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"EDUCATION THROUGH SPORT"

RIFLCA Spring Coaches Meeting
Online due to Pandemic - Zoom
Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes AGENDA

1. Attendance:

| School | Who (Present) | School | Who (Present) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balfour | Claire | O'Neill | Jason |
| Campbell | Kelly | Riffel | Derek |
| Greenall | | Sheldon | Tanya |
| Johnson | Dylan | Thom | Al (yeah!) |
| Knoll | Turbo | | |
| LeBoldus | John | Other | |
| Luther | Mark | Commish | Aaron A |
| Martin | Blaine | Officials | Frank W |
| Miller | ~~Bob Izumi~~ Dean | Officials | Sean L |

2. Adoption of Minutes – December 3, 2019
   adopter – Dylan
   seconder - Claire

3. President's Report – Derek Pilon
   Nothing official – optimistic we can get back to school/football in the Fall

4. RFOA Report – on behalf of Frank White (please see below)
   *The RFOA found it challenging to keep all of our house rules, SHSAA imposed in-season rules and Football Canada rules straight)
   *Next year, the officials would like to find a way to interact with Coaches in-season so communication can be up front and clear.
   In addition:
   - Willing to work with coaches on Post-Game check off card being looked at by Kelly A.
   - Have garnered funding for HUDL subscription to use with us and as an educational tool around the province.
   - Reviewed the Rule changes/clarifications: ball possession, knee pads, 2pt conversions, "new box" for blocking below the waist, wedges on Kick Ret, crack backs & sideline signals

Related

- Hoping we can bargain with All-24 regarding provision of game tape

5. Commissioner's Report – Aaron A Reviewed the following)

**a) 2019 Season Review (follow up from Dec. 3, 2019)**

**Kiwanis** – ticket sales were down approximately $12 000 at the gates from 2018. Huge decrease. If you take a ratio of Thom (down from 13 to 12 teams), it is less, but still not good. This is certainly not the time to look at raising admission prices!

**Stats** – Lynette Nishnik will do our league stats again in 2020 and Aaron will bill each school $50 as in previous years.

**Chain Gang** – Chris Sciog from Miller will have three students work Leibel and supply two workers to assist Terry Livingstone at Mosaic.

**Leibel Field Sideline Logistics** – in 2019, we agreed to implement a one-year pilot project to have the home team on the far sidelines and the visiting team on the sidelines with the crowd. May be forced to continue with this in 2020 with reasons beyond our control.
*__Proposal__ – have teams on the 20-50 yard lines away from the crowd side, barriers will be in place on the 50's and a table set up for Sports Medicine to look after injuries as needed. Coaches were in agreement with this.

*__Note__: With the possibility of social/physical distancing measures in place, we may have teams occupy the crowd side and far sidelines at Leibel and use all 110 yards.

b) **Informational Items Again: Reviewed by Aaron A**

1. **Dressing Rooms – Leibel Field** – the RHSAA negotiated the same agreement with RMF in 2020 as we had last year. The RHSAA will pay the yearly fee at the end of the season and bill each school $100 + GST.

2. **Playoff Football Tickets**:

-Aaron will also have these made up in advance to go out with Regular Season ticket packages in late August. 200 will be printed and a checklist/information letter will be included with directions about selling in October. Primarily to:

- decrease line-ups at these games – Schools pre-sell to Adults ($7) and Students (5$).
- decrease money (and exchanging of) at site

3. **City Finals Venues** – Mosaic Stadium was the overwhelming choice as voted on at the last meeting. Aaron will try to book it when possible. Could change on a year to year basis, depending on availability.

c) **Discussion Items**

**1. 2020 Scheduling/Classification/League Structure**

a) Joint Sponsorships – SWC has a COOP with RCS & Scott and WKC with Thom. Thom is still currently partnered with HC and Laval as well, meaning those kids would play at WKC. Thom plans to have a team in 2020 and be back in our league. If so, they would have to dissolve their COOP with WKC.
*Aaron has drawn up a schedule including Thom. Please see attached.

