



**Vancouver Youth Soccer Association
VYSA Board and Club Presidents Meeting Minutes January 20, 2016**

Regrets: Steven Minns, Kieran Siddall, Jamie Cirotto (ICSF)

Absent: No representation from KLM and Killarney

Present: (VYSA unless otherwise noted) Jaiden Simmons, Floyd Salazar, Michelle Chui, Susan Dhillon (VYSA and Marpole), Tom Madden (VYSA & Van FC), Jackie Larson, Glyn Roberts, Randy Finlay, Darren Sherbot (VAFC), Peter Delaney (VUFC), Marc Bowley, Steven Chang, Pat Banks

Meeting was called to order by Floyd Salazar at 7:03pm

Motion: to accept the agenda with two additions. Glyn/Jaiden - Carried.

Motion: to adopt the Board/Club Presidents' meeting minutes of October 19th with correction under BCCGSL discipline report. Michelle/Susan - Carried.

Minutes

Motion: to adopt the minutes of the VYSA Board Meeting held on November 23, 2015. Susan/Steven – Carried.

Officer's Reports:

Health & Welfare – Jackie Larson – A Get Well card was sent to Steven Minns as he's broken his leg.

Treasurer's Report –Steven Chang. The district has collected \$14,000 additional registration fees and \$6,000 additional field rental fees than budgeted. There are two more referee payment periods approximately \$50-\$60,000 plus honorariums to pay at the end of the season.

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report. Susan/Michelle – Carried.

2016-2017 Proposed Budget: Steven Chang: increased amounts allocated for Field Rental, BC Affiliation Fees, Registration fee income. Honoraria will be increased by \$5,950 regarding the three new positions.

The amount of the 4 scholarships has doubled to \$2000.00 each.

Action Item: Steven Minns to send out a notice to the clubs regarding the application deadline and to have it posted on the VYSA website.

Darren asked if an explanation could be put on the VYSA website regarding the complexities of scheduling. Most complaints are with the girls' games when the teams don't know the time and field.

He said there was a benefit in flexibility and could we adopt a more universal approach to scheduling. He will send an email explaining what he's looking for.

Floyd spoke to the amount of abuse that the schedulers have had to take throughout the season; it's appalling how they've been treated and one for certain and possibly two of the schedulers will resign at the end of the season.

Action Item: Floyd to check with Parks Board about the alleged 2% increase in fees. If so it will be factored into the budget.

The existing honorarium in the amount of \$18,400.00 has to be put back into the budget.

Motion: to accept the proposed budget. Susan/Randy – Carried.

Action Item: Notice of the 3 new positions must be sent to the clubs and put on the VYSA website with job descriptions included.

Referee-in-Chief - Marc Bowley – Marc has asked the clubs not to assign 12 year olds to U18 games; they should have at least two years' experience and he's available to hold Small-Sided & Entry Level clinics.

Peter mentioned that at VUFC they're looking into sending out more experienced referees to run the line with the young AR's until they become more confident.

Action Item: Marc to send out a set of guidelines for this situation for better management.

4District Boys Discipline:– Jackie Larson – case #108. Down slightly from last year at this time but BCSA is handling some of the more serious cases. The new discipline system is still a work in progress.

4District Boys Rep:– Glyn Roberts – reported that the league wants the districts to find out if their clubs are in agreement to assigning AR's from U15 to U18 starting the 16/17 season. Assigning AR's for U15 league cup was done on a trial basis this season (normally they're only required U16 to U18.)

Action Item: Clubs to respond with their input by not later than March 1st.

Michelle said that if the 4District passes this that she'll encourage the BCCGSL to adopt it as well so that both leagues are on the same page.

She also mentioned that the VYSA game report site needs to be programmed to target lack of AR's starting at U15 for performance bond purposes.

Glynn further reported that affective immediately that the *Wild Card tie breaking methodology* will be by play-off game.

