
Kingston Football Officials Association



MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2009
1412 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

- PRESENT:** Fred Berry, Rob Bruce, Rob Christian, Bruce Currie, Scott Davis, Graeme Fraser, Paul Halligan, Dave Kingston, Gary Lees, John Lowen, Dave Mallory, Ron Morris, Brian Mortimer, Jim Neeson, Joe Pacheco, Craig Pearce, Ray Piper, Dave Ruttle, Tom Scott, Gerry Shewchuk, Gary Steen
- REGRETS:** Mike Koshowski, Bill Miklas, Deryck Perault, Peter Wilkie
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The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. following the presentation of Tom Scott.

1. **Minutes of the 2008 AGM**

It was **MOVED** by Dave Ruttle **SECONDED** by Bruce Currie that the Minutes of the AGM held on November 25th, 2008, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Executive of the Association will deliberate the compensation of the web master in accordance with the motion passed last year.

3. **Correspondence**

Ray provided the membership with correspondence from Murray Drinkwalter, Vice-President OUA Football Officials Association. Murray officiated the Yates Cup and Mitchell Bowl at Richardson Stadium. He commended the minor officials for their hospitality and for a job well done during the games. The penalty card was completed effectively. Murray also thanked the individual that came up with the idea of the Yates Cup and Mitchell Bowl Coin.

At this point in the proceedings, Rob Christian was presented with his Silver Whistle Award.

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

The suggested amendments were provided to the Secretary the required two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. In fact, all amendments had been distributed three weeks prior to the AGM.

The membership started the process by first examining the proposed change to **ARTICLE 3.3**.

Current Article

3.3 Members in good standing shall have written official exams as required, paid their annual membership dues and have attended a majority of all clinics and meetings.

Proposed Article

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The Article was initially included to facilitate attendance and participation in training opportunities. The proposed change also removes the ambiguity of which meetings should be included in the calculation of being a member in good standing.

It was MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Brian Mortimer that the proposed amendment to Article 3.3 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The next amendment dealt with the introduction of a new Executive position.

Current Article

4.1 The Executive Officers of the Association shall include a President, Past-president, Assignor, Referee in Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. No one person shall hold more than one position on the Executive with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer which may be held by the same individual.

Proposed Article

4.1 The Executive Officers of the Association shall include a President, Vice-president, Past-president, Assignor, Referee in Chief, Secretary and Treasurer. No one person shall hold more than one position on the Executive.

By introducing a Vice-president, the Executive becomes seven. The odd number means that a tied vote can be decided by the President. By not allowing the Secretary and Treasurer to be the same person, the number of seven Executive positions is fixed.

It was MOVED by Brian Mortimer SECONDED by Rob Christian that the proposed amendment to Article 4.1 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The next few amendments dealing with the new duties of the Vice-President and the redistribution of duties within the Executive were dealt with as one block of amendments.

New Article – duties of the Vice-president

5.2 Vice-President

- 5.2.1 The Vice-President, in the absence of the President shall assume the chair and perform such duties as are generally assigned to the President.
- 5.2.2 The Vice-President in conjunction with the Referee-in-Chief, will plan and coordinate clinics and information sessions as well as schedule on-field evaluations.
- 5.2.3 Other duties as assigned including the assistance of other members of the Executive as necessary.

New duty for Referee-in-Chief

- 5.6.4 The Referee-in-Chief shall be responsible for the administration of discipline within the Association. The Referee-in-Chief or his delegate shall chair all disciplinary matters.

All references in By-Law 4 Complaint Procedure to the President shall be replaced with Referee-in-Chief as necessary.)

The duties of the Vice-President will assist the Association to overcome one of its short comings.

Delete Article 5.1.5

Current Article

- 5.1.5 The President shall be responsible for the administration of discipline within the Association. The President or his delegate shall chair all disciplinary matters.

This would update this Article to be consistent with article NEW 5.6.4 duties of Referee-in-Chief, as the Referee-in-Chief would now handle those duties (5.6.4)

Current Article

- 5.2.1 The Past President, in the absence of the President, shall assume the chair and perform such duties as are generally assigned to the President and any other duties as assigned by the Executive.

Proposed Article

5.2.1 The Past President, in the absence of the President and Vice-President shall assume the chair and perform such duties as are generally assigned to the President and any other duties as assigned by the Executive. The Past President will chair the election of Executive Officers at the Annual General Meeting.

This amendment would update this Article to be consistent with article 5.2.1 duties of Vice-President. It would also provide a chair at the Annual General Meeting with no stake in the elections.

It was MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Brian Mortimer that the proposed amendments to the duties of the Executive be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The next amendment was a housekeeping matter given that there is now one more Executive position.

Current Article

4.3 A quorum for Executive meetings of the Association shall consist of a minimum of three (3) Executive Officers attending each meeting.

Proposed Article

4.3 A quorum for Executive meetings of the Association shall consist of a minimum of Four (4) Executive Officers attending each meeting.

It was MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Ron Morris that the proposed amendment to Article 4.3 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The discussion then switched to the proposed amendment to **Article 4.2**. This amendment, if passed, would change the length of a term.

Current Article

4.2 The Officers of the Executive with the exception of the Past-president shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association from the current members in good standing. The term of office shall be for one (1) year and shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Article

4.2 The Officers of the Executive with the exception of the Past-president shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association from the current members in good standing. The term of office shall be for two (2) years

and shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. The election of the Executive shall be staggered with the President, Assignor, and Secretary elected on even numbered years while the Vice-president, Referee in Chief, and Treasurer elected on odd numbered years.

