

VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BOOKLET

5/23/2017

AGENDA



Vancouver Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting May 23rd, 2017

Regrets: K. Siddell, Glyn Roberts

Introduction of Guests:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Floyd Salazar at _____

Minutes: Motion to adopt AGM minutes of May 12th, 2016.

Business Arising:

Chair's Report – Floyd Salazar

Officers' Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report – Steven Chang
2. Vice-Chair Boys' – Susan Dhillon
3. BC Summer Games 2016 – Susan Dhillon & Jaiden Simmons
4. Registrar & Field Scheduler – Pat Banks
5. Performance Bond – Anu Kainth
6. Metro-Select SL – Tom Madden
7. VYSA In-house U11/U12 Boys' & Girls' Scheduler – Floyd Salazar
8. Parks & Field Liaison – Floyd Salazar
9. BC Coastal Girls' SL Rep – Wetzel Pickering
10. 4D Boys' SL Reps – Glyn Roberts & Jackie Larson
11. Vancouver FC Liaison – Sue Sinclair
12. Referee-in-Chief – Marc Bowley
13. 4D Boys' SL Scheduler – Sirtaj Ali
14. VYSA Mini-Scheduler – Gordon Quan
15. VYSA Webmaster – Klaus Iden
16. VYSA Referee Allocator – Ed Soltysik
17. 4District Boys' Discipline – Jackie Larson

**Motion to accept the directors' and appointees' reports

Elections: There are six (6) two-year terms – letting their names stand are: Floyd Salazar, Jaiden Simmons, Randy Finlay and Josie Pratt

**Motion to destroy the ballots.

Awards Presentations

Old Business

New Business

Motion to adjourn meeting at _____

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 (BC Soccer & VYSA Life Member), 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 BC SA 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 league 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 Siddall 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 Recipient 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.

VYSA Chairs Report - 2017 VYSA AGM – Floyd Salazar

My report will be brief so as not to take away from the other director reports.

The 2016-2017 playing season has concluded and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the VYSA Board members for their commitment. This year had many challenges from weather issues, the loss of key resources within leagues where our club teams participate in, and to governance challenges for the board. The board has been acting at a high professional level and I commend every single person for staying focused on our core goals as a board no matter how difficult and stressful the situation.

Every board member has a specific job to do as well as attend a meeting most months. I appreciate the dedication, diligence and fairness with which you bring to working with all clubs, organizations and leagues we support.

Without our appointed people the board members jobs would be more than onerous and we should not neglect in thanking them for their hours and hours of work done on behalf of the district.

Thank you to our referees for without them there wouldn't be a game. And finally thank you to the Club boards and their volunteers for all the work they do in organizing soccer for their players.

Vancouver Youth Soccer Association

2017-2018 Budget

REVENUE

Interest Income	\$	480.00
Performance Bonds	\$	5,000.00
Registration Fee Income	\$	350,000.00
Field Rental Payments	\$	107,100.00
Total Revenue	\$	462,580.00

EXPENDITURES

4District/BCCGSL Fees	\$	13,000.00
Advertising Expense	\$	100.00
Bank Charges	\$	120.00
BCSA Affiliation Fees	\$	231,000.00
Clinics-Referees	\$	1,000.00
Clinics-Team Officials	\$	-
Contingency	\$	3,000.00
Equipment - Office	\$	1,000.00
Field Rental Usage	\$	107,100.00
Gifts	\$	50.00
Honoraria Expense	\$	25,500.00
Meeting Expense	\$	500.00
Min of Finance Fees	\$	25.00
Office Expenses	\$	600.00
Performance Bond	\$	1,500.00
Postage Expense	\$	200.00
Printing Expense	\$	200.00
Professional Services	\$	1,500.00
Referee + Asst Referee Fees	\$	95,000.00
Scholarships	\$	8,000.00
Special Events	\$	500.00
Telephone & Internet Expense	\$	2,000.00
Travel	\$	3,000.00
Trophies and Awards	\$	200.00
Web Page	\$	200.00
Total Expenditures	\$	495,295.00

