

ATLANTIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
EXECUTIVE/BOARD MEETING  
February 18, 2010 – 8:30 PM  
Conference Call

Members On line: Pat O'Brien, Dan Fougere, Larry Timms, Larry Wisniewski, Barry Ogden

Members Absent: Roger Collette, Terry McIntyre, Bill Todd

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m.

The agenda, as sent out prior to the meeting, was followed as set out below.

**1. Minutes of the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting** – These were adopted as previously distributed. All action items had been addressed, and where appropriate, noted in the items below.

**2. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.** Changes received as of the meeting had been distributed to the board. The majority of these changes, to be voted on at the AGM, are of a clarification nature. Recognizing that the current documents were the result of adapting Constitutions / Bylaws from the internet, for similar organizations, and being a start-up League with our first year of actual operations, changes are necessary.

The revised documents, reflecting the proposed changes will be distributed prior to the AGM and it is hoped that adoption at the AGM will not take a long time. Once you receive the revised package, please review it and feed back to everyone on any point of contention for you. In this way, we can address the points before the AGM in order that the revisions can be adopted quickly at the AGM.

**3. CJFL** – Pat reported that he had spoken to the commissioner of the CJFL and informed him that we would be open to him making a presentation at the AGM, but that it would be limited to 20 minutes. Pat also had informed him that a change in our direction, in the near term, was not likely so we did not want him to come down with unrealistic expectations. He understood this but still plans to attend the AGM.

**4. Expansion** – Pat updated the group that he had spoken to both PEI and Halifax about the requirements of having an application to the League by Feb. 20 and it appears that PEI will have theirs in on time. Halifax (Dal.) does not seem to be in a position yet and it appears unlikely that they will be in a position to join the AFL this year. It was left that Pat communicate with them up to the time of the AGM and to leave the door open that if they had something available by the AGM, with a unanimous agreement, there might still be an opportunity of joining in 2010. Considering their current position, it appears unlikely that this will occur but hopefully they will be in a better state for 2011.

**5. Bussing** – Larry Timms indicated that he had made requests for quotes from 3 bussing companies, but had received only one to date. This proposal has been distributed to everyone. Generally rates are better than those in 2009. Some discussion followed on whether the league continues to handle the bussing for all teams or have individual team look after their own. This will have to be resolved at the AGM, as this is a key component in determining the fee structure.

**6. Schedule, Official and Week Night Games** – 4 and 5 team draft schedules have been distributed. Pat reminded everyone about the comments from Al Gates at our November meeting about the NBFOA’s issue of having sufficient official to cover games, recognizing the growing number of teams throughout the region at all levels playing football. As a result, Al Gates indicated that once all schedules have been presented to the NBFOA, some week night games may be required to ensure sufficient qualified officials are available. Dan indicated that with PEI coming into the league may provide an opportunity for those officials to assist in NB games. Pat was just apprising everyone that this may be a need once all football schedules have been reviewed by the NBFOA. In conclusion, it was agreed that following the AGM a final schedule (subject to the number of teams) be agreed on and sent to the NBFOA, ASAP so we can get feedback from them as to any requirements to change the proposed schedule.

**7. Administrative Fees and Passes** – Pat raised the issue that there have been expenses, and presumably there will be more, associated with executive and board travel, attending games and meetings. It was agreed that individuals should not be out of pocket for costs associated with league business and Larry Timms will ensure there will be “Administrative Costs” included in the budget for presentation and adoption at the AGM. Travel rates will also have to be an item on the agenda at the AGM.

**8. AGM Agenda and Logistics** – Dan indicted that, on the outside chance the field house at Rocky Stone was not completed in time for the AGM, he had an alternate venue across the street from Rocky Stone. He will communicate the location well before the meeting. Dan would like an indication of the number of attendees, a week before the meeting so he can schedule lunch (at this time it appears there will be 12 to 15). It was agreed that we should keep it simple – i.e. pizza.

**9. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be the AGM, in Moncton on March 20, 2010 starting at 10:00 am. Details will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm

**Action Items**

**Responsibility**

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| 1. | AFL AGM – location confirmation/logistics                 | Dan          |
| 2. | AGM – Agenda - to be distributed by March 6               | Larry        |
| 3. | Constitution/Bylaw proposed changes distributed by Mar. 6 | Bill & Larry |
| 4. | Co-ordination of visit by CJFL commissioner               | Pat & Dan    |
| 5. | Feedback prior to the AGM on action item 3 prior to AGM   | All          |