

**Atlantic Football League
Executive/Board Meeting
Minutes**

September 15, 2010 – 8:30 p.m.
Conference Call

Participants:

Pat O'Brien, Commissioner, Larry Timms, Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members: UNB Red Bombers – Larry Wisniewski

Moncton Junior Raiders – Dan Fougere

Saint John Seawolves – Barry Ogden

Holland College Hurricanes – Gary Mancuso

Dalhousie University Tigers – Rick Rivers

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

The main purpose of this meeting was to address a proposal to increase the number of players allowed to dress for games. Pat opened the meeting requesting if any other items should be added to the agenda. Additional items were, game roster list transmittal, league sponsor and playoff games.

Game Roster Increase – At the 2010 AGM, the game roster limit was reduced from 50 to 45. Dan made a motion to increase the game roster limit back to 50 and Barry seconded this motion.

Larry Wisniewski, questioned whether, this motion could be addressed at a Board meeting or whether a special AGM needed to be called. After some discussion, Pat ruled that this was a bylaw change and not a change to the constitution, therefore a vote could proceed.

Discussion focused on safety and the fact that busses should carry all players, coaches and support staff. A question was made whether there could be a traveling team limit that could be different from the home team. The issue of cost was raised, and if all team members could not fit on the bus, who would cover the travel cost of the overflow.

The motion was eventually put to a vote and passed by a 3 to 2 vote.

From a league perspective, it would be recommended that all traveling players, coaches and “support” staff travel as a group, on the bus, Therefore, that would determine how many “traveling players” would be on the game roster. Based on the favourable vote, home teams would always max out at 50 dressed game players.

Roster Exchanges- Pat reminded everyone that it was a league rule that “game” rosters had to be exchanged between teams at a minimum of 24 hours before game times. He also reminded everyone about the rule for tinted visors - that to be eligible to wear tinted visor, a doctor's certificate (Ophthalmologist) had to be sent to the commissioner (bylaw 3. Conduct & Regulation of tem unit – item 11) in time that this information can be disseminated to the other teams.

League Sponsor(s) – Dan raised the issue of possibly getting a league sponsor (Subway?). The general consensus was that if we could arrange this it would be good for the league. Dan will forward is contact information to Pat and this will be pursued. If anyone has ideas about potential companies that might be interested in sponsoring, please pass this information to Pat.

Playoff Game Profits – Dan wanted clarification of what revenues and expenses should be deemed the leagues versus the hosting teams, when it came to playoff games. Pat will draft up a proposal and review it with Larry Timms and then it will be presented to the board for adoption.

Playoff Game Timing – Dan raised a concern that the timing of AFL playoff games, if played in NB, may conflict with the High Scholl playoffs. This was noted and when we get closer to the playoffs, the Board will have to review the schedule and may have to make changes between days and start times.

Action Items

Responsibility

Game Roster Exchanges

All teams

Playoff Game Revenue Sharing Policy

Pat/Larry Timms

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.