

Edmonton Flag Football Association

Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2004.

Call to order by **Andrew Wolff** of the Brutes at 7:30 p.m., at the Andrew's place of residence.

Attendance:

Andrew Wolff	Blair Lutz	Brad Simpson
Jason McLean	Corey Bodnarek	Greg Brodeur
Paul McCann	Lonnie Chadwick	Marc Bitar
Heath Mackay	Joe Spaziani	

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- minutes of meetings will be posted on the EFFA website, under 'announcements'
- minutes of January 19th executive meeting were reviewed

2. Casino

- dates have been confirmed for Tuesday, September 21 and Wednesday, September 22, 2004, in the third quarter
- each team will need to fill at least one spot (there are 18 spots, each day)

3. Preparing for New Teams/Packages

- rules package
- league outline/regulations
- team requirements brochure
- provide a list of equipment that the league can supply
- new team meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25th, at the German Cultural Centre
- the league should prepare for a 40 team format

Agenda

Introductions - Andrew

Getting started - players, equipment, team organization - Brad Simpson

The Game/League Format - Jason McLean

Team Responsibilities - Blair Lutz

- each formal section should be no more than 5 minutes, for a total of 30 minutes

Question Period

4. Annual League Meeting - Thursday, March 18, 2004

Agenda

Fees for 2004/Team Deposits
Financial Report/Budget
Casino Commitments
League/Division Structure
League/By-Law Changes for 2004
Discussion of Rules Changes/New Flag belts
Youth Initiative
Increasing the Referee Pool

5. Youth Initiative - Blair Lutz

- the stability and expansion of the league is, in part, dependent on developing a youth program for flag football
- one of our mandates in being able to have a casino is committing casino money to a youth program
- July 5th to the 9th (10:00 to 2:00, with a lunch break)
- check into insurance/liability with Alberta Football; check into security checks (Joe Spears)
- tie the program into an Eskimo game
- limit the numbers (maximum 100 participants - 11 to 14 years, 10 instructors)
- junior flag football rules
- fundamentals, skill development, strategies, controlled scrimmage
- purchase of equipment; junior footballs
- fees should be in line with other camps

6. Discussion of Rules Changes

- a) contacting the quarterback - there is no distinction on what kind of contact constitutes a penalty
 - proposal is that there should be different levels of contact, which should constitute different degrees of penalization
 - by changing the definition of roughing the passer, we can achieve this
- b) the CFL changed their definition of screening; are we going to do the same
- c) stripping the ball from another player; a defender must play the flag at all times
- d) leading with the hands; amend the wording to give leeway to contact in the interior line
- e) illegal equipment; player leaves the playing field until they have made the adjustment
- f) cutting a game off when it's a blow out; should there be a mercy rule
- g) important that we check game sheets for accuracy

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2004

Adjournment @ 10:15 p.m.

MINUTES prepared by Paul McCann of the Ravens, **04 02 19**.