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of Vancouver Youth Soccer Association as at April 30, 2016 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Chartered Professional Accountants Vancouver, British Columbia March 15, 2017

VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet April 30	(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)	2016	2015
Assets	Current		
Cash and term deposits		\$ 171,896	\$ 143,812
Amounts receivable		826	4
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		\$ 172,722	\$ 143,816
Liabilities			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 9,399	\$ 2,488
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Net Assets			
Unrestricted		163,322	141,328
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		\$ 172,721	\$ 143,816

VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended April 30 (Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2016	2015
Revenues		
Registration	\$ 372,762	\$ 345,755
Field rental	99,104	91,953
Performance bond	11,595	6,511
Interest	771	70
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	484,232	444,289
Expenditures		
Associate fees	218,363	216,619
Field rental	102,037	89,485
Referee fees	92,643	80,791
Honorarium	18,400	27,600
Scholarships	11,000	4,000
Vancouver FC subsidy	5,000	10,000
Professional fees	4,991	0
Travel	4,697	0
Office	3,207	2,777
Telephone	1,759	2,229
Bank charges	140	164
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	462,237	433,665
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures for Year	21,995	10,624
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	141,328	130,704
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 163,323	\$ 141,328

VYSA Vice-Chair Boys' - 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Susan Dhillon

This report is almost as short as our 2016/2017 playing season!

My time was spent on routine administrative work as required on a time to time basis as a member of the executive of the Vancouver Youth Soccer Association (“VYSA”) Board of Directors with representation at the 4District meetings if required when one of our two 4District representatives could not attend.

With the facilitated meeting in October and the special general meeting in January, there was little time to spend on building a mentorship program as well as a continuous education plan with our Referee Committee as I planned to. Work on this project is a priority over the 2017/2018 playing season.

We had our first VYSA facilitated meeting of the technical directors of the Vancouver soccer clubs. The meeting was well attended and a good base was set for future meetings and communication amongst this group. The group will be meeting each quarter and more frequently if that is required.

I wish all of our teams that have qualified for the 2017 Provincial Cup good health and success. Hoping the weather cooperates for the 2017/2018 playing season.

BC Summer Games 2016 Zone-5 Soccer – Susan Dhillon & Jaiden Simmons

The 2016 BC Summer Games took place July 21 - 24, 2016 in Abbotsford. Athletes from eight distinct zones competed in several events. The Zone 5 BC Summer Games program commenced with coach selection process, which was completed by the set target date and announcements were made in February. Tryouts commenced in April within a few districts in our zone (Richmond, Vancouver, North Vancouver). Our program continued until the conclusion of the Games in late July. Player roster size for each team was 18 players maximum.

Team Officials: Girls: Clive Clarke and Rachel Ramsden Boys: Jason Kyle

Player Eligibility

In order to have been eligible for our teams, players must have resided in the zone (see below on communities that make up Zone 5) and must have been born in 2001 or 2002 (no underage players are permitted).

This year the game moved from 8- aside to 11-aside so that BC Soccer could continue the evaluation process of players not playing in the BC Soccer Premier League so we also had the following rule apply: *Player must be registered with BC Soccer and is outside of a full time High Performance environment. High Performance environments in British Columbia are: BC Soccer Premier League, BC Soccer High Performance Program, Whitecaps FC Boys Pre-Residency, Residency and REX Girls Elite Programs & Canada Soccer Association National Team Programs. Players entering this competition are representing a BC Games Zone and not a youth club or league. Zone 5 Details - <https://www.bcgames.org/Games/Zones/Zone5.aspx>*

Zone-5 consists of Bowen Island, Brackendale, Britannia Beach, D'arcy, Delta, Garden Bay, Garibaldi Highlands, Gibsons, Granthams Landing, Halfmoon Bay, Ladner, Langdale, Lions Bay, Madeira Park, Mount Currie, North Delta, North Vancouver, Pemberton, Pender Harbour, Port Mellon, Roberts Creek, Richmond, Sechelt, Squamish, Steveston, Tsawwassen, Vancouver, West Vancouver, and Whistler.

