
Kingston Football Officials Association



MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 21, 2009
1412 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

PRESENT: Fred Berry, Marc Burelle, Rob Christian, Scott Davis, Graeme Fraser, Chris Haggith, David Heroux, John Lowen, Bill Miklas, Dave Mallory, Brian Moore, Ron Morris, Brian Mortimer, Joe Pacheco, Craig Pearce, Deryck Perault, Ray Piper, Dave Ruttle, Tom Scott, Gerry Shewchuk

REGRETS: Rob Bruce, Bruce Currie, Dave Kingston, Mike Koshowski, Robert Langevin, Don Newton, Frank Pryal, Mark Stevens

1. President's Remarks

Ray Piper welcomed all returning and new officials to the meeting. Ray indicated that Rob Bruce will probably want to meet with the new officials in the near future. Training will have to be provided to the new officials.

Ray congratulated all those officials that took the time to attend the clinics held this spring.

It was emphasized that the meetings in the fall will be short on business in order to accommodate a greater emphasis on clinics. In fact, every second meeting in the fall will solely be used for the purpose of training.

In order to assist the RIC with the onerous task of planning weekly clinics, it was proposed that the presentation of officiating clinics be shared by the entire membership. This is a great opportunity for individuals to closely examine the rule book and share a topic of interest. All officials are encouraged to take part.

The RIC is also responsible for evaluations. Officials were reminded that in order to be certified at a given level, they must pass the in class theory portion and be evaluated at the required number of on field positions. There will be a real effort this year to make sure that the on field evaluations are performed and registered with OFOA.

Members were informed that a schedule of ten (10) meeting/clinic evenings will be forthcoming this year. In order for a member to have voting privileges at the AGM, attendance at six (6) such assemblies will be required. The meetings/clinics do not include the AGM.

The Executive continues to work on amendments to the Constitution in order to improve upon the efficiencies of governance. The Constitution has not been changed substantially since its inception. All draft amendments will be shared well in advance of the next AGM.

Clothing orders for sweatshirts and inclement weather pants will be taken at the end of the meeting.

2. **Minutes of November 4, 2008**

It was MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Scott Davis that the Minutes of November 4th, 2008, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Executive Reports**

a) Financial Report: Fred Berry reminded officials that membership dues are now payable for returning officials.

b) Assignors Report: Brian Mortimer explained how the scheduling of officials will occur this year. Brian emphasized that he requires accurate email addresses from each official. On every second Sunday, an availability link will be sent to the Membership. The availability poll will span a two week period. The poll must be completed by the following Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Assignments will then be sent to Rob Christian for posting on the web site by Friday. The first day posted on the web site will be the following Monday. The first poll will cover the period May 1st to 17th.

There will be an under 17 Junior Team walk-on Sunday, May 3rd – this is not a paid assignment. The OPP League runs from May 9th to June 27th. The Brockville Youth Football Association starts on May 10th and their schedule has just been released. The Thousand Islands Minor Football League has not yet finalized its schedule. The Grenadiers start their home season on May 23rd. The Kingston Privateers commence their home schedule on June 13th.

3. **General and New Business**

a) Update on “Collision at the Causeway”: Graeme Fraser provided the update from the committee. The Kingston Football Officials Association and LaSalle Secondary School are co-hosting a football exhibition event for senior football teams from across Eastern Ontario on Friday September 11th, and Saturday September 12th. There is a Queen’s home game on September 12th. Joe Pacheco has contacted Pat Sheehan. Queen’s will likely be able to provide 300 tickets to that day’s game. The intention is to have a twelve team invitational. The composition of the twelve participant teams will be six local teams and six out of town teams. At the present time, five local and five out of

town teams have committed. There will be three pools of four equally seeded teams. The seedings will be done using a number of criteria: school size, last year's record, number of returning players, etc. Each team will play a mini game against each pool member. Each pool will have non traditional rivals. In order to remove one organizational obstacle, bean bags will replace the use of stick crews.

One of the out of town teams will require accommodations and the committee is in the process of addressing that need.

The cost will be \$180 per team. LaSalle will make money by operating the canteen for both days. The largest expense for the project will be the lining of the fields.

b) Changes and Additions to Game Fees and Travel Rates: The proposed rate changes were distributed to the members. It was suggested that the on field rates for Tyke, Mosquito, and Pee Wee be increased by \$2 to \$28. This change is due the fact that the games have become longer. The rate for high school sideline officials (stick crew members and timer) was reduced to \$25.

The travel amount charged to a specific school will be same for each scheduled date. If there are fewer occupants traveling together however, the remaining funds will be placed in the finances of the Association. This is a small attempt to build up the working capital of the Association.

The rate charged for Kempville will be \$137.00. This is a new destination. The travel rate to Odessa was reduced. Most of the travel rates from Brockville have increased to bring them inline with rates from Kingston.

It was MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Marc Burelle that the recommended Game Fees and Travel Rates be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

c) Support Our Troops – yellow ribbons: Deryck Perault recommended that during the 2009 season, that all official wear the yellow “Support Our Troops” ribbon on their uniform. Other officiating organizations have already taken such action.

It was MOVED by Joe Pacheco SECONDED by Dave Mallory that all Officials wear the “Support Our Troops” ribbon on their uniform during the 2009 football season.

CARRIED

Rob Christian will purchase some form of the supportive ribbon.

6. **Adjournment**

MOVED by **Dave Mallory** at 7:53 p.m. that the meeting does now adjourn.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting
September 8, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Community Living Kingston, 1412 Princess Street**