
Kingston Football Officials Association



MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2011
1412 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

- PRESENT:** Fred Berry, Marc Burelle, Rob Christian, Bruce Currie, Graeme Fraser, David Gray, Paul Halligan, Kristopher Kluge, Mike Koshowski, Gary Lees, John Lowen, Dave Mallory, Bill Miklas, Ron Morris, Jim Neeson, Joe Pacheco, Craig Pearce, Ray Piper, Frank Pryal, Dave Ruttle, Tom Scott, Gerry Shewchuk, Sean Smith, Gary Steen
- REGRETS:** Rob Bruce, Brian Mortimer, Joe Marriner, Peter Wilkie
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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Ray Piper. Ray indicated that he will not be completing his term as President and is taking a year sabbatical from football officiating. Ray has other commitments that preclude him from devoting the time and energy necessary to be effective on and off the field.

1. **Minutes of the 2010 AGM**

It was **MOVED** by **Dave Ruttle** **SECONDED** by **Joe Pacheco** that the Minutes of the AGM held on December 14th, 2010, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

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

3. **Correspondence**

OFOA is holding an Executive meeting this coming weekend. If any member has an agenda item they should pass that on to the Secretary.

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

A committee was established earlier in the year to amend the Constitution. The committee's report was provided to all members in advance of the AGM. The committee included Marc Burelle, Fred Berry, Dave Ruttle, and Tom Scott. Fred Berry outlined the issues the committee wanted to address. They included removing the "members in good standing" clause, reducing the size of the Executive, allowing

nominations from the floor at the AGM, and dealing with the proxy and advanced voting procedures.

The membership first dealt with Article 3.3 – Members in good standing: Following a friendly amendment, the new Article was **Moved** by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Marc Burelle that *Members shall have paid their annual membership dues by October 1st of each year.*

CARRIED

This change will place greater emphases on **Article 6.2** which states, “Preference of assignments will be given to those officials attending regular meetings.”

Article 3.6 removed, “Officials fees charge to leagues”. This item is dealt with in the By-laws.

Moved by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Fred Berry that “*and Official’s fees charged to leagues*” be removed from Article 3.6.

CARRIED

In order to reduce the size of the Executive, the committee recommended the removal of the Past President position and that the Assignor would no longer be part of the Executive.

Moved by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Fred Berry that *the Past President and Assignor be removed from the composition of the Executive Officers.*

CARRIED

The membership then dealt with the situation of a resignation of an Officer. The committee had a proposal on the table dealing with the procedure to follow if an office position was declared vacant. A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted by the committee. Frank Pryal suggested that vacancies not be filled by the Executive but instead be elected by the membership. This would reduce some of the power of the Executive and shift it back to the membership.

Moved by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Rob Christian that *should an officer of the association tender their resignation that position may be declared vacant. Any vacant position or any position which remains unfilled for any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the year by a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting.*

CARRIED

The duties of the Assignor were moved to Article 6.

The committee suggested that the Assignor be appointed by the majority of the executive members. Again, consistent with how vacancies on the Executive are to be filled, it was

moved by Dave Ruttle and Seconded by Gerry Shewchuk that *the Assignor shall be elected by the majority of the members. The term of office shall expire at the conclusios of the AGM. The Assignor will serve at the direction of the Executive.*

CARRIED

The next proposed amendment dealt with elections. The proposal would see the Association only allow for nominations from the floor at the AGM. Following some discussion it was suggested that nominations also be permitted prior to the AGM. The rationale behind this amended motion was to build in flexibility.

Moved by Rob Christian and **Seconded** by Joe Pacheco that *Officers of the Association and the assignor shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual general meeting of the Association. Nominations for officers and the assignor shall be accepted prior to or at the AGM prior to the vote for each position.*

CARRIED

The membership then turned to the proposed change to terms of office. The new proposed Article 4.7 would return the Association to one year terms. The rationale again is to build in flexibility especially given the reduced size of the Executive.

Moved by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Fred Berry that the new Article 4.7 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

The new Article 7.2 needed to remove the Past President since this position was removed from the Executive.

Moved by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Graeme Fraser that *The election process of the Executive body and the Assignor shall be presided by a member nominated by the membership in attendance.*

CARRIED

Moved by Dave Ruttle and **Seconded** by Graeme Fraser that *Article 10.1 (proxy voting) be removed*

CARRIED

This motion still keeps open the option of submitting a ballot in advance with respect to the election of Officers who have declared prior to the AGM.

Moved by Graeme Fraser and **Seconded** by Joe Pacheco that the newly approved amendments to the Constitution be approved and that the Constitution as amended be approved and implemented by the membership.

CARRIED

5. **Reports of the Executive**

The written reports of the Vice-President and RIC were made available to the Membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Ray indicated that the Association is growing in numbers and that more officials are gaining the necessary experience. There are a number of play down games which leads to greater involvement.

Dave Ruttle indicated that there were 131 games during the fall season. Only 6 of these games involved 3 man crews.

Craig Pearce indicated that he is still awaiting cheques from KASSAA and other schools. Going forward, orders from Honig's will not be prepaid by the Association. Members will be responsible for their own ordering.

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:** There were no changes proposed to the membership.

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

Moved by Sean Smith and **Seconded** by Fred Berry that whereas the Association has already adopted a foul weather pant and whereas other Associations have adopted a foul weather pant and whereas on occasion KFOA is required to officiate with members of other Associations be it resolved that the Association make the purchasing of the black pant with the 1 ¼" white stripe a mandatory part of the uniform for members of KFOA.

CARRIED

The Association will be approaching the leagues services and OFOA regarding the travel money provided for the play downs. The current \$75 split between crews is not enough given some of the destinations.

Frank took the opportunity to thank the Executive and specifically Rob Bruce for his name being put forth to work the bowl game at the Rogers Centre.

Joe Pacheco took the time to thank Frank for his hosting of a Level III clinic this coming spring. Ray Piper was also thanked for his service as President the past four years and his stewardship during that time.

8. Election of the Executive

The only position up for election this year was that of Assignor.

Following a vote by secret ballot, Gary Lees was elected as Assignor.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by **Sean Smith** at 9:10 p.m. that the meeting does now adjourn.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting
Spring 2012
Location to be determined**