Our girls placed fifth and our boys with a heartbreaking loss in the final match placed second with a silver medal awarded to our team.

2017 is our off year and the next BC Summer Games take place in 2018. We should start receiving correspondence in August with our coach selection process to begin in December 2017.

VYSA FIELD SCHEDULER'S – 2017 VYSA AGM REPORT – Patricia Banks

Weather played havoc with our scheduling this year. Of the 23 weeks of league schedules, 5 weeks were completely snowed or frozen out and 3 partially. That's not even including the flooded Andy Livingstone fields. VPB will reimburse VYSA for the unusable times in the near future and the clubs will get refunds back at that time.

VPB also closed three grass fields for the season and 2 other fields for part of the season. According to FIFA, we weren't allowed to schedule on Clinton South as it has a turf goal area, which sometimes made finding enough fields challenging.

I believe that the '17-'18 season may be even more of a challenge in field scheduling as 4D is looking for a new scheduling system and it appears that those in charge of doing that are not thinking that prioritizing field pairing is an important requirement. It will be interesting.

Coastal and Provincial A Cup

This year, in addition to the Van FC teams, VYSA had 4 Gold teams enter A instead of B. Unfortunately, VYSA did not have a representative in the Coastal Cup finals.

Coastal and Provincial B Cup

None of the VYSA boys' reps made it to the Coastal Cup finals. On the girls' side, VUFC U18 Wolfpack and U15 Comets are in the Coastal Cup finals and so will also be in the Provincials. Good luck to both teams.

VYSA REGISTRATION REPORT

A separate report with numbers by club is attached.

VYSA was down by 333 registered league players this year but had 289 more team officials. While 5 of the clubs were up or remained close to their previous numbers, two of the clubs account for the losses. Most of these players just disappeared from the soccer scene which should be a source of worry for the future as they were mostly at the younger age levels. If they went to other Districts, the OOD requests don't reflect that.

Percentage of registered VYSA players -

Van FC	3%	KLM	8%	MAR	5%	VAFC	28%
ICSF	6%	VUFC	43%	KIL	7%		

Each of the last three years has seen the number of transfers and game day permits surpassed. Again, the majority of the transfers were to move players within a club during the first few weeks of the season.

Numerous changes to team officials after the contact lists have been published have resulted in fines beginning in the 17-18 season. Clubs were using age group coordinators and administrators in order to make teams viable for affiliation time, even though the reg. information says names submitted as the first two team officials at affiliation time must be the same individuals who will be with the team in September. Now, any changes after July 15 will result in a \$10 fine per name.

Three clubs entered teams into the Cascadia Spring League and one entered the SMBC Spring League. Lack of communication from two of these clubs resulted in a lot more last minute work than there ever should have been since they chose to ignore the communications from the District asking if they had Spring League teams and did not get all of the information they needed in order to get their players registered in a timely and much less confusing way. Lack of response is a recurring problem, not only with regard to Spring League, but at other times of the year when emails are sent out asking for input and there are no responses.

Numerous changes to the Spring League rosters also created problems in their getting Photo ID done easily as the teams would present rosters that weren't the most up to date. One team had 6 different rosters in just two weeks. There were 5 cases of players who registered with two different clubs, one player was with two different clubs, one in each league.

Four clubs have sent registration for new participants in their Spring Camps, so it appears that only VUFC, VAFC, KLM and KIL have programs with any new players going on between the end of fall/winter season and June 1.

Now that BCSA has said all Spring Leagues must be sanctioned by them and all of the same rules and regulations as the fall and winter leagues apply, registration continues right through to June 1, only to start up again June 23 with the 17-18 season ITP/Preliminary Registration.

The worsening frustration of having to enforce BCSA and various league rules when other Districts do not (and there seems to be no consequences for that) as well as the fact that registration has now become a full time job with no breaks, I've given VYSA notice that the 17-18 season will be my last.

Submitted by



May 2, 2017

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VYSA Performance Bond Summary Reports - 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Anu Kainth

The preparation of the reports generally takes about 30-45 minutes each month. It appears that the majority of clubs do not review, or if they do, do not have changes.

