

V.P. H.S. REPORT FOR A.G.M. FEBRUARY 6, 2021

I like to begin by thanking all our executive members for their hard work and commitment to meeting every month during this Pandemic time.

This High School Football season we were faced with a Pandemic Covid 19 that cancelled all high school football games. H.S. Teams were able to practice in Phase 2 but Health and Government Officials never moved to Phase 3. As an association we did conduct one Education session this year in September reviewing the rule changes in 2020 on Zoom.

We as an executive are encouraging all members to write the N.F.H.S. exam achieving a minimum score of 80%. This year we had 54 members with 50 achieving 80% or better.

A year ago the executive felt it needed to change the B.C.F.O.A. Website and the executive approved to forward the work to Daryl Fernquist of FernWeb web designs.

As you recall we took the advice of Mr. Fernquist to change it to a members-only type of website. Other than general information on the main page you now have to login to see the rest of the site, including posts, documents, bylaws and policies.

All members must have a username and password to login and if they forgot it then a forget-password feature is available on the login page. If you are still having trouble, then you can contact Karen Madill secretary@bcfoa.ca

For new users, there is a new electronic membership application form on the general public page. Anyone wanting to become a member must fill out the form which will go to Karen Madill, Secretary and then Karen.

Most of the content from the old site has been moved over to the new site. We will continuously update the information as it comes our way.

Karen Madill has been instrumental in making this a smooth transition. We are getting closer to completing this task.

If you recall, we have created three new electronic forms.

A membership application form, and out of province application to referee in BC form and the mentorship form for evaluators and VPs. The evaluators can oversee the completed forms while the evaluators can select a referee from the database for their evaluations. All evaluations will be databased and be available for archive purposes.

We created a new mail server and has been updated with all the positions of the executive members to have a title for their email address This email is then forward it to their personal emails in the background. So personal emails are no longer showing on the site.

Another initiative that the executive agreed to continue was the Arbiter App. The feedback we received from the membership was very positive and we renewed it for another year and will continue next season as well.

The National Federation of High School has also provided an app for their rule and case books. This year we purchased 50 licenses and we distributed it to a first come first serve basis.

The executive purchased a new web conferencing and meeting platform called Zoom. Last year we used an online web conferencing program called JOINME and we discovered that Zoom platform allowed more capacity for our members to join in. As an association we recognized the importance of having provincial participation in our Meetings and Educational Sessions. Next season we will try to hold most of our Educational Sessions on Zoom and hopefully our participation across the Province will continue to increase.

The Fee structure goes as follows for High School Officials:

YRS EXP.	CURRENT	NEW	DIFF	NOTE
1	\$61	\$66	\$5	
2	\$66	\$71	\$5	
3	\$68	\$73	\$5	
4	\$70	\$75	\$5	
5	\$72	\$77	\$5	
HEAD REF	\$74.50	\$79.50	\$5	

Mentorship Observation Fee \$60

Here are some goals for this upcoming 2021 season:

- Continue to build capacity and sustain our membership across the Province
- Continue to mentor young officials and work towards exchanging officials across the Province.
- Continue to communicate on a regular basis with the new President of BCHS Football, Travis Bell.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officials for their patience and understanding during this unprecedented historic Pandemic of 2020.

As we look forward to 2021, I know we are all committed to ensure the safety and fair play for all of our High School Football games across the Province.

All the best in 2021.

Regards,

Frank Roberto

Vice-President High School