

**N O M T F A**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 30, 2010**

**Minutes**

President, Steve Rusnyk called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. Steve mentioned that he had been on the Executive for 4-5 years now as President during which he's seen the league grow as the Winter League now has 8 teams. His goal is to have the Executive increase the Fall League from 6 – 8 teams. He mentioned that next year is the league's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with special events to be planned. He also talked about some of the challenges he's had with scheduling the games at the Crusaders fields this fall.

Vice President, Joe Cardi thanked some of the non-Executive members for their assistance such as David Fisher's guidance and assistance with the draft, his sponsorship for the Hall of Fame game and his work on a draft constitution. Alex Wysocki was also thanked for his assistance in the fall draft.

Joe stated that one of his goals was for the Executive to be as transparent as possible to the membership. He mentioned how challenging the draft can be with a shortage of good quarterbacks. He is very proud of the community work that the league has undertaken, particularly with the money raised in the Ocho Bowl which has now totaled \$13,000 for Pinball Clemon's Foundation. He was also very pleased at the success of the initial Hall of Fame game honouring our past players and organizers and giving a sense of history to our present players.

Joe stressed that each Executive member shall be accountable to the membership for their responsibilities and stated that none of the Executive members has the ability to update the webpage and especially to run updated stats. He asked for volunteers to help out.

Drew Todd then addressed the membership about the Ocho Bowl saying that it was a very successful event, one which gives back to the community. Approximately 48 players participate and a cheque from the league for \$4,000 was presented to Pinball for which he was very appreciative. He reminded everyone that the game is played in memory of Peter Singh and that he'd like to keep it going and have it grow. To this end, he asked the members to see if they can approach any potential sponsors.

The date for the 2011 Ocho Bowl will be announced later this year and Drew urged that the registration fees get in early. He again urged us to solicit sponsors and asked for any volunteers to help out.

Clyde Hencher then gave his report on the First Annual Hall of Fame Game as follows:

- Acknowledged Joe Cardi for coming up with the concept and outlining in detail the induction criteria
- Held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with the inductees being the founders of the league – Peter Morris and Mike Smith along with the original Head referee, Bob Betts
- Hall of Fame golf shirts and plaques were presented to each of them with all three saying a few words about the history of the league and being very appreciative of the honour; Six of seven former players also attended to see their former teammates inducted
- Hot dogs, hamburgers and beers were served with approximately 40 current and past players attending
- \$1,000 was budgeted for this event and actual expenses were \$832
- Media coverage was given in the Oakville SNAP and an article with a photograph was written up in the Oakville Beaver
- The feedback for this event was very positive and Clyde said that the goal is to grow it by reaching out to more alumni. He also stated that he is welcoming ideas for the game next year being our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Lou Smeyers then gave the Financial Report saying that the policy of “no pay, no play” was continuing to be instituted rigidly. The early bird discount (\$135) drove a lot of members to get in their fees early.

The 2010 Winter League had 8 teams with expenses of:

- \$200 / field
- \$3,000 for refs
- \$3,000 for shirts
- \$1,000 for insurance
- \$2,000 for a “slush fund”

which yielded a small surplus of \$95. Lou said that the surplus would have been greater if we had sponsors (\$300 each) and urged each member to solicit them.

The 2010 Fall League yielded \$12,000 in fees plus \$900 in sponsors (3) and again Lou reiterated that we need more sponsors. We saved money on shirts this year and budgeted \$1,500 for the year end party at Crusaders. We should have a surplus of \$3,200 at year end. Because of HST, the Winter League fees will have to rise to \$215 from \$200 if we have no sponsors and with sponsors the fee should be \$210.

Steve spoke briefly about the upcoming Winter League saying that the games will again be played on Monday nights with the majority being at 9:00 p.m. with some at 8:00 or 10:00 p.m. We will have 8 teams again and Steve asked all attendees to start working on potential sponsors as we'd like to have 8 of them (\$300 each). The Ocho Bowl will be played in mid April 2011.

Joe addressed the \$15,000 separate account being controlled by the two past Executive members, Bob Ingram and Dan Neibert. Joe ran through the history of how this fund accumulated and acknowledged the good work of Bob and Dan in turning around a deficit situation into a surplus by standing firm on fees being paid on time.

The dispute with these past Executive members arose regarding the question of how to use the funds with Bob and Dan feeling that in the best interest of the league, the \$15,000 principal should not be touched but only the accruing interest. Because of the disagreement on the use of the fund, Bob resigned, Dan was removed from the Executive and Dave Fisher retired.

Bob Davidson suggested we have an election of the Executive and then a vote to grant the Executive a mandate to represent the members in resolving the issue of the \$15,000. Paul Woods supported Bob's position. Steve stated that one of the goals for 2011 is to put together a constitution and have Executive elections. All he wanted for now was a sense that the membership supports the Executive in bringing the \$15,000 under the control of NOMFTA.

Mark Rippin suggested that part of the constitution should require that we always have a \$5,000 surplus and decide how to use anything over \$5,000. Steve committed to holding an election before the Winter League. Bob Davidson reiterated that the \$15,000 belongs to the members who paid their fees while this surplus was growing.

Lou has talked to the bank regarding who should have access to the account and they have asked him to prepare a package of emails, minutes, etc. showing Dan's removal from the Executive and Bob's resignation. The bank may find their signing authority null and void.

A number of members suggested we not bother with the \$15,000 but move on from it and continue to operate prudently with a surplus. Rob Ringwall praised the Executive for their good work with this challenging issue and suggested we move forward and not let it drag us down.

The Questions and Answer period then followed with those members who spoke giving the Executive the authority to move forward with a constitution (which Dave Fisher had already drafted) and elections in 2011.

Nick DeNobile asked Steve about the \$4,000 cheque from the Ocho Bowl presented to Pinball Clemons and Steve said that Pinball was moved to tears because of our generosity. He also said that he may get some of the ex CFLer's out this year (i.e. Damon Allen).

Nick suggested we get some media exposure at next year's cheque presentation.

Paul Woods thanked the Executive and hoped that they felt that the positive feedback far outweighs the negative. Drew Todd acknowledged that the negative feedback bothered him a bit but that everyone was welcome to volunteer their time to improve what the Executive is doing.

Clyde Hencher mentioned that 3 of the Executive members were "rookies" and that after a full year would be more comfortable to move things forward positively.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

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**Attendees**

Jamie Laird  
Mike Soroka  
Rob Ringwald  
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R. Davidson  
Nick Denobile  
Vito Cafagna  
Kalvin MacLeod  
Alex Wysocki  
Kevin Foster  
Pat Egan  
Carleton Grant  
Drew LeBlanc  
Brett Gaskell  
Peter Charles  
Graham Edwards  
Michael Stefnitz  
Emanuel Ribeiro  
Scott Leckie  
Mark Rippin  
Rubard Blaskovic  
Geoff Lubert  
Crosley Grant  
Erick Lippert  
Paul Woods  
Steve Rusnyk  
Joe Cardi  
Drew Todd  
Andrew Solomon  
Lou Smeyers  
Ken Horton  
Dave Fisher  
Clyde Hencher