Accumulating totals for all clubs: Corner Flags 15, Goal Nets 8, Assistant Refs - 47, Team Lists - 6

BCSA Photo ID Cards

This has been an interesting experience. Majority of the clubs did not use card stock paper which made the cards very flimsy. Clubs should be fined for not using card stock; and if clubs want to print on card stock, they must cut their cards individually. I found almost all of Cascadia cards were printed onto card stock, but they were not cut so it added time to preparing the cards. Perforated card stock provided by VYSA is okay as it's easier to separate.

Two teams used a different kind of pen that went invisible when laminating. I can't recall which ones, but they came and rewrote the cards with a different pen.

Teams were not submitting cards within the 7 days deadline once roster is issued. They were holding onto them knowing there were others being added. Clubs shouldn't submit rosters to VYSA knowing there are a few stragglers. It adds double the time for both the District Registrar and I; as I was having to email Pat to confirm. Clubs were not fined for this as I wasn't aware to make notes, but will be doing so next season. The list from Pat on all registered teams was very helpful.

I opened up my home closer to the deadline in September so teams could wait about 5 to 10 minutes for their cards, avoiding an unnecessary trip back. This wasn't an inconvenience and I would probably do it again, depending upon my situation at that time. Photo ID cards were being issued as late as February.

Deadline for Cascadia cards was changed and I wasn't aware. For next season, can we please make it (minimally) one week before games start. I realize this was the first season but clubs did have sufficient time and chose to wait to accumulate cards and send at one time (Van FC this week). Cards were issued over one month for Cascadia.

I've submitted a suggested edit to the roster form to Pat for next season. [We can "add any cards to return, can be given to me"] Again, no matter how much we tell clubs, or write it out, they still play ignorance not wanting to accept the procedures.

Overall, great experience and I look forward to it next season 😊

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Metro Selects League Rep - 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Tom Madden

League Schedule and Age Divisions

MSL League schedules were finalized in late August with the season beginning on September 11th. As with all other leagues, the MSL was heavily impacted by field closures due to snow. This resulted in substantial problems in completing the balanced schedule in order to determine a league champion in all divisions. Excellent coordination between the VYSA district, Vancouver FC and the league scheduler allowed all key championship-determining games to be completed as required. However for several divisions it was not possible to confirm second, third and fourth place teams (further discussed below). As a result of these challenges the MSL board approved the recognition of more than one runner-up team in certain divisions where a final placement was not possible.

Coastal Cup (A and B Cup)

As a result of the delays in determining final league standings in certain divisions and/or an inability to confirm second, third and fourth places, seeding for some divisions for Coastal A cup was not possible. As a result some league championship teams needed to play preliminary games for Coastal cup or high-ranked teams met each other in early Coastal cup rounds. This was unfortunate but unavoidable given the uniquely challenging season.

MSL Age Divisions for 2016-2017 Season

For the 2016-'17 season MSL ran separate U17 and U18 boys divisions but there were not sufficient girls' teams and hence a combined U17/18 division was played. Vancouver FC entered separate U17 and U18 boys' teams and one U18 girls' team (1999s and 2000s). For the 2017-18 season separate U17 and a U18 divisions will be played for both boys and girls.

Vancouver FC Success at MSL

During the 2016-'17 season the Vancouver FC U14 boys and the U18 girls were runners-up in their respective divisions.

MSL Rules

The MSL, working with BC Soccer and the Districts, is close to finalizing a new version of their rules. This includes new information on the criteria to be used by the MSL board in considering new teams applying for entry and returning teams.

Summary

The MSL operated a competitive high-level league in 2016-'17 which represents the second tier of competitive play below the smaller BC Soccer Premier League (HPL). The league seeks to operate a balanced schedule at all age divisions with teams playing equal numbers of games (including equal numbers of home and away games) allowing recognition of league champions and runners-up on the boys and girls side. Due to the unprecedented number of games lost to weather this past season this was challenging but the board, in concert with league and district schedulers address the problem to the best of their ability.

