (Terry?). If a specific AFL site can not be developed in the near term, the league needs to ensure this is done ASAP after the season is complete.

7. Security – There was consensus that games required paid security (local police). Bill noted that in Saint John that the cost was \$75 / hour per officer (\$500-\$600) per game assuming 2 officers. The projected budget will be changed to reflect this re the 2 playoff games.

8. Finances/Banking via FNB – Larry reported that Terry McIntyre indicated that for the AFL’s first year of operation that revenues and expenses could flow through FNB. All felt this was an appropriate course for 2009.

9. Constitution/Bylaws – The revised package distributed after the June 16 meeting are generally felt to be complete. Bill Todd will make a review of these documents again and distribute prior to our next meeting. If we have a quorum (preferably 100%), we plan to adopt these at that time.

10. Other Business

- **Head Sets**– Dan indicated that at Rocky Stone, the home team plan to use head sets and there would be a spot for the away team, if they choose to do the same. Everyone was in agreement that this was not an issue. Fredericton and Saint John fields do not currently provide a location for this to occur.
- **Executive Bios /Website**– Larry W. proposed each team exchange their websites with each other and that all executive and board members provide a short bio to be sent to everyone for inclusion (if desired) on each team’s website.
- **Moncton Team** – Dan expressed concern about numbers for their first practice (17) but it was Sunday (Hurricane day) and hopeful this Thursday practice will have a better turnout.

8. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, September 8, 9– 10 p.m. – conference call.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Action Items

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| 1. | Bussing – Contract/terms | Barry Ogden |
| 2. | Website | Dan /Terry/Barry |
| 3. | Bios (brief) | All |
| 4. | Constitution/Bylaws | Bill Todd |
| 5. | Conference Call Set up for Sept 8 meeting | Pat O’Brien |