

Edmonton Flag Football Association

Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, January 29, 2004.

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

Attendance:

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| Andrew Wolff | Blair Lutz | Brad Simpson |
| Jason McLean | Joe Spaziani | Ryan Saulou |
| Corey Bodnarek | Paul McCann | Greg Brodeur |
| Heath Mackay | Joe Spears | Lonnie Chadwick |

Agenda Items:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

- deferred

2. Financial Report/Audit/2004

- revenue forecasts
- Heath submitted a report and discussed our financial situation, heading into the 2004 season
- Heath also presented a projected budget for the upcoming year

3. Set Schedule of Meetings for 2004 Season

- Annual General Meeting - March 18th
- New Team Meeting - March 25th
- General Meeting/Early Payment/Team Deposit - April 22nd
- Schedule/Fees/Rosters Meeting - May 20th
- Pre-Playoffs Meeting/Fines/Provincials - September 9th
- Banquet - November 6th
- Election of Executive - November 18th
- dates will be posted on the web site, ASAP
- June 1 is the tentative start for league play

4. Fundraising and Other Sources of Revenue

- Casino at the Yellowhead, during the third quarter of 2004; we get our actual date on February 5th
- Edmonton Sports Council has a web site outlining grant programs that the EFFA may qualify for
- Grey Cup Raffle (Brutes ran one under the EFFA charitable license, in for the 2003 Grey Cup - they made some money)
- Pull Tickets and 50/50 licenses
- Eskimos Game 50/50 (ask for a piece of the junior football pie)

5. Tournaments/Events/Youth Expansion/Provincials

- Blair Lutz will put together a proposal to establish a summer youth program flag football program
- Andrew and Heath will provide support for Blair
- preseason tournament will not include the experienced teams (Divisions A and B)
- Calgary is planning to have a tournament at the end of the summer with big cash prizes

6. New Fees/New Teams/Old Rumors

- the EFFA may have as many as 40 teams for 2004
- suggested league fees per team will be at least \$1250.00
- Colt 45's may have folded
- there are problems with the Mercenaries, but they may be able to reform
- Andrew wants to start a dialogue with all interested leagues in forming a provincial council
- dates, tournament formats, and rules for provincials need to be formalized
- four or five potential new teams have contacted the EFFA for entry in 2004

7. New Business

A] Advertising Posters - stickers need to be made for the posters (Greg Brodeur); Joe Spears will place posters at the U of A; we need to cover NAIT (Brad Simpson) and Grant MacEwan (??)

B] Establishing an Alberta Flag Football Association - Paul McCann will contact Rob O'Neill about setting up a charitable group for the provincial body

C] Insurance - the EFFA will cover 16 players; each team insures the rest of their players

D] Team fees will include 16 belts and flags (standardize the league's belts); standardized flags and belts need to be written into the league rules/regulations

E] Rule Changes/Additions to be explored- finishing a game that is behind schedule and has no impact in the standings; penalties for players with illegal equipment; review the "blocking with the hands first" on the offensive line; review contacting the quarterback

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2004

Adjournment @ 10:15 p.m.

MINUTES prepared by Paul McCann of the Ravens, **04 01 29**.