VYSA Boys' and Girls' U11/U12 In-house - 2017 VYSA AGM Report - Floyd Salazar

U11 Silver

- Season commenced with 14 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Silver boys teams participated in 4-6 friendly matches on weekends with North Shore Boys teams,
- North Shore has approved continuing with interlock schedule of games.
- Season end total = 14 teams

U11 Bronze

- Season commenced with 13 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Season end total = 13 teams

Note:

- **Due to weather the season was cut short and we lost about 6 weeks of games.**
- Interlock games were competitive and North Shore had no issues with the standard of play and overall distribution

Girls U11 Gold/Silver A/B

U11 Gold

- Season commenced with 9 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Mid-season changes: 1 team requested to move down into Silver A
- Season end total = 10 teams

U11 Silver A

- Season commenced with 10 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Mid-season changes: 1 team from Gold moved down into Silver A
- Season end total = 9 teams

U11 Silver B

- Season commenced with 13 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Mid-season changes: 0 teams requested to move down into Silver B
- Season end total = 13 teams

Girls U12 Silver A/B

U12 Silver A

- Season commenced with 11 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Mid-season changes: 2 teams requested to move up from Silver B
- Season end total = 10 teams

U12 Silver B

- Season commenced with 12 teams from the district (Sept/2016)
- Mid-season changes: 1 team requested to move up into Silver A
- Season end total = 12 teams

Notes:

- Burnaby Girls interlock was approved and overall acceptance with scheduling and competitiveness of the league
 - Burnaby will be looking to continue interlock within the current league structure
 - Request for balanced schedule and consistency in scheduling is required.
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VYSA PARKS/FIELD LIAISON – 2017 VYSA AGM REPORT – Floyd Salazar

VPB Capital Plan

- North East False Creek project has been an ongoing set of workshop and planning sessions with stakeholders to address all aspects of the private and public park development. The consulting group hired by parks board to spearhead the project are at the stage of creating the plan which will become public knowledge in June, 2017. The major achievement in the plan is the goal to build a new AT field on the Andy Livingstone Park in new configuration. The field level will be raised based on infill from other areas of the overall project and better drainage for the field will be implemented. A new field house will be installed as well a request has been put forth for a warm-up area adjacent to the field. The Ranger station will be situated where the tennis courts were in some form. Overall there are many positives but it will be some time to implement because with the viaduct coming down in 2018 there will be some near term impacts.
- New committee has begun to define the next Turf field location submission to Parks planning based on the 2015-2019 capital plan that was approved. A goal of the committee is to submit a recommendation which Planning will take forward and create the next capital project which should be completed by the end of 2018.

Field Maintenance

- Chafer beetle problem exists on B grade fields and some grade A fields
- Field quality issues were a problem for the first part of the year due to lengthy dry periods in 2015.

Field Problems:

- Parks board acknowledged they have problems and have been looking into the field drainage issue in a more constructive manner to resolve the issue. As well as addressing the adult users who have no permits during youth defined usage time. NEFC park development project has capital in the plan to address drainage issues.
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BC COASTAL GIRLS' LEAGUE REP – 2017 VYSA AGM REPORT - Wetzel Pickering

1) At U13 the league is moving to 2 tiers - Div. 1 (A & B) & Div. 2 (A & B). Basically, this will restrict evaluations to 1 session and allows the league to build capacity in the more recreational based teams so there is less travel. This is THE most received complaint at the recreational level - too much travel for a game. Div. 1 teams will be grouped by ability. Div. 2 teams grouped geographically. Div. 2A teams will be somewhat more competitive. This should allow the league to host more geographical groupings and thus keep more girls in the game.

2) U17 & U18 Div. 3 teams will be grouped together. This again, will allow for more geographical grouping. The League is sensitive that keeping the girls in the game at this age and level requires less time commitment. This will also allow mixed U17 & U18 teams hopefully giving the Clubs more capacity to retain teams and again, keep more girls in the game.

3) U12 permits will become unlimited.

