

# THOUSAND ISLANDS MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE



**Date:** June 4, 2019

**Time:** 7:45 p.m.

**Location:** 541 Days Road

**Recording Secretary:** Rob Christian

## **In Attendance:**

Joe Pacheco (Chair), Chad Haffie, Chris Flake, Sara LeRoy, Krista Nitschke, Trevor Weir

**Regrets:** Randy Ruttan (Sydenham was still represented)

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## **Finals' Weekend:**

TIMFL will holding its final games on June 22 – 23 at Regi. June 22<sup>nd</sup> will start with the two Atom level games followed by the three mini Pee wee games. The Atom and Pee wee finals will follow later in the day. The Bantam games and finals will be play on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sara indicated that she will attempt to secure a food service truck for one of the days.

## **Journey to the Final Weekend: Regarding Pee wee Division:**

This division will be observed carefully in an attempt to determine the top two teams. This division is difficult to deal with given that there are only five teams and the season is relatively short.

The upcoming team schedule might have to be altered slightly to determine the first and second place teams.

There are 6 Bantam teams, 5 Pee wee game teams, and 4 Atom teams.

Centralized registration might be a solution that could lead to one additional Pee wee team and some form of balanced schedule. Making the season longer is difficult as most grass fields are not available until mid-May.

Krista indicated she has had complaints about changes to the playoff structure. Some of the changes were due to the **win at all cost** attitude from parents.

There is a good chance that Cogeco will be able to provide video coverage of the Sunday Bantam games. Some concerns were raised about the Saturday not being covered.

Players from the Queen's Gaels will be present to provide tips and encouragement, and gifts will be provided to all players.

### **Equipment Return:**

On the final weekend, following the games, parents will have an opportunity to return equipment in return for deposit cheques. Photos of players and teams will also be provided.

### **Competitive Edge:**

All present at this gathering were in agreement that coaches at this level should not be trying to obtain a competitive advantage by going outside the spirit of the rules. At the end of the day, TIMFL wants to have the players obtain and retain a positive experience.

### **Confusion with Rules:**

It was suggested that next year, the timers and coaches bring with them the appropriate rule set for that age group.

### **Other Business:**

The application has been submitted to obtain a lottery license. All indications are that TIMFL will qualify.

There was a question of tactics used by the Knights Bantam coaching staff (using a player both ways, coaches accused of coaching after the snap). Prior to the season next year, there will be greater emphases placed on the rules and the spirit of those same rules. It might be a good idea to have some officials involved with the same education session.

The rules are clear that if an individual has to play both ways, one of those positions has to be on the line of scrimmage. (e.g. Running back and defensive tackle, or cornerback and offensive lineman)

Durham youth football does not permit a player to score more than two touchdowns in one game.

The season cannot start earlier as the school boards will not allow the league to utilize the grass fields until the middle of May.

Centralized registration would be helpful on many parts. It would help with the areas that are underrepresented. Parents can indicate if they are unable to travel. Players can be evaluated (graded) and then selected by the various head coaches. Hopefully, this will make more competitive teams. One Area Representative was not in favour of having coaches determine the makeup of the teams.

Efforts will also be made to promote the league within the local schools through the school boards.

## Next Meetings

The Executive will meet again in June 2019 to perform a postmortem on the season.  
The AGM will be held in September 2019 at a place to be determined.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**