

KMFA Board Meeting  
April 5, 2018

**BOD In Attendance:**

Mike Saini  
Lorraine Witzel  
Martyne Vallerand  
Reg Sahay

Danielle Wagner  
Dean Kennedy  
Brandon Thompson  
Kristine Vodarek

Jason Hudson  
Ryan Davidson

**Regrets:**

Kristen Rietman  
Mike Irvine

**6:02pm** Meeting called to order by Mike Saini – Held at CNC  
Determined that a Quorum was established.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order (6:00)
2. Additions or Deletions to Agenda (6:05)
3. Flag Season Kick-off (6:10)
4. May Skills Camp (6:35)
5. Update/Prep Tackle Season (6:50)
6. Additional Director Reports (7:00)
7. Old Business (7:20)
8. New Business (7:25)
9. Motion To Adjourn (7:30)

**Addition to Agenda:**

- Chris Cartwright, Head Coach @ KSS, Jason Hudson representing MBSS,
- Chris Cartwright: we support U18 Flag, we want to bring community and highschool programs together more; We see the opportunity to build a great football community with the possibility a 4<sup>th</sup> high school program is coming; We want to see development and systems to build skills at all levels; What can the highschool players do to give back to the community program? Have another idea to build excitement for flag season, Dean to elaborate; We are open to suggestions how to involve boys from the highschools; Mike S.- direction for improving coaches skills would be appreciated.

**Flag Season Kick-off:**

- Dean: all organized and ready for evaluations this weekend; start Friday at 5 w/ U16; U18 by 7. Coaches set for each age group. Registration #'s – 85 in U10; 108 in U12; all age groups beyond 8-player cap; 10 teams in U10; 14 teams in U12; 22 players in U18; U10 surplus of coaches; Still looking for 14<sup>th</sup> coach in U12; largest the program has ever been

- Season/Schedule: One weekend at a time, we have 2 fields at Parkinson Rec (8 games); M9 all day Sunday (6 games); annual May weekend in Rutland; U10/U12 mornings (9-11:30); U14 (2-4:30); U16 (11:30-2); times are non-negotiable due to ensuring enough refs for U10/U12 age groups; schedule may need to come in partial details due to field situations to be worked out weekly.
- We have 3 all girls teams (2 in U10, 1 in U12); There are 8-9 girls playing co-ed in higher age levels. Vision for the future of all girls flag league! A need has been identified for a female on the sideline, but we have a rule of only 2 coaches on the sideline. Consensus to allow a 3rd adult on the sidelines for a female presence for teams of/with girls.
- Volunteers: transportation of equipment when we need to move fields; need volunteers for field marshalls; We will develop specific lists for the volunteer jobs. The volunteer list is small, more members paid the \$50; BOD needs to be actively looking for parents and asking for volunteers; requests to be made at parent meeting at evaluations.
- First aid kits are important – need to ensure we have enough, ice packs and gauze in particular; Reg has 140 ice packs on order; Coaches equipment bags – will all be ready by end of day Apr. 9, volunteers required to prep; We need more bags (some coaches will get garbage bags);
- U10 group will be outfitted with softshell helmets; This is not optional, if not worn, child will not play. They are black, washable, breathable. Mandatory to be worn at practices too.
- Hope to have a team play in CFL/NFL cross Canada tournament – provincial winners play Grey Cup week, then the winner goes to NFL ProBowl event; age is U13, Mike Crumb and any other coaches interested to put a team together (BC Tourney will be July or August). Must have girl on the field at all times.
- Other Opportunities: Snohomish battle of the flags tournament in July is another opportunity to encourage more teams to enter; u18 – Friday Night Lights, for high school players, specific 7 man flag football “league” (teams will wear their highschool colours/names), 3 nights of action this season; will lead into highschool spring camps, potentially including Vernon; will leave U18 registration open to grow.
- Concern raised over parents having issues with trying to get siblings to different fields at the same time. We need to give parents advance notice of the situation and they will have to make arrangements or defer start of season to May 14. People will be unhappy, however we can only do our best to handle the circumstances; Need to confirm a consistent response: refs, coaches, and fields; Field Marshalls (Lance) – ½ page description of responsibilities and guideline of consequences for misconduct, develop 1<sup>st</sup> draft;
- Flag league team store will open soon.

#### May Skills Camp:

- Brandon - 12 guys booked as guest coaches, (4 ex cfl, 1 current); need help for field set-up/tear down, registration, need committee for volunteers, got 4 more sponsors than last year already; Camp date is May 12, need FB post, registration link to website and announce that it's open; will need to make adjustments to button on the website, change banner (LW). Aiming for 100 participants, last year was 76.

#### Update/Prep Tackle Season:

- 4 teams discussion – Need to reach out to coaches for dialogue on how to place kids, what it will take to build 4 teams; any feedback, positive or negative, needs to be sourced.
- Question: why do we play 9 man vs 12 man, is there the opportunity to play 12? We play with communities that can't field enough kids for 12 man, also, playing 12 man may mean putting kids at injury risk as it would require placing kids in a position they may not be suited for. Lance K. – start with an outline for people when soliciting feedback: members expect 4<sup>th</sup> team, especially at PeeWee.

#### Additional Director's Reports:

- **Vice President:** Kristen (via email update) – field requests for WK made, same as previous seasons. City of WK requested if field space is not being used, to surrender or swap; MBSS will help when necessary if space needed; Any field requests must all go through Kristen; Criminal record checks – reminder for all to complete.
- **Registrar:** N/A
- **Treasurer:** N/A
- **Director of Tackle:** N/A
- **Director of Equipment:** Reg – Helmet reconditioning is happening, due to Zone bowl – 2 separate shipments to go out, 2<sup>nd</sup> will be back by mid July. Bags for this weekend evaluations are done; coaches bags for the season – help needed to pack (about 30)?; mouthguards, ordered 300 – any kids who take one this weekend, ensure they know it's theirs for the season;

#### Old Business:

- N/A

#### New Business:

- We have received a written request for a U16 age player to play up in U18 division. U16 is full as per 8-player cap, Player in question is not currently registered in U16 program. Motion to allow player to register a division up: 1 abstain; 3 in favour; 3 against. Play-up request denied. No objections to allowing player to proceed with registration in U16 for a 9 player roster on one team.

**Next Meeting:** May, date TBC

**Motion to Adjourn: 7:58pm** Made by Mike S.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristine V.;  
All in favour, meeting adjourned.