
Kingston Football Officials Association



MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2010
1412 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

- PRESENT:** Fred Berry, Rob Bruce, Marc Burelle, Rob Christian, Bruce Currie, Don Fields, David Gray, Paul Halligan, Dave Kingston, Gary Lees, John Lowen, Dave Mallory, Ron Morris, Brian Mortimer, Joe Pacheco, Craig Pearce, Ray Piper, Dave Ruttle, Tom Scott, Gerry Shewchuk, Sean Smith, Gary Steen, Peter Wilkie
- REGRETS:** Graeme Fraser, Mike Koshowski, Joe Marriner, Bill Miklas, Jim Neeson, Rod Palmer
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The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Ray Piper. Ray thanked the group for their dedication and high quality performance on the field.

1. **Minutes of the 2009 AGM**

It was **MOVED** by Rob Bruce **SECONDED** by Gary Steen that the Minutes of the AGM held on December 1st, 2009, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes of last year.

3. **Correspondence**

Rob Christian announced that John Kachuik corresponded via email that he is working on an improved process on how assignments occur during the regional playoffs. John is seeking comments on how future year assignments could be better organized. The comments will be consolidated for use by the next OFOA Eastern Region representative.

Ray Piper noted that he has received correspondence from Kevin Horton. EOTFOA has engaged in a recruitment campaign. As a result, they now believe they have enough officials to cover games in Carleton Place and Perth. Some KFOA members were of the opinion that it would make more sense if EOTFOA took on games in Kempville rather than Perth. Ray will keep the membership apprised of any final decision.

4. **Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws**

There were no amendments to the Constitution or By-laws.

5. **Reports of the Executive**

All reports of the Executive were made available to the Membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Ray Piper expressed his opinion that it was again a successful officiating year. New officials continue to demonstrate growth. The new evaluation process will facilitate further development.

Brian Mortimer stated that the feedback he received with respect to KFOA members and performance on the field has been overwhelmingly positive.

Fred Berry presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report indicates that the Association had basically a balanced budget for the year. The closing bank balance showed a positive situation of \$2,605.27.

The Vice-President used this opportunity to give a final report on the 2010 Collision at the Causeway. There were 11 senior teams and 8 junior teams involved in the two day event. There were a total of 103 assignments at a cost of \$1,030. The net profit was just over \$1,000.

Sponsors will be sought for next year.

6. **Setting of Membership fees, Official's fees, travel fees and Assignor rates**

a) **Compensation for the Assignor:** There was no change suggested to the compensation of the Assignor.

b) **Fees and Travel Rates:** An ad hoc committee was established to specifically look at the current travel rates and official's fees. The recommended changes to the fees and travel rates were presented to the membership.

Travel rates have been frozen for four years despite the fact the fuel costs have risen significantly. Also, there is a certain time commitment for those willing to perform out of town assignments. The committee established an underlying principle of compensating vehicle usage at 30 cents per kilometer plus a fee of \$7.50 per hour for each individual travelling. For some schools this does represent a considerable increase; however, it is more reflective of today's reality.

With respect to game fees, it was suggested that spring football leagues see an increase from \$28 to \$30 per game. It was recommended that the KASSAA high school rate increase by \$5. In order to encourage people to go out of town, not only would there be an increase in travel rates but game fee remuneration will be increased by an additional \$5 over those received from KASSAA. If adopted, that would mean a sideline official would receive \$45 per game in Kingston and \$50 per game if working out of town. Officials from Brockville while working in Brockville would only receive the \$45 rate.

If the proposed rates are accepted, members wanted each league to know within a short time line the new rates so that budgets can incorporate the cost increases.

It was MOVED by Brian Mortimer SECONDED by Gary Lees that the proposed new travel rates and game fees be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

7. Unfinished business and general new Business

Prior to moving to elections, Marc Burelle took the time to thank the current Executive and all committees for their good work this past year.

8. Election of the Executive

Prior to the commencement of the election, John Lowen sought clarification on the percentage required to be elected given that two contested members will be entering their fourth term and fourth year at the same position. It was argued that since the current Constitution speaks of two terms totally a maximum of four years, that the key to look at during this transition period is the maximum of four years. After some back and forth with regard to how to proceed, it was the consensus that the four years would be the determining factor. Given this decision, any individual would only need 50% plus one to win election.

a) President: Following a vote by secret ballot, Ray Piper was re-elected President for a two year term.

b) Assignor: Following a vote by secret ballot, Graeme Fraser was re-elected as Assignor for a two year term.

c) Secretary: Rob Christian was acclaimed as Secretary for an addition two year term.

d) Vice-President: Following a vote by secret ballot, Joe Pacheco was re-elected as Vice-President for a one year term.

e) Referee in Chief: Rob Bruce was acclaimed as Referee in Chief for a one year term.

f) Treasurer: Following Fred Berry's decision to remove his name from the ballot, Craig Pearce was acclaimed as Treasurer for a one year term.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by John Lowen at 8:15 p.m. that the meeting does now adjourn.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting
Spring 2011
Location to be determined**