Playing-up Policy: Floyd- Clubs should be aware that 4District will no longer allow whole teams comprised of under-age players to play up as per the recent policy struck by BCSA they will, however, allow individual players to play up. For more information go onto www.bcsoccer.net – BC will publish better player assessment tools via their technical department.

VC Girls & Girl Discipline - Michelle Chui – no discipline.

BCC Girls – Michelle Chui –League Championships started Jan. 10th, District Chairs' meeting Feb. 25th.

Peter: Some concerns noted by VUFC include: season post Xmas is short so questioning if some levels (e.g., Div 3) might just want to continue league play and then be guaranteed at least 2 extra games – would need to survey teams/clubs to consider this idea, as well as any other thoughts re the League Championship; when setting the schedule and there is an uneven number of teams, do not always give the Byes to the last grouping; no games on Saturdays.

U12 Div 1 – start time for out-of-town teams scheduled for 8:30. BCCGSL rule states that games shouldn't start before 9am and any team having to travel more than an hour should not have a game scheduled earlier than 11am. Suggestion: rather than lose 8:30 turf time slots those teams having to travel over an hour can be scheduled on grass. Michelle said that there's a proposal to have only two divisions in travel and non-travel groupings.

VC Boys – Susan Dhillon – the committee was still working on the **ITC's** trying to streamline the process and has a BC person involved in trying to push it forward.

Scheduler & Registration – Pat Banks – Registration Report circulated. Way up in the number of ICP's & transfers; down in travel permits.

There's still one U13 game to be played for the 4D Finals, Feb. 7th final B cup in-district games.

U11/U12 Scheduler - Floyd Salazar – the schedule is up for the balance of the season.

8-aside issue: trail of nasty emails from a NS team that didn't get moved and Pat suggests that the request be sent to 4District as the Schedulers don't want to be accused of tiering. Possibly the league needs to make a rule that there is either movement or no movement?

Action Item: 4D Scheduler to send request for a decision to the league.

Parks/Field liaison – concerns expressed to the commissioners & City Planner regarding the deteriorating field (drainage) and environment at Andy Livingston – people hanging around, unregistered users, hostility, increased complaint calls, use of the showers in the washroom. No timeline to rectify.

\$1.9 has been budgeted to replace turf at Point Grey and field hockey at Hamber. 8-aside turf is being done at Hillcrest. Randy pointed out that there are 12 bulbs burnt out at Andy Livingston.
Action Item: Floyd to bring this up at this coming Wednesday's meeting.

Van FC Rep - Nothing to report.

MSL Report – Tom Madden –presently the MSL has a combined U17/U18 division and there is an agreement to have separate divisions in the 16/17 season dependent on the number of teams.
2/3's of the make-up games are for Vancouver FC due to flooding at Andy Livingston

Risk Management, Mini/In-house discipline & VYSA Webmaster: Nothing to report.

BC Summer Games (U11/U12) – Susan Dhillon – sent out a reminder about the January 31st deadline to apply for coaching positions.

Scholarships: Committee is Glyn, Floyd and Steve Mins.

Action Item: Steven Minns to send an email to the clubs and request that the Webmaster put it on the website home page.

Motion: to accept all officers reports. Susan/Michelle – Carried.

Old Business – nil

New Business: Society Act has declared that as of November 28, 2016 most filings including annual reports will have to be filed on-line.

Michelle asked if VYSA has ever considered that the board should be made up of Club representatives?

Action Item: Presidents' to take back to their clubs to see if the VYSA C & Bylaws needs to be changed.

4District needs volunteers for their finals Feb. 27 & 28 and BCCGSL needs them for Feb. 28th.

4District Pioneer Award Recipient name: each district provides a name.

Action Item: name required by February 7th.

Photos taken at the field: Jaiden wanted to know what the policy was. BC states they can be taken for training purposes but photographer needs permission. Some clubs have a waiver for posting on their website but this doesn't cover any shots taken of the opposition.

Motion: to adjourn at 9:30 pm Susan/Randy - Carried.

NEXT MEETING will be February 15, 2016

Submitted by Jackie Larson on behalf of Steven Minns