

Edmonton Flag Football Association

Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2004.

Call to order by **Andrew Wolff** of the Brutes at 7:35 p.m., at the German Canadian Cultural Centre.

Agenda Items:

1. Amendment to Rules

- according to league by-laws changes to rules must be made at least 30 days prior to play
- each team will be provided with a written copy of any updated changes
- rules are posted on the league's website [effa.ab.ca]
- the following is a brief summary of what each proposed rule change implies
 - a) no rubber footballs are permitted
 - b) all jerseys must be long enough to be tucked in
 - c) each player must wear league sanctioned belts and flags (we're standardizing the gear)
- the EFFA will provide teams with 16 sets of belts/flags; the remainder need to be purchased
- d) a maximum 5 minute half time can be shortened by the referees, at their discretion
- e) a revision of the "leading with the hands" rule
- f) offensive linemen may make secondary blocks without initiating with the hands
- g) it's illegal to make contact with the passer while in the motion of passing, for the purpose of limiting the application of awarding an automatic first down
- h) a revision of what constitutes an illegal block
- i) a revision of the tackling rule, with regards to making an illegal tackle in the offensive backfield
- j) multiple delay of game penalties has been introduced
- k) a revision to the objectionable conduct rule, with respect to being penalized for illegal equipment
- l) all automatic first downs will be included in the play count

MOTION: Joe Spear

That the EFFA amend the rules of play, as presented, for the 2004 playing season.

SECONDED: Murray Johnson
Carried. Unanimous

2. Casino

- each team is required to provide two players from their respective teams to work the EFFA casino this September 21st and 22nd
- two forms, per volunteer, need to be completed and returned by May's scheduling meeting; one form goes to the league to schedule workers; one form is submitted for a security check by the Alberta Gaming Commission
- two names will be submitted; only one name will have to work the casino

3. Youth Camp

- four day camp for junior high kids to be staged early in July
- need about ten volunteers from our league membership to volunteer for the camp

4. League Pre Payments Due Tonight

- partial payment of league fees are due from each team, this evening (\$250)
- full payment of EFFA fees for the 2004 playing season is \$1250

5. Team Rosters

- each team in attendance received their final rosters for 2003
- teams are required to update the rosters, making any name or phone number changes
- updated rosters are due by the scheduling meeting on May 20, 2004
- the league covers insurance for the first 16 players on your roster (insurance covers liability and health)
- teams are required to have more players on their roster, however they must cover the additional cost of insurance

6. Fields and Pre Season

- we are going to expand to six fields to help alleviate congestion, due to the increase of the number of teams that are participating
- please don't practise on the fields until you have been given a green light to do so
- the weekend of May 29th/30th will be the tentative date for our pre season tournament
- new teams are invited to attend
- league play starts Monday, May 31, 2004

7. League News and Information Updates

- check the internet to find out your division seeding and the schedule
- the EFFA still needs referees to cover the schedule; contact Jason McLean (Tigers)
- referees receive \$25 per game, for their efforts

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2004

Adjournment. 8:30 pm

MINUTES prepared by Paul McCann of the Ravens, **04 04 22.**