4) New Fine: Failure of a Referee to properly understand BCCGSL Operating Rules resulting in a game outcome - \$500.00.

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4District Boys' Rep - 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Glyn Roberts & Jackie Larson

The 4District Soccer League, along with other districts, had to find a new scheduling program due to the passing of George Riddell in November.

This is a wake-up call for Districts and Clubs that they need to have a plan B in the event that people are, for whatever reason, unable to carry on with their designated responsibility. Each person on a board should, at the very least, do a comprehensive job description and those people who are in key positions should download their documentation and have it off-site and should consider sharing their passwords with one other person to guarantee access to league/district or club documents and programs.

With this seasons incomplete access to the scheduling program it meant that posting of standings was limited to the displaying of points only.

A committee investigated the available programs from this March through May. The investigation is completed and the league's decision is to go with *Gotsoccer*. Initially the league thought there might have to be a fee increase to cover the additional cost but it appears that this will not be necessary at this point in time.

Thank you to Sirtaj Ali for stepping up to the position of 4District SL Webmaster for the 17/18 playing season.

The Tri-Cities District requested to be allowed to join the league and have been accepted for the 2017/'18 season. Clubs affiliated with Tri-Cities are: N. Coquitlam United, Pt. Coquitlam Euro-Rite, Coquitlam Metro-Ford and Pt. Moody. At this stage in the organization the intent is for Bronze sections to be scheduled geographically.

Thanks to Susan for attending a couple of the meetings

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Vancouver FC Liaison – 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Sue Sinclair

- Lots of time spent on facilitated meeting in October 2016 and the resulting Special General Meeting in January of 2017
 - Board is relatively new and working to update many processes, the newsletter and website
 - Discussion around best way to introduce a third training day and at what ages
 - End of the year wind up was well received, lots of great feedback
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VYSA Referee in Chief – 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Marc Bowley

It has been a trying season for me starting last August when I suffered major surgery. This resulted in some restrictions to my mobility for a while. I could not attend games etc. There was an increase in e-mails and phone calls to attend to so I was kept busy dealing with complaints and offering advice for coaches and referees.

As far as referees are concerned the most complaints were about coaches and side line behavior, constantly shouting about calls being made. I have on occasion tried to explain that it only serves to undermine the referee in the making calls, and more often than not the coaches' complaints are incorrect. This kind of abuse makes the younger referee's wonder if it is worth being a referee, (which we are short of.) A comparison, remember your first game as a coach, how many mistakes did you make?

Please help these younger referees improve by not shouting about their performance, they are monitored and are advised of any to points needing attention.

I am happy to report that referee complaints about abuse has dropped a little but there is still a ways to go yet.

One more thing and this is important, the referee is the only person who can declare the field unplayable except the Parks Board; there have been cases where the referee has declared the pitch unplayable but the coaches ignored this and played a game anyway. This is not acceptable and there are consequences for ignoring field closures.

I am looking forward to the coming season being able to get out to the fields and helping referees improve.

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4District Boys' Scheduler – 2017 VYSA AGM Report - Sirtaj Ali

The overall season was certainly an interesting one with almost half the season being cancelled due to the unprecedented snowfall. My role as 4D Scheduler went relatively smoothly as the Liaisons were great at doing their jobs and keeping me updated. It was challenging since we didn't have a website for scores, points, and totals but overall the season went well. The need to have a proper realignment process is still outstanding. Overall, it was a great 1st year, with a lot of thanks going to Pat Banks for her support and guidance.

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VYSA MINI-SCHEDULER - 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Gordon Quan

In mini scheduling, 109 teams were scheduled this year, 72 boy's and 37 girl's teams.

There were no problems with the scheduling itself, but this was the first time I had scheduled fields, so there were a couple of bumps at the start. But once we ironed that out, it went quite smoothly. Some teams had special requests for start times and I did my best to accommodate them. I look forward to continuing mini scheduling next season.

