

President Report to 2018 AGM Nigel Bushe

Passing of Rob Kozak

We lost a very dedicated man just a week ago. He touched so many lives and will be dearly missed. Somewhere I know he is looking in making sure my year end report will have the right grammar. Miss you my friend.

Overall Recap

We had a pretty good year on and off the field. We did have the usual complaints from coaches which were all handled professionally by Sandy and Frank. We also had some internal conflict that I dealt with and was resolved favourably between the parties. We also had a serious conduct issue with an official. Given the serious nature of the conduct it was a unanimous decision by the executive to remove him from our roster. A letter was sent to him advising him of the termination. Other than mentioned, I am very happy with how we progressed this year. Big thanks to the VPs, Frank and Sandy for keeping things running smoothly.

We also welcomed on the board a few months ago Gordon Masi as our new treasurer. Please be good to him as it is a steep learning curve with all the systems and leagues he has too deal with.

New Societies Act

We finally got this done after a couple of efforts with special AGMs. Thanks to all those that made the effort to attend or call in. This was an important document to keep our association running but we met the deadline.

BCPFA

I represented the BCFOA at all their board meetings. They have agreed to provide \$2500 each year to go towards education. Over this past year clinics for level 1 were conducted in the North, Interior, Island and in the LMD. That money will offset the costs for those clinics.

Being recognized as a PSO allows B.C. to participate in the U16 and the Canada Cup. Clarke Raffin went to the U16 in Edmonton and Tyrus Hawkins to the Canada Cup in Calgary. This coming year in July the Canada Cup will be hosted in Kamloops. Football Canada is trying to cut back on the costs. We will be covering off all the Officials duties for that tournament with more details to come.

B.C. will also be the host of the 2019 CJFL final.

Clinics

The clinics for both Canadian and American from all reports had the best participation in years. Thank you to all who organized and delivered those clinics. The "join me" system for people to call in has added to the success for this year. I feel the use of the video will enhance attendance because you need to be there to defend yourself. Lol. I think the level of education just keeps getting better every year.

Swag

I hope everyone enjoyed the jackets, coins and pins that were distributed this year. I see many of you wearing your jackets proudly. As you know the next item coming is golf shirts. Thank you to Frank who got us a deal for the jackets and made the order. Thanks to Drew who herded all the cats to get the right sizes.

Final thoughts

I hope everyone had a great year. Make sure you continue to take advantage of all the education being offered. It just keeps getting better and it is the best way to improve as an official.

I wish everyone and their families to please have a safe and happy holiday season.

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