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Meeting: Pre-Season Bantam Football Meeting
Date: Thursday, August 25th, 2011
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: English Montreal School Board
6000 Fielding Avenue
Room 114

Minutes

Present: Marco Santillo, Peter Harding, Dominic Beaudry, Ted Shaw, Michel Cardinal, Matt Connell, Don McEwen.

Election of a Chairperson: Don chaired the meeting

100 Additions to and approval of agenda

501 – Kick off clarification
502 – Minimum numbers
503 – Time keeping devices

Motion to approve: Michel Cardinal Seconded: Ted Shaw Unan.

200 Approval of pre-season minutes of August 2010

Motion to approve: Dominic Beaudry Seconded: Maro Santillo Unan.

300 Business arising from minutes:

We are once again able to have access to the project set up by the Montreal Children's Hospital concerning concussions and the safe return to competition. A letter describing the program was distributed. This program is a follow up of any student that has suffered a concussion. The doctors will perform an evaluation and advise the parents and coaches when the student can safely resume playing. Updated "kits" outlining the steps that should be followed were distributed.

400 New Business: None

401 Handbook and Governing Rules: The handbook was reviewed.

402 Weight Limit: The weight limit for all players that are not down linemen is 145 lbs. This weight must be met within 48 hours of the first game. These players are permitted to gain a maximum of 10 lbs. during the season.

The weight limit for the Offensive and Defensive linemen is 160 lbs. These players are allowed to gain a maximum of 5 lbs. during the season. All players listed as down linemen must remain as down linemen for the entire season.

Teams will be asked to verify the weights of their players prior to the championship game.

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403 Schedule Dates: Last day of the regular season – Oct. 21st.
Semi Finals: Tuesday Oct. 26th – 3:00 pm (4th vs 1st and 3rd vs 2nd)

404 Championship Date: Saturday October 29th – 10:00am at the home of the higher seed.

405 Registration of Players: **All forms** - Player registration (including weight), Acceptance of Risk and Coaches Commitment) **must be in before the team's first game**. Be sure to verify the birthdays. (Sept.1st,1996 or later).

406 Physio for season is school's responsibility. For the Semis and Championship, GMAA will supply the therapist (**or** cover the cost of the school's).

407 Officials – Ron Romanado will again assign the officials. Anyone wanting to play exhibition games or Jamborees should contact him as early as possible, at least one week for Jamborees. romanado@videotron.ca, rromanado@lbpearson.qc.ca. 514-674-1162

408 Schedule changes: Coaches are asked to verify their schedule and make all corrections by Monday Sept. 6th. After that date, there will be a charge of $10 for any change to the schedule that is not of an emergency nature. No change will be accepted after noon of the school day prior to the scheduled game.(date, location or time). (Both coaches must confirm the change before it will be accepted.)

409 Sportsline: The home team must phone the Sportsline (482-3055) **the night of the game** to let us know of the score. If the score is not called in the night of the game the team will be subject to a $10 fine, indicated on the schedule by a red star in the "off" column.
The home team is also responsible for faxing in a copy of the score sheet (487-0121) **the day after the game** so that we can verify the score. If the score sheet is not faxed in to the office within 5 working days, the team is subject to a $10 fine. If the office has received your score sheet it will be indicated on the schedule with a blue star beside the game number column.

Blue Stars are good - Red Stars are bad

501 **Kick - off clarification**: All players that have made weight for the game (including down linemen) are eligible to carry the ball on kick-off returns. It is expected that coaches will make every effort to keep the lineman are in the first row only.

502 **Minimum Number of players**: There was some concern that the schools with a smaller number of players to draw from were having trouble being able to dress the required number of players (20). This has resulted in some forfeits in the past.

It was moved that the minimum number of players required to dress be reduced to 15.
Moved: Pete Harding Second: Matt Connell Passed (4-0-2)

503 **Timing devices**: A request was made that every team have a timing device that is visible to each team throughout the game – Main scoreboard , portable timer etc. It is very difficult for the coaches to know how much time remains when there is only a stop watch or the time is being kept by the referees.