

Vice- President Canadian Report 2016

This is my sixth year in this role.

Education

Education continues to be a priority. Hieth Eddleston continued to be the Canadian Education Coordinator for a fourth term and did an excellent job. His role was to set up clinics, (educational, not levels) create agendas and assign subject matter experts. As the coordinator he created a budget that was approved by the executive. (Thanks Rob for the classroom)

Four sessions were held each month, July to Oct. We continue to rely heavily on video review and Hudl for all sessions except the exam review night. The heavy use of video replay was again a huge success and we reasonable turnout at the sessions. We hope to get those numbers up next year so we are looking for suggestions. As the video and comments were on line through Hudl it made it accessible for the outer areas.

A two day clinic was put on by Larry Rohan in June. We opted to jointly fund it and not have a separate spring session. This was an excellent clinic which generated a lot of discussion. It was well attended by both BCFOA and LMFRA members.

Carey Anderson is our levels facilitator and as such conducted several levels clinics. We hope this year we will get several people certified for Level 4 for BCFC. We hope to tap into Carey expertise in some other areas this coming year. Thanks Carey!!

Education at the CIS (U Sports) level continued in the right direction thanks to Larry Rohan. It was the second season for all of Canada West CIS to be on board with Hudl. Ross Hutchison continued to do video review with some assistance from selected officials from other cities. This has created some inconsistency as the other video reviewers have different standards. Polite way to say they need to learn how provide feedback so people can learn, not just negative feedback.

Contracts

The Community football contract was completed thanks to Mark Newlove. No issues on that front.

CFOA

We appointed Carey Anderson as our rep for the CFOA. Carey with connections to both the LMFRA and the BCFOA and the levels facilitator was the only choice. The role of the CFOA rep is being defined by the new executive and more will come on this.

It was a motion at the CFOA AGM to reinstate the recognition pins for CIS bowl games starting in 2009. As the VP CFOA I took on the task and made up spread sheets with all the names from across the country. Those pins were then distributed. Attached is a picture of those pins. We have four people from BCFOA that will receive their pins. Bob Scott, Kevin McWilliam (3), Chris Shortt and myself (2).

Final thoughts

Mark Newlove stepped down as president for BCFOA. Mark played a key role in the creation of the new Provincial football governing body this past year and will still be part of that executive. Thanks Mark for all your work and leadership over many years. But wait, he will still be part of our executive as past president. (lingering like a bad smell)

Congrats to all those who were selected for playoff games this year at all levels.

Canadian Bowl: Heith Eddleston, Doug Young, Grant Renton, Hans Vanderdoe and Bob Scott. (Thx to Rick Carter, Sandy Bains and Mike Gatto for helping on the sticks)

U Sports Playoffs: Sandy Bains, semi-final, Kevin (or is it Keith) McWilliams, Hardy Cup and the Vanier.

Larry, we will miss you. We will carry on with the education / evaluation processes that you created. That will be your legacy to us. Till we meet again.

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

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