

## **Vice- President Canadian Report 2017**

This is my seventh year in this role. With the passing of Larry Rohan we had to re-think all of his duties. Allocation and evaluator were separated and their reports are included here. Overall it was a good year. We had a few issues with coaches and their behaviour in BCFC. However, we have great support from BCFC executive. Issues were resolved quickly after review with an appropriate response. In only one incident I did not respond to a team representative but to the BCFC executive due to the disrespectful content in the complaint. It is a team effort to keep things running behind the scenes and we have a great group of guys. We hope to engage more of our senior officials to help in the coming years.

### **Education**

Education continues to be a priority. Hieth Eddleston continued to be the Canadian Education Coordinator for a fifth 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. Thx Hieth

A two day clinic was put on in June with one day devoted to U-Sports. Excellent turnout for both days. We continue to rely heavily on video review and Hudl for all sessions except the exam review night. Carey Anderson also utilized video clips emailed out highlighting several teaching points.

From Heith (I corrected the SP, lol)

Education on the Canadian side was a challenge this year. With the loss of Larry I knew there was a huge hole to fill and we managed to fill some of it. We started off the season with a weekend clinic in July. It was well attended by officials from the Island, Okanagan and LMD. Presentations were done by Carey Anderson, Bruce Hawkshaw, Rick Carter and special guests Brian Small and Darryl Baron from Canada West.

Carey Anderson took the lead in the evaluation program and the preparation and distribution of film clips to our members and with the guidance and advice from Bruce Hawkshaw and help from Hans Vanderdoe and myself we managed to maintain the system in which Larry had put in place.

### **Evaluation**

Carey Anderson was appointed as our lead evaluator. (He is also the game day supervisor / observer for the UBC games) The system put in place by Larry is still the best in the country. Our evaluations are meaningful, consistent and constructive. At the U-Sports level they are still struggling with consistency among the evaluators. This is still a work in progress and I have voiced my concerns several times to the Canada West RIC. Thx Carey!!

From Carey

Great team effort by all. A lot of decisions were made by the evaluation committee regarding playoffs and travel. While Bruce Hawkshaw and I did the bulk of BCFC evaluations, Hans

Vanderdoe and Hieth Eddleston stepped up and did a great job on film evaluations in their first season. Expect both to do more next season.

A big thank you to Dennis Abbott, Mike Gatto, Gord Hoffman, Wayne Skelley for all the great notes that you supplied the evaluation team.

Total BCFC games evaluated: - 30 out of 33 (the film quality for 3 was not good enough to evaluate).

CIS games 4 out of 4 evaluated. Evaluation and feedback was done out of Province and feedback given to our officials working these games.

Pre-season weekend camp was well attended by the CIS officials, but we could have used more BCFC officials at this clinic. Three mid-week clinics during the season were available and attendance was "so-so". Need to find alternative ways to get information out Province wide.

One big observation is that we need to scout and recommend new prospects to work this level of football, especially on Vancouver Island and the Interior.

A short meeting was held to look at new ideas and direction for the 2018 season.

### **Allocation**

Hans Vanderdoe was appointed as the allocator for BCFC and U-Sports. He worked closely with Carey in assigning the right people to the games. I think this year went very well despite us not having enough officials on some days. Thank you Hans. Well done and thx!

From Hans (he has spell check)

An interesting year with Canadian allocations. What seemed to be a relatively trouble free position to fill did not materialize to be so, especially at the BCFC level. The season started with a number of officials that could not work this year or had to cut back their availability for most or some the season. We also lost one official in the Okanagan to the CFL.

This meant assigning a number of games – 11 – with only 6 man crews. Especially the weekend when the BC Lions and UBC had games. This was not a detriment to the games, in fact the crews that worked on 6 man crews enjoyed doing them. And as we know, coaches were unaware of having only 6 on the field.

At Canada West, UBC, the challenge was to get support staff, especially the stick and ball boys crews. The crew of 11 on field officials who were assigned to games deemed to be the best in the west – in my opinion.

The post season saw 2 officials working the CJFL, semi-final game in Saskatoon. Four of our Canada West officials were chosen to work semi and final university games in Vancouver and Calgary. In addition, we had 1 official travel to Calgary for the Mitchell Bowl.

To the credit of the Education Committee all games assigned were evaluated and reports sent back to the officials working the games. Most games also had observers present to send back

their observations of the game to the evaluators. Credit also goes to the treasurer for making sure payment of travel expenses requested by the allocator were deposited in the hands of the observers each week. A system that works very well

## **CFOA**

I still am part of the CFOA executive. The 2018 AGM will be held in Niagara Falls the first weekend in May. We appointed Sandy Bains as our rep for the CFOA since Carey was given other responsibilities. Sandy with connections to both the LMFRA and the BCFOA was a good choice. The role of the CFOA rep was redefined and more will be coming on that.

More input from associations for the next exam is being solicited. The levels certification also needs to be revamped. Football Canada currently owns this but the CFOA wants to be the lead. The First and Ten bulletin was remade but still a work in progress. The CFOA website is also being updated. The executive have teleconferences once every two months. This January we will meet for two days to discuss the issues mentioned here with further discussion at the AGM.

## **Final thoughts**

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

BCFC Final: Heith Eddleston, Ed Jerick (how do you spell it), Scott Hyde, Chris Short, Taylor Anderson, Kevin McWilliam and Tyrus Hawkins.

Baron Cup (Jr Intergold) in Saskatoon: Myself and my chaperone Tim Louman-Gardiner

U Sports Finals: Taylor Anderson, Hardy Cup and the Mitchell Bowl.

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

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