



BCFOA UPDATE

It has been a long time since we have been together, on or off the field, but the executive continues to meet monthly and is working closely with all stake holder groups to get us back on the field as well.

On behalf of the executive, President Nigel Bushe, here are some updated information.

Call out for Photos: The BCFOA is developing a recruiting plan to attract new officials. Karen Madill, Secretary has reached out to Hans Vanderdoe and Walter Becker to provide photos so we can create a sample for our webpage and receive approval from our executive to move forward. We would like to have some action shots from all levels of football that BCFOA officials have officiated and achieved. This would include CFL & NFL, if possible, as we have members that have achieved these levels.

Please send to secretary@bcfoa.ca and include your permission for the BCFOA to use the photo for marketing purposes. If you are not in the picture but know who is, please include that information and an executive member will contact them for permission.

Clean up of Membership & Arbiter list: VP American, Frank Roberto and Karen Madill have cross checked a couple of lists in consultation with the allocators and member services of the different areas so we are not paying for memberships, insurance, etc. We have done this annually to ensure both lists match and to make the treasurers task a little easier.

The Arbiter list has gone from over 170 to match the membership list at 133 members.

As we move forward, no one will be added to Arbiter without completing a BCFOA membership application and obtaining a CRC, criminal record check. This will include all off field, ball boys, stick crews, etc. for all contracts the BCFOA fulfills. Reasoning is that all these people must be insured, and a CRC is required to be "at" a field when under the BCFOA umbrella.

On a positive note, Frank Roberto has negotiated a lower cost for the Arbiter subscription for the upcoming season which includes Arbiter mobile App.

CRC update: The CRC was requested two years ago when the provincial body made it mandatory that no one will be assigned a game without a CRC on file. But there are changes, Nigel Bushe has obtained a letter of affirmation that other provinces are using so we do not have to get a CRC every three years. This was presented at the last executive meeting and once changes align with the BCFOA then it will be sent out annually to all members that currently have a CRC on file.

All BCFOA members will be expected to complete the form and returned to the secretary prior to the new season assignments. Look for this by middle of June to complete and send it back ASAP to ensure you will be cleared for assignments.

Website: The BCFOA executive approved an upgrade for the WordPress system to give us a few more capabilities and design features. It is being set up offline by our web master and Karen Madill will be trained within the next week or so.

Future Training: We as an executive feel, we will be on the field in 2021 at all levels. All meetings **will** be starting within a month or so, via Zoom. Notifications will be sent out from the website, when & where, and the sessions will be recorded and provided to the secretary to be posted on the BCFOA website for members to review from.

BCFOA member & Association info: The BCFOA board has been working hard to rebuild the history and data of our records and had sent out a request for individual member information last December. This task has been handed over to the Member Services Directors to complete in their areas. This is important to the association for numerous reasons, as your dedication to the game is important. Please respond to the area reps readily when they contact you.

Any questions, contact your area rep, executive member or throw an email to general@bcfoa.ca