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Webmaster End-of-Season - 2017 VYSA AGM Report – Klaus Iden

VYSA Website

The present website has now been up for four years. At this time the website continues to meet the needs of the district and users. We had some minor problems in December and again in March but these were quickly fixed by our webhost. There are no plans to make any major changes to the site for the upcoming season, except to update documents and the information pages.

VYSA Referee Website

We have had over 1350 games reported on the referee website this season. Through the use of a database of reported games, the district is able to use the information for producing statements and cheques for each referee, making it easy to identify performance bond issues and also identify problems with fields or equipment.

There were some problems reported by some referees early in September and a few issues throughout the year. As the site has now closed down for the season, it will give us an opportunity to try and identify what if anything is causing some games not be entered into the database.

A long-term project will be to upgrade or re-write the program. This may or may not be a project that will cost the VYSA some money. We should be able to give a more definitive answer by next year.

To create a fall backup option, we will make an online fillable pdf referee game report for this fall for people who have issues with the game submission website or if we ever have the website go down, (although this has only happened one time over the ten year life of the website and that was only for a few days).

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Referee Allocator's - AGM Report 2016-17 – Ed Soltysik

As far as allocating referees, the season was considerably challenging for a number of reasons.

#1 VYSA Referee in Chief, Marc Bowley, sustained significant medical issues which sidelined his positional activities for most of the season. I, as allocator, assumed his duties the best I could, and hopefully answered questions and gave directions effectively.

#2 Five of my very consistent and competent 'Assistant Referees', (who only did AR work – no Centre Refereeing), relocated out of province for University. These AR's were an absolute luxury in the past and with their absence, I experienced a great amount of weekly patchwork due to the unpredictability of Referees' (who do not AR on a regular basis) availabilities. Nevertheless, all MSL games were covered with confirmed AR's.

#3 Similar to the loss of capable AR's, there was also a noted loss of Referees who were relied upon to referee not only all games assigned to them, but particularly the older more challenging games where it is difficult to assign younger or inexperienced Referees. There were exactly thirteen of these Referees who even though did not referee every weekend, were always there as an option. There was a wide variety of reasons for their leaving.

During the course of the season, there were six new referees who joined VYSA, however, only a couple of these were capable of handling the older age groups.

In general, I, as Referee Allocator, have continued to employ a consistent, effective and efficient system of allocation. It involves the use of phone, text and email. I fine tune the system when necessary and shall continue to use it in the future.

4DISTRICT BOYS' DISCIPLINE REPORT - 2017 VYS AGM Report – Jackie Larson

DIV	TWO YELLOW IN A GAME	DENIES A GOAL SCORE OPPORTUNITY	LANGUAGE	SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	VIOLENT CONDUCT	3 RD CAUTION IN A SEASON	T.O. FAILS TO CONTROL THEMSELVES	SPITTING	Physical Contact of a G.O.
U18	11	2	3	3	4	1	8	1	-
U17	5	2	7	2	3	2	1	-	-
U16	7	3	3	1	3	3	1	-	-
U15	3	-	4	-	*	1	2	-	1*
U14	1	2	2	-	1	-	5	-	-
U13	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
U12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Note: *Fails to Control Themselves in a Responsible Manner* is for Team Officials Only.

Category By District	BURNABY	NORTH SHORE	RICHMOND	VANCOUVER	TOTAL
2 Yellows in a Game	9	8	3	7	27
Denies a Goal Scoring Opportunity	2	3	-	4	9
Language	6	7	-	7	20
Serious Foul Play	-	3	1	2	6
Violent Conduct	2	4	1	3	10
3 rd Caution in a season	2	-	3	2	7
Fails to Control	7	6	3	1	17
Spitting	1	-	-	-	1
Physical Contact	1	-	-	-	1
Total Per District	30	31	11	26	98

Note: *Language* is categorized as: At no one in particular; at another player, team official or spectator; Persistent protests against decisions made by the Referee or Assistants, or Persistent, Insulting Remarks or Comments, Gestures or Motions that are threatening or perceived as threatening (to the game official)

Comparison: The '15/'16 season had 146 cases but due to the snowed-out weekends the numbers are uncharacteristically lower for the '16/'17 season.

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