



**February 24, 2020 WDAFA AGM meeting  
7:00 pm MANLUCK Industries**

**Attendance:** President Codey Soanes, Vice President John Tomkinson, Treasurer Trish Baynes, Melissa Tomkinson, Daniel Branco, Steve Bredlow, Bobby Toews, Katheryn Weremey, Elly Lloyd, Kevin England, Jennifer Boyahchuk.

Vice President John Tomkinson acting as Secretary for AGM.

**Call to Order at 7:09pm.**

**Adoption of Agenda:** Kevin moved, Vote passed.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes presented and reviewed. John Moved, Melissa Second. Motion passed.

**Nominations for Board:**

**President:** Codey Soanes nominated by John Tomkinson. Melissa Tomkinson Seconds the nomination. Vote Passed.

**Vice President:** Katheryn Weremey nominated by Codey. Passed

**Secretary:** Elly LLOYD nominated by Kevin. Vote Passed

**Treasurer:** Trish Baynes nominated by Codey, Passed

**Check signing authority motion**

“That the entire executive has signing authority on Encompass Wetaskiwin bank account number # 508014185070 and that any past WDAFA members be removed from banking records and access.”

John Tomkinson Moved, Jennifer Bohaychuck Seconds, Vote passed.

**Board positions (filled/open):**

Atom 3

1. Kevin
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Peewee 3

1. Steve
2. Jenn
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Bantam 3

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Moved by John Tomkinson, seconded by Daniel Branco, Voted Passed:**

“That the 30-day notice is hereby given that at the next WDAFA Board meeting there will be a vote on amending the WDAFA Bylaws on Board composition to add a possible maximum 3 seats for Midget Girls Representatives.”

**Volunteer positions:**

Coaching Coordinator – Codey Soanes

Training Coordinator – Katheryn Weremey

Fundraising Coordinator – Ashley Anderson

Equipment Manager – Steve Bredlow

Midget Girls Manager – Codey Soanes

Bantam Manager – \_\_\_\_\_

Peewee Manager – Steve Bredlow & Jennifer Bohaychuk

Atom Manager – Kevin England

Flag Manager - \_\_\_\_\_

Midget Girls Head Coach – Nick Fricke

Bantam Head Coach – Daniel Branco

Peewee Head Coach – Nick Fricke

Atom Head Coach – Stan Morrow

Flag Head Coach - \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar – Codey Soanes & Trish Baynes

Spring Camp Coordinator – Codey Soanes

Webmaster – Daniel Branco

CDMFA Representative – Bobby Toews

**Finance report and Proposed Budget Report:**

Trish Baynes, attached.

2020 Budget presented, previous minutes indicated at 2019 AGM was \$11,349.09.

\$12,576.18 current bank balance. Includes additional RAMP fees etc.

Trish Moved, Steve moved, Passed

**Presidents report:**

Recruiting problem is probably going to be Bantam players (13-15 / Grade 8-9). Need to focus on recruiting. CDMFA is putting in 9 person teams. Pee wee will be 9 man. CDMFA meeting upcoming. CDMFA Board changing to governance style and now has two paid staff. Football Alberta size teams shrinking. City advocacy need on value of program to the City of Wetaskiwin and field access. Time is overdue for artificial turf installation. With growth of all programs including girls, football is very successful local program. Codey and John attended city financial meetings advocating for a proper field and city support for better facilities.

**Equipment report:**

Codey reports on certification of helmets as good for 10 years unless they are junior helmets which are certified for 5 years. Most of WDAFA helmets are Juniors and good for 5 years. Several helmets removed from circulation and placed in the trainers room. Could be used for awards. Will need to order more helmets and larger pants. Mouthguards, footballs, also needed. Good for Jerseys.

**CDMFA Report:**

Four CDMFA questions:

- A. Fee increase proposal at CDMFA. 40% subsidy. No team fee increase but per player increase proposal of \$10/player/season assessed to the teams. Discussion. Kevin reports from attending the meeting. Daniel moves WDAFA support, vote passed.
  - a. Motion by Steve that WDAFA fees increase by \$10/player/season.
- B. New league rule on behaviour with field officials: Any coach or player that receives a objectionable behaviour expulsion can result in \$500 fine after warning and ejection. As defined by CDMFA with penalties. Codey read out in detail. Discussion around mandatory parent meeting. John moves WDAFA support, vote passed.

- a. Moved that any coach or parent that causes a financial penalty or fine under this CDMFA rule shall be liable to repay to WDAFA before they and/or their child returns to play within WDAFA. Passed.
- C. Coaching requirements: No more 1 year grace period, all coaching requirements must be met by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Daniel Moved, Passed.
- D. Name of Organization: WDAFA.

**Flag Report:**

CDMFA issues. Flag league cost more to run than the others. Discussed running a locally organized Flag program and contact neighboring communities. Jason expressed interest in Coaching.

**Atom Report:**

Last year ended with bad event with CDMFA suspended 2 coaching staffs (not WDAFA). Both reinstated following investigations. Concerns about league sustainability and in talks with EFOA to do Atom officiating. Jamboree style presents challenges. Atom will fold without AFOA participation. Need certified referees. Could utilize central. WDAFA Board will meet again if CDMFA does not put Atom program together. Could go to play in Red Deer.

**Peewee Report:**

Low numbers but by end of season had good development. 25 Atoms moving up into Bantam. Do we need 2 teams with 9 player teams. Will be 9 person provincials excluding Calgary. For recruiting additional school visits needed, all board members encouraged to reach out to local schools for recruiting.

**Bantam Report:**

Daniel reported: WRPS grade 9 is not high school. Need players!

**Midget Girls Report:**

Need more girls to play. From Leduc to Red Deer there are 88 schools in our girls football catchment area. Need to communicate now. Have currently 28 on roster in 2 teams and growing. Combine practices over the past 2 weekends at Foote Field with up to 89 girls with 40 new girls. League has tripled in a year, now has 7 teams. City will support equipment use for snow removal. 2<sup>nd</sup> year growth is going very well.

**New Business:**

**Spring Camp: May 29 – 31, 2020:**

Codey seeking input on past process. Football Canada has put on hold for now but future looks like a future ban for contact spring camps. Does WDAFA move ahead to a flag spring camp or contact spring camp? Discussion held.

Decision set - Spring camp 2020 set up: Flag and Atom NO equipment contact fundamentals (helmets only for sizing); Pee wee and Bantam equipment contact fundamental. Equipment stays with WDAFA.

RAMP system costs for registration have increased.

Motion by Kelly that spring registration for 2020 by \$30. Seconded by Katheryn. Passed.

**Coaching clinics:**

Concussion training; All coaches **must** have “Safe Contact”.

All staff with player exposure **must** have “Headway” (free course).

Coaching level certification for introduction is required by head coach and minimum 4 other coaches. Coach.ca has records.

Filming of games to be encouraged at all levels. Casino Fundraisers returning and one upcoming.

Discussion on dates set for next season and concept of parent coaches.

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:10 pm**