

BCFOA – 2011 - Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Held at  
St. Thomas More Collegiate  
7450 – 12th Avenue, Burnaby, BC

**1. Call to order**

With 33 absentee ballots received and 58 members in attendance  
President Mark Newlove called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended by Mike Westman;  
Seconded by Al Sleightholme – Carried*

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the December 20, 2010 AGM**

*Motion to adopt Minutes of the Previous AGM Minutes by Mike  
Westman; Seconded by Greg Barnes – Carried*

**4. Action Items Arising from the December 2010 minutes**

No action arising from the previous meeting

**5. Reports**

President Mark Newlove	Written report distributed
Mike Westman questioned the High School Contract and the funds allocated for travel. Mark Newlove responded that there was new funding for travel. No specific change on wording on travel, only a change was to the amount \$0.35 /km to \$0.51 /km. Formula was the same just the amount. Tolls billed directly to the school. A new \$ 2 per assign for travel has not been determined how it will be properly allocated to the membership. Larry Rohan mentioned that the BCFC contract is coming up and we should use the same travel rates.	
Vice President – Canadian Nigel Bushe	Written report distributed
Vice President – High School Walter Becker	Written report distributed
A question arose regarding the mercy rule. Walter Becker responded that it will be addressed at next year's High School meetings.	
Secretary Treasurer Ken McKinnon	Written report distributed
Final Balance Sheet 2010 Financial Numbers	Financial report distributed
Preliminary 2011 Financial Numbers	Financial report distributed
Director Member Services (Metro) Craig Nichols	Written report distributed
Allocators:	
Canadian/Education Chair Larry Rohan	Written report distributed
Metro Bill Watson	Written report distributed
Island Tin Heenan	Written report distributed
Kamloops Al Milton	Written report distributed
Kelowna Gord Hoffman	Written report distributed
Salmon Arm Bert Ducharme	Written report distributed
CFOA Report – Dennis Abbott	Written report distributed

*Motion by Jamie Graham to adopt the reports as distributed.  
Seconded by Bill Yerdon – Carried*

**6. New Members**

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There were eight applications for full membership into the Association. They were: Matt McKay, Samuel Fung, Bo Sidhu, David Goulet, Matthew Tran, Bob Koleszar, Thomas Straley, Jake Mullen, Kent Taylor.

*Motion to accept all eight applicants as full members by Benny Eskildsen; Seconded by Bill Howieson – Carried*

**7. Election of Executive Officers**

Mark Newlove stepped down as Chair and Greg Barnes - Chair of the Elections Committee assumed the Chair of the Meeting.

Greg Barnes reported that the Elections Committee reports the following positions were acclaimed: Vice President – American - Walter Becker;

Treasurer - Ken McKinnon;

Secretary - Craig Nichols;

Member Services Director (Island) - Dennis Abbott,

Member Services Director (Interior) - Gord Hoffman

Member Services Director (Metro) - Rob Kozak,

Member Services Director (North) - Ed Jerick,

Greg Barnes then reported that he had 33 absentee ballots for the motion to solely adopt the use of black pant. The members present then voted on the motion.

*MOVED by Mike Gatto and SECONDED by Walter Becker, that the BCFOA Executive amend BCFOA Policy 3.0 - Dress Code, effective the start of the 2012 season, to make the use of Black Pants the only official pant used by BCFOA members in all sanctioned games (with the exception of C.I.S. games, pending discussion). – Carried by a vote of Yes – 64; No - 16*

*Motion to destroy the ballots by Mike Gatto; Seconded by Bill Yerdon – Carried*

Mark Newlove resumed the Chair of the Meeting and Craig Nichols assumed the role of Association Secretary.

**8. New Business**

a) Life Members – Last year Wayne Steele was not present to receive his certificate of Lifetime Achievement. Dennis Abbott, Past President of the Association presented Wayne Steele with his Certificate.

b) Mark Newlove reported that the Executive had received one nomination for Lifetime Achievement and that was Dennis Abbott. *Motion to grant Dennis Abbott Life Membership of the Association by Mark Newlove; Seconded by Tim Lederman – Carried*

c) Bill McKay raised the issue about late cancellation of games and getting paid for it. It was noted that the contract states that the schools need to give the Association 48 hour notice to not get billed for the cancellation.

d) Al Sleightholme stated that education fell off the rails this year and needs to be addressed. Mark Newlove said that the Executive will be meeting and trying to schedule clinics 6 months in advance. Things should be done much earlier next year with dates and locations being published on the Website.

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- e) Mike Westman raised the issue regarding using arbiter as a mechanism to pay the members for their travel allotment. He says that there is mechanism in Arbiter based on travel.

Larry Rohan - Arbiter allows for location of field and official's home, but multiple address locations is still a problem.

Mike Westman feels it still provides some basis to get the right compensation.

Bill Watson - in the previous contract there was a \$5 random fee. No mechanism or guideline to record whom should be compensated. He asked for who was using the toll bridge so he could compensate them, but only 3 people advised him. Absolutely, no one else advised the allocator of any toll charges which would be charged directly to the schools.

Jamie Graham – Fraser Valley Basketball uses a form system, where the official completes the form monthly and forwards it to the treasurer. We should look at some kind of form to give the Treasurer.

Tim Lederman - Arbiter has the kms to the game from the official's address. Should do it on a trial basis.

Benny Eskildsen - Blanket amount to each official. Compensation for everyone.

Larry Rohan – Referees should pick a point home or work. Everything will be based from that point and pay based on that. Travel would be on a rate to various zones throughout the lower mainland. Example 4 zones.

Greg Barnes - notion of 150 members doing paperwork is not a good idea. I like Lederman's idea to explore Arbiter a little more

Tim Lederman - NCAA softball use arbiter. Pick one address and that is what it is based on.

Bill Watson - it is not a major problem, just need to work out the criteria.

Mark Newlove - the allocator just did that before.

Ken McKinnon - it is a challenge to get this in place. We got the funding.

- f) Mike Westman stated on behalf of the membership his thanks to the Executive for a very good year.

- g) Larry Rohan – Questioned what colour of sock officials are to wear, white or black sock.

Mark Newlove – should not matter as they will be hidden by the pants, but the new re-write of the policy will address his question.

### 9. Awards

Nigel Bushe announced the winners of this year awards

#### **Rookie of the Year**

Rick Levigne (Island)

Makki Suppan (Interior)

Matt McKay (Metro)

#### **Most Improved**

Rod Fehr

Clinton Pederson

Greg Byron

### 10. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Tim Lederman; Seconded by Bill Watson – Carried*