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# Kingston Football Officials Association

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2009  
1412 Princess Street, Kingston, ON

- PRESENT:** Fred Berry, Rob Bruce, Marc Burelle, Rob Christian, Bruce Currie, Graeme Fraser, Paul Halligan, Barb Halmo, John Lowen, Bill Miklas, Ron Morris, Brian Mortimer, Jim Neeson, Joe Pacheco, Craig Pearse, Deryck Perault, Ray Piper, Dave Ruttle, Gerry Shewchuk, Bruce Smith, Gary Steen, Peter Wilkie
- REGRETS:** Don Newton, Mike Koshowski, Frank Pryal
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1. **Presidents Remarks – Ray Piper**

Ray welcomed back all officials from what was a straightforward spring season. Ray also welcomed the new officials that were present.

2. **Executive Reports**

**a) Assignor's Report:** Rob Druce has indicated to Brian that there are 8 junior teams and 9 senior teams taking the field this year. The schedule has not yet been finalized. This year will see 3 night games: October 2<sup>nd</sup> will have Bayridge at LaSalle and Frontenac at Sydenham with Holy Cross and Regi playing on Thanks' Giving weekend.

The 18<sup>th</sup> of September will see 3 leagues in action to commence a busy season.

It was requested that the league schedules be posted. Brian will provide Rob Christian with such information in order that it is uploaded to the KFOA web site. Such information will assist officials in planning their availability.

**b) Referee-in-Chief:** Rob has been able to procure some excellent game video for training purposes. Such video will assist in the presentation of clinic information.

An emphasis this year will be placed on game uniforms. Officials need to present a professional appearance on the field.

The Executive over the winter months decided to allow any interested official to present clinic materials. Rob is willing to assist any such participation from Association members.

On-field evaluation will be a priority this year – especially for those that took the Level II and Level III clinics in Ottawa this past April.

**3. Motions**

a) **MOVED by Gerry Shewchuk SECONDED by Brian Mortimer** that all officials be required to purchase the KFOA inclement weather black pants.

**CARRIED**

Those in favour of the motion noted that it is consistent with the amendment to the By-laws accepted at last year's Annual General Meeting. A large majority of Association members have already invested in the purchase of the black pants in the belief that they might be used during severe conditions. The crew chief has the ultimate say in terms of what uniform is to be utilized. The Assignor has been notified that certain officials will not work with specific crew chiefs due to the refusal to wear the inclement gear. The black pants were utilized, with positive results, at the end of May by a couple of crews.

Those opposed to the motion were of the opinion that some officials find objectionable the proper washing of the white knickers. There was a concern expressed that this is an expensive purchase if there is little utilization of the garment. An opinion was articulated that it is contradictory to make attempts to attract new people while at the same time raising the cost to participate.

b) At last year's AGM there was a motion on the floor to amend the Constitution. It was suggested at that time that the amendment not be placed in the Constitution but rather be moved as an operating method for the current year. It was therefore, **MOVED by Dave Ruttle SECONDED by Bruce Currie** that Membership fees paid by members who officiate no more than ten games in a calendar year will be a nominal amount to cover only the Provincial Association fees.

**DEFEATED**

It was noted that in the Assignor's Report there are only 4 people who have officiated less than 10 games and the fall season has yet to start. Given this situation, the motioned was viewed to be not necessary. If special circumstances do occur in a specific case, the situation can be reviewed by the Executive.

**4. New Business**

a) **KFOA Pocket Patch:** Rob Bruce suggested that given the Association now has a crest, there might be benefits to having a KFOA pocket patch. Other Association's across the province have a local crest. The cost to develop the patch will be investigated.

5. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Gary Steen at 7:41 p.m. that the meeting does now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting  
September 15, 2008 7:00 p.m.  
Community Living Kingston, 1412 Princess Street**