It was MOVED by Ron Morris SECONDED by Craig Pearce that the proposed amendment to Article 4.2 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

With the passing of the new Article 4.2, Article 7.2 would then have to be amended.

Current Article

7.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in the following manner and shall include but not be limited to the following:
Meeting called to Order
Minutes of previous AGM
Business arising from the minutes
Reading and consideration of correspondence
Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
Reports of Executive Officers
Setting of Membership fees, Officials fees, travel fees and Assignor rates
Unfinished business and general business
Election of Executive body in the following order,
- President, Assignor, Referee-in-Chief, Secretary/Treasurer
Adjournment

Proposed Article

7.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in the following manner and shall include but not be limited to the following:
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Unfinished business and general business
Election of Executive body in the following order,
- *President, Assignor, and Secretary shall be elected on even numbered years.*
- *Vice-President, Referee in Chief, and Treasurer shall be elected on odd numbered years.*
Adjournment

It was MOVED by Paul Halligan SECONDED by Gerry Shewchuk that the proposed amendment to Article 7.2 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Proposed Article

4.4 Should an Officer of the Association tender their resignation, that position may be declared vacant. Any vacant position or a position that remains unfilled for any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the year by a member in good standing of the Association appointed by the remaining members of the Executive. Should the appointed position have a term of office remaining such that it would not normally be elected at the next Annual General Meeting the position shall be elected by secret ballot, immediately following the normal election order of Officers at the next Annual General Meeting. If the position of Past-president shall be declared vacant, that position shall remain vacant until the retirement of the current President.

Should a resignation occur during the first year of an Officer's term, the membership should have the opportunity to have its voice heard at the next Annual General Meeting.

It was MOVED by Brian Mortimer SECONDED by Ron Morris that the proposed amendment to Article 7.2 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The next Article for debate would change the length of time a Member could serve in the same Executive capacity.

Current Article

4.7 No Executive Member may serve in the same capacity, for more than three (3) consecutive annual terms in one office, provided however that following a break in continuous service of at least one annual term the same person may be re-elected or re-appointed to any office. An Executive Member may service for more than three (3) consecutive terms in one office if acclaimed or if a majority vote of at least sixty-six and two thirds (66 2/3) the members present at an Annual General Meeting so appoint or elect.

Proposed Article

4.7 No Executive Member may serve in the same capacity, for more than two (2) consecutive terms (maximum of four years) in one office, provided however that following a break in continuous service of at least one year the same person may be re-elected or re-appointed to any office. An Executive Member may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in one office if acclaimed or if a majority vote of at least sixty-six and two thirds (66 2/3) of the members present at an Annual General Meeting so appoint or elect.

This proposal is linked with the change in term length.

It was MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Rob Christian that the proposed amendment to Article 4.7 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

The Constitution calls for the fees and rates to be set at each Annual General Meeting but does not define their status. The proposed amendment not only provides for a status but also moves this item to the By-Laws where they can more readily be changed.

By-Law 9.0

The business of the Annual General Meeting under Article 7.2 shall include the setting of Membership fees, Officials' fees, travel fees and Assignor rates. Such rates as passed at the Annual General Meeting shall form the basis of this By-Law and be governed by the terms and conditions of a By-Law.

It was MOVED by Brian Mortimer SECONDED by Ron Morris that the proposed new By-Law 9.0 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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 it was a successful officiating year. New officials demonstrated rapid on-field improvement.

Brian Mortimer hoped that everyone was pleased with his first year as Assignor. Brian included in his report a breakdown of games performed by each official.

Fred Berry presented the Treasurer's Report. The Report indicates that the Association earned close to \$1300 during 2009.

Given that the Privateers have not yet paid for the 2009 services, should they play in 2010, the team will be requested to pay for services in advance.

In addition to his report, Rob Bruce noted that the Grenadiers will be fielding a varsity team in 2010. There is also the potential for Cornwall to field a varsity OVFL team in 2010. There may even be an NFC team in Ottawa. This is all good news for officials desiring to perform in such leagues.

Fred Berry and Rob Bruce were congratulated for their assignments at the National Capital Bowl.

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:** The Executive felt that the current rates are a reasonable compensation.

7. **Unfinished business and general new Business**

a) **Rotating meeting/clinic nights – Joe Pacheco:** In order to encourage current and new members to attend meetings it was suggested to rotate meeting nights. Certain members have a difficulty with a specific night during the week. By staggering meeting nights, an accommodation will be provided all members.

This items was welcomed by the Membership and Executive and will looked at during the off season.

b) **Proposed Rule Change - Joe Pacheco:** When a game is halted in the first half for a prolonged period due to serious injury, or other occurrence, both teams will be provided a ten minute period to warm up once the issue is resolved. During the ten minute period a conference will take place between the officials and both head coaches to resolve how the remainder of the time in the first half will be played. If the stoppage in play occurred during the final 3 minutes, there is the possibility of forgoing the half time. The play will resume with the appropriate time on the clock and continue from the spot where the previous play ended.

The Executive will look at the wording of the rule change prior to signing and moving it forward.

8. **Election of the Executive**

a) **Referee-in-Chief:** This was the only Executive position contested at the AGM.

Following a vote by secret ballot, Brian Mortimer was elected Referee-in-Chief.

10. **Adjournment**

MOVED by Rob Christian at 8:10 p.m. that the meeting does now adjourn and that the membership reconvenes to elect the Association's Vice-President.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting
December 1st, 2009
Immediately following the AGM**