

To start with, I would like to pass my condolences to the entire Kozak family and BCFOA for the terrible loss. May God bless Rob's soul. Rob is sorely missed, on and off the field. His contributions to the football community cannot be put in words. He was a pillar of BCFOA and the executive. I miss him and miss those coffees and chats.

I joined the executive in March of this year. Contracts had to be renegotiated with the BCFC, community football, the interior and Vancouver Island leagues. I'm happy to say all of them were signed and are good for next 3 years with significant increases in travel allowances.

On the education side, it was a really busy pre-season. We conducted level 1 clinics in Pr. George, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Victoria and lower Mainland. Thanks to Carey Anderson, Heith Eddleston, Dennis Abbott, Grant Renton for conducting the clinics. It is hoping we can retain these new officials and nurture them for the future.

Hans Vanderdoe agreed again to be the allocator for BCFC and CIS. The season started off with 7 BCFC officials retiring and or not available – business and family commitments, injuries and CFL assignments. Two officials were evaluated at the beginning of the season and have worked out well. Scheduling by the BCFC, UBC and the Lions leave a lot to be desired. On a few occasions there were 3 BCFC games and a CIS game on the same day. Throw in a couple of Lions games into the mix were Walter (a big thank you) had to do some rescheduling to accommodate Hans. This is why a number of games this season (5) were crewed by 6 officials. Challenging to say the least. On the plus side with all the difficulties no major complaints were lodged by the teams.

Carey Anderson also conducted a level 4 clinic this year an arduous task sifting through records to invite the qualifying officials to attend, since it has been at least 25 years since a level 4 clinic was conducted in BC.

Please join me in congratulating the following officials for being selected for post season assignments by BCFC evaluators and the CIS west evaluators.

The Cullen Cup (BCFC championship) Heith Eddleston, Al Milton, Tim Louman-Gardiner, Deepak Sharma, Nigel Bushe and Kevin McWilliam crewed this game in Kelowna.

At the CJFL Semifinals in Langley, Heith Edleston, Ed Jerick, Chris Shortt, Brian Findlay, Tyrus Hawkins, Ross Thompson and Nigel Bushe were selected.

In CJFL Championship (Josten Cup) Jeff Huot and Ed Jerick were selected to travel to sunny Saskatoon. Our contract with BCFC states, if a BC team travels to the Josten Cup, the BCFC will fund part of the cost.

For CIS Canada West semi final, Tim Louman-Gardiner and Kevin McWilliam travelled to Calgary.

The Hardy Cup, being played in Calgary saw, Tayler Anderson being selected.

Finally, I would like to thank the executive members for stepping up and putting in all that hard work to get things done and keep things moving. Looking forward to serving you all in the next term.

Sandy Bains  
Vice President - Canadian