

Vancouver Youth Soccer Association

2016 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th, 2016

Regrets: Tom Madden, Michele Chui Absent: Ed Soltysik, Glyn Roberts

Meeting called to order by Chair, Floyd Salazar at 7.06pm.

Introduction of Guests: Don Dancey (BCSA & VYSA Life Member, BC Soccer), David Joseph (VYSA Life Member)

Review of the minutes from VYSA Annual General Meeting on the May 12th, 2015. Motion to accept: Susan/Kieran. Carried.

Business Arising: Nothing to report.

Chair's Report: Floyd Salazar

Report issued. Floyd reiterated his thanks to all VYSA board members, club board members, officials and referees.

Officers' Reports:

1. Treasurer: Steven Chang

Report issued as an addendum to the AGM booklet. For the year to April 30th, 2016 there is circa \$23,000 surplus compared to the budget. Revenue is 9% above the revenue forecast in the budget. Expenses are 3% above forecast. VYSA currently has total assets of \$194,762.94

2. Performance Bond: Anu Kainth - Verbal report issued by Steve Minns.

Total cost of infractions = \$6285.00 (101 games) The large number of infractions for lack of ARs was the main difference to last season.

3. Scheduler/Registration: Pat Banks- Report issued.

Congratulations to all Vancouver teams who were successful in the provincial 'A' and 'B' Cups. Registration numbers have increased from last year.

4. Referee-in-Chief: Marc Bowley

There have been no major issues this year. There was initially some concern over the treatment of young referees by parents and officials. This situation has, however, improved. Club presidents are able to help by reminding parents and officials of the need to be respectful.

5. 4District Boys Discipline: Jackie Larson - Report issued.

Ab Bryant was thanked for preparing the graphs in the report.

Dave Hargreaves, Bob Harrison, Doug Ross and Jackie Larson were all thanked for their time reviewing cases on the discipline board.

6. 4District Soccer League Report: Jackie Larson - Report issued.

Don Dancey advised that the retreat line may be adopted at all levels for cup games.

7. VC Boys Report: Susan Dhillon - Report issued.

8. VC Girls & Girls Discipline Report: Michelle Chui.- Report issued.

9. BCCGSL Rep Report: Michelle Chui - Report issued.

There was some discussion as to the possible need to increase fines for teams withdrawing from the league in order to minimize disruption.

Gregor Young asked whether any thought had been given to increasing roster sizes from U13 to U16 to decrease the number of teams withdrawing. Floyd pointed out that this is a BC rule. It was noted that the deadline for forwarding items for the BCSA AGM agenda had passed but this could be raised at the Youth forum.

Peter Delaney highlighted the problem of allowing some teams to switch their games from Sundays to Saturdays for religious reasons (some games on Saturdays have to be forfeited as many players have other commitments on Saturdays).

10. Parks/Field Liaison: Floyd Salazar - Report issued.

11. U11 Boys' & U11/12 In-House Girls' Scheduler: Floyd Salazar – Report issued.
There has been interlock with Burnaby this year. Gregor suggested that Burnaby field fewer teams as they were not very competitive this year.
12. Van FC Rep: Randy Finlay - Nothing to report.
Randy raised a number issues in his role as a referee including the lack of volunteer help by parents; lighting and drainage issues at Andy Livingstone field; and the difficulty in finding and retaining ARs.
13. MSL Report: Tom Madden - Report issued.
A group letter was sent to councilors regarding Andy Livingstone field, highlighting drainage, availability of rangers, washrooms, lighting, and other issues. There seems to be some willingness to improve the environment, particularly the drainage (a study has been commissioned).
14. Risk Management: Kieran Siddall - Nothing to report.
15. U13-U18 Referee Scheduler: Ed Soltysik - Report issued.
16. BC Summer Games: Susan Dhillon and Jaiden Simmons - Report issued. One correction was noted: coaches were appointed at the end of January.
17. Webmaster: Klaus Iden Report issued.
Motion to accept the Officers and Appointees AGM reports: Steve/Randy. Carried.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – The decision as to whether to have ARs at U15 league games will be voted on at the next 4D meeting. The league rule for 15/16 was to have AR's at U15 cup games. Clubs should respond to VYSA with their views as soon as possible. Louise Seto mentioned the need for additional officiating clinics. Clubs are to contact Marc Bowley with any requirements. There is likely to be a grace period of 1 season, if approved.

Don Dancey, on behalf of BC Soccer, mentioned that BCSA also had challenges finding volunteers. Don reiterated his commitment to Vancouver soccer.

There is a new requirement for coaches to have 'Soccer for Life' and 'Learn to Train'. This will be effective from September 1st, with a six month grace period. It will, however, be required for cup play.

Don thanked all referees and mentioned again the need to respect referees.

When Don was on the VYSA board there were 17 clubs, now there are 7, but the issues that arise are similar.

On behalf of Roger Barnes and the rest of the BCSA board, everyone in Vancouver was congratulated on another successful year.

120 applications for scholarships were received by BCSA. 2 of the 17 recipients of awards this year are from Vancouver.

BCSA finances are healthy and there will not be any fee increases this year.

Elections: Jackie Larson, Susan Dhillon, Steven Chang and Kieran Sidall were re-elected, as well as two new directors, Sue Sinclair and Wetzel Pickering for 2 year terms.

Tom Madden was re-elected for a 1 year term.

Motion to destroy ballots: Louise Seto/Randy.

Presentations – Each of the four boys' districts submits a name for their Pioneer Award Recipient and Don Faccone of ICSF was awarded the 4D Pioneer Award for Vancouver for outstanding contribution to youth soccer.

Michele Chui was thanked for her time and dedication whilst serving on the VYSA board. She recently completed her 2 year term and is not standing for re-election.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:36pm. Susan/Jackie. Carried.

Steven Minns, VYSA Secretary

Next VYSA Board/Club Presidents' meeting will be on May 16th at 7pm at the Tai Kong Church.