

Edmonton Flag Football Association



First League Meeting of 2004

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

Call to order by **Andrew Wolff** of the Brutes at 7:45 p.m., at the German Canadian Cultural Centre.

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Outlook for 2004 (10 minutes) - Andrew

- things are looking "big" for the league, this year
- there will be at least 5 divisions for 2004
- we have a casino date in September
- the EFFA will be sponsoring a youth program, this year, starting in July
- some minor changes in league play rules
- field preparation will have additional costs, due to the increase in the number of teams
- please stay off the fields, for practises, until the league gives you the go ahead

2. Financial Report/Audit 2004 - Revenue Forecasts (15 minutes) - Andrew

- handout made available to all teams in attendance
- we have been losing money (budgeted) over the past few years
- the league is projecting a profit for the 2004 operating season

3. Election of 2004 Auditors (5 minutes) - Andrew

- need to review the bank statements, independent of the treasurer
- will be required to take some time to peruse the books and any summary expenses

MOTION: That Rick Cammidge (Horsemen) and Mitch Arnold (Fighting Irish) be appointed as auditors of the Edmonton Flag Football Association for the 2004 fiscal year.

SECONDED:

Carried.

4. Team Fees/Payment Dates/Insurance (10 minutes) - Andrew

- the EFFA will be insuring 16 players per team this season
- additional players on team rosters will be assessed a \$15 fee
- the insurance covers player injury and league liability
- individual team fees for the 2004 season are \$1250 (\$150 increase from 2003)
- team deposits (\$250) are due on Thursday, April 22, 2004
- if you pay early, each team will receive five pairs of EFFA shorts
- returning new teams are eligible to receive a \$250 rebate, if they purchased their team jerseys from our league supplier
- full payment of fees (balance of \$1000) is due on Thursday, May 20, 2004
- check the website to confirm dates and information

5. New Flag Belts For All Teams (10 minutes) - Andrew

- the EFFA will provide 16 sets of belts (2 sizes) to each team
- additional belts must be purchased from the league
- no other belts will be permitted for use
- flags will be red
- the 'd' rings will be eliminated (we had one injury, broken finger, last year) from the belt

6. Casino - Tuesday/Wednesday, September 21-22 (10 minutes) Andrew/Paul

- at the Yellowhead Casino
- each team will be expected to submit two names of volunteers to work the casino
- volunteers can request a specific shift, on a specific day (day/night/count room - Tue/We)
- we will try to place volunteers in their requested position
- security check forms are due with the balance of leagues fees, in May

7. Youth Summer Camp - July 5-9th (10 minutes) - Blair

- in order to maintain our gaming license, we need to introduce a youth program
- the EFFA will offer a skills camp in July to children, ages 12 to 14 (grades 6 to 9)
- the camp will be open to males and females
- rules will be adjusted to fit the youth game played at that age level
- 4-5 hour days, for one week
- the EFFA needs volunteers from players in the league to operate the program successfully (10 to 12 volunteers)
- expect about 100 kids to participate in the first year

8. Open Discussion: Proposed Changes to Rules & Regulations

(30 minutes) - Blair/Jason

- handout made available to all teams in attendance
- no rubberized footballs are permitted; approved composite balls are acceptable
- jerseys must be long enough to tuck in
- belt sizes, flag lengths, etc. are now standardized because they are league issued
- maximum 5 minute half time break
- equipment violations will result in a delay of game call - amendment to the rule was not passed
- equipment violations are covered under the 'objectionable conduct' rules
- changing the interpretation of the 'blocking' rule
- offensive lineman can initiate secondary blocks with the torso
- removed automatic first downs upon any kind of contact with the quarterback; automatic downs will only apply to contacting the quarterback when in a throwing motion
- automatic first downs will count as plays (clarification)

9. New Business

A] Which divisions play on which days?

- Divisions 1 and 4 will play on Tuesday (8 games)
- Divisions 2 and 3 will play on Monday (8 games)
- Division 5 will play on Wednesday (6 games)

B] The preseason tournament will be played the weekend after the May long weekend

- not all teams are required or expected to enter
- the EFFA would prefer only new teams and newer division teams to participate
- experienced teams can organize their own scrimmages (referees can be requested)
- Division 1, 2, and 3 teams are not expected to participate

New Teams Meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2004 @ 7:30 pm, at the German Centre

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2004 @ 7:30 pm, at the German Centre

Adjournment @ 10:00 pm

MINUTES prepared by Paul McCann of the Ravens, **04 03 18**.