- MOTION Jason D (2nd John F) To include all six 6A schools in playoff structure. #1 and #2 receive a bye while 3vs6 and 4vs5 will play in the Quarter Finals. The Semi Finals will have #1 vs lowest remaining survivor and #2 vs highest remaining survivor.
  All in favour – Motion Carried

b) SHSAA Classifications – each declared their intended classification to the Commissioner before Apr. 15, 2020. As of Nov. 25, 2019, our league would look like this:

5A – Balfour 584, LeBoldus 564, Riffel 554, Greenall 506, FWJ 378, Luther 317
6A – Campbell 1116, SWC 814 (479 + Scott 215 + RCS 120), Miller 719, Thom 650 (522 + HC 69, Laval 59), O'Neill 608, Martin 596, WKC 586

c) After LeBoldus and Riffel reclassified to 6A, our 2020 League Structure as of Apr. 15 is:
**5A – Balfour, FWJ, Greenall, Luther, Martin, SWC and Thom (top 6 teams make the playoffs)**
**6A – Campbell, LeBoldus, Miller, O'Neill, Riffel and WKC (top 4 teams make the playoffs, 5th and 6th place teams play in the Picot Bowl OR top 6 teams make the playoffs and no Picot Bowl)** see above

***Note:** Martin, SWC and Thom are all 6A schools playing in our 5A league and will not be a part of the 5A Provincial Playoffs structure.

However, they will have an opportunity to compete for a City Championship in our 5A league.

-our season start-up date will be Thur. Aug. 20, 2020, one day after the SHSAA Coaches Symposium on Aug. 18 & 19 (**which has been cancelled for 2020**). Saskatoon was to host this year.

-Aaron received confirmation from the City of Regina in early April for Mosaic and Leibel, which included dates the Riders, Rams, Thunder and RMF have fields booked.

- Several schedule adjustments (likely more to come)
    - Wed Oct 7 games moved to Friday 9 (prior to long weekend)
    - Possible move of 6A Qtr finals from Oct 21 to Oct 23
    - Equalization of favourable weekdays (Friday balance?)
    - Keep in mind that at this point all schedules are tentative

**2. All 24 Video** – let's make a group decision on one of the three price packages below.

a) Package we have currently - $130 per game per team for a full game
b) Go to ODK - $150 per game per team
c) Go to the 'Thunder' package (ODK, quarter, possession, line of scrimmage, hash, down, distance, run/pass, play result and gain) - $200 per game per team
Discussion: no consensus – a Motion is not really possible/binding
Aaron A is going to approach regarding prices, including the Officials and the possible add-ons.

**3. Officials/Coaches Game Check Lists** – thoughts moving forward?
* mentioned previous, Kelly A is working on it

**4. Officials –** Frank White to report
-was the RFOA able to get a HUDL account through a Football Sask grant? * as mentioned - Yes

5. **HUDL –** Mark Becker to update: All schools are Silver or above – Mark B. will pursue Rep with discount possibilities

6. **Kiwanis Bowl** – does anyone know previous winners before Luther in 2017? Notre Dame in…?

7. **League Advertising at Evraz** – Mark Becker to report. He was going to contact Tyson Brinkworth at Evraz. Mark B. Approach regarding the use of Lewvan Ad Board to promote the week's upcoming games. All decisions regarding crowds cannot be confirmed at this point – will keep updated

8. **Kiwanis Kickoff Luncheon** – Tues. Aug. 25 at 11:45 at Classic Buffet? As of now, it is closed, but the Kiwanis will update us as it gets closer.

9. **SHSAA Report** – Kelly Adams

- Advised coaches to chat with your Admin to identify transferring students asap. Allow time for SHSAA to register the change, receive appeals etc.
- General comment that the RIFL is a decent place to do business

10. **AOB –**

Recognize that, Ministry of Health, Dept of Ed, Governing Bodies and SHSAA ultimately have control over our season.

a) Regular Season Tickets – this is interesting situation right now. Will fans be allowed at games? (hope so) If so, can cash be accepted? Is presell in schools an option? (NOT my preferred choice!) Kiwanis will need gloves and masks in all likelihood, regardless which way we go.
   a. Coaches advised to find 1 or 2 adults to assist with game-day Gates.

b) Programs – in terms of the Kiwanis acquiring advertising, they are less than confident for 2020. We may go to game day rosters being printed each week.
   a. Coaches agreed they would send weekly roster updates to Aaron so they can be available at the gates.

11. Adjournment – Claire

MJB May 8, 2020