



VYSA AGM MINUTES – MAY 23, 2017 – 7pm Kensington CC

May 24, 2017

VYSA Board members present: Floyd