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# Kingston Football Officials Association

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2009  
1412 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

- PRESENT:** Fred Berry, Marc Burelle Rob Bruce, Rob Christian, Bruce Currie, Graeme Fraser, Paul Halligan, Gary Lees, Bill Miklas, Ron Morris, Brian Mortimer, Joe Pacheco, Deryck Perault, Frank Pryal, Dave Ruttle Gary Steen
- REGRETS:** Dave Kingston, Mike Koshowski , Ray Piper
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1. **Minutes of October 6, 2009**

**MOVED by Rob Bruce SECONDED by Brian Mortimer** that the minutes of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

2. **Executive Reports**

**Assignor's Report:** On October 15<sup>th</sup> there will be four fields in action. The triple header at TISS has become a split location. The final game will be played at Commonwealth Field.

There is an exhibition at Holy Cross on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that this event be used for evaluations. The final few games of the regular season have not been posted. They will be posted once a plan for evaluations has been developed. It was clarified that an evaluator can only evaluate one person per game at a specific position.

The KASSAA championship will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The games will not take place at Richardson Stadium.

**Treasurer's Report:** All schools involved in *Collision At The Causeway* have now paid. The event raised approximately \$800. This money could be used for the purchase of crests.

**MOVED by Graeme Fraser SECONDED by Brian Mortimer** that the Association purchase and provide each member with one pocket crest.

**CARRIED**

The payment from the NFC's Privateers is in the mail.

**Referee-in-Chief:** There have been an inordinate number of ejections this year. The ejections have been for both objectionable conduct and rough play.

3. **New Business**

**Follow-up Evaluations for Officials taking Clinics:** The topic of evaluations was raised earlier in the meeting. There were a number of officials that participated in clinics in the spring. Graeme Fraser noted that he was registered for the Level III clinic. The response he received from Ottawa was that he was ineligible for the Level III clinic due to the fact that he did not have the required two on field evaluations. Three other individuals in the Association were in the same situation. Only Fred Berry was credited with having the necessary evaluations. Graeme went on to state that he had been evaluated but that the RIC did not relay the information to OFOA.

The Executive last year made the decision to allow all registered candidates to take the Level III clinic in Ottawa.

Graeme's concern was that since the clinics were held in April no evaluations have taken place. He reminded the membership that the RIC at the beginning of the year indicated that he would garner assistance and evaluations would take place. Graeme expressed his displeasure that Fred's evaluations had been submitted but his had not by either the current or past RIC. It was Graeme's view that favoritism had been demonstrated. He also expressed that this favoritism has been taking place for a few years.

Graeme articulated that the Association has dropped the ball when it comes to evaluations.

Graeme went on to note that Bill Miklas is refereeing and he has only completed Level II.

Frank confirmed that there is a backlog of evaluation province wide. In fact, Rob Bruce and Marc Burelle completed the Level IV clinic four years ago and have yet to receive an evaluation.

The Association has three evaluators and they are all referees and the Association is in short supply of referees. The certification process is in place to determine who can officiate different levels of football. As an example, an official must have a Level II certification to officiate OVFL football.

At a local level there are no stated criteria to be a referee other than demonstrating competency in the position.

One suggestion to alleviate the problem was for the Association to invite an evaluator from out of town to perform the task for a fee.

The RIC conveyed that each year is started with the best of intentions but when the schedule commences time to perform assessments is small given all the on field duties. The RIC also flatly denied that there is preferential treatment of officials.

Joe Pacheco was informed at the meeting that he did not complete the Level II clinic and was therefore not entitled to the evaluations.

The Executive will meet to discuss this issue in greater depth.

4. **Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Marc Burelle at 7:51 p.m. that the meeting does now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting  
October 20, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
1412 Princess Street**