

Island Member Services Report 2017

A challenging year on the island. However, we finished the season stronger than what we anticipated at the beginning.

Due to retirements, injuries and sabbaticals from officiating, the number of available officials was down considerably from last year. There was lots of interest from prospective new officials, but only a few followed through to take the field. Fortunately, we had a few officials migrate to the island from elsewhere in the country. The retirements, injuries and sabbaticals gave other officials opportunity to take on new positions and roles on the island. Thanks to the island officials for stepping up this year.

There were a few locally organized training sessions after scheduling changes disrupted plans for a larger clinic. Informal mentoring on the field and in post-game debriefs was also significant.

I want to thank Mike Gatto for another year of service as island allocator. He worked through a difficult schedule for the island between high school and community football.

With a few new recruits and returning officials, we can look forward to next year with optimism. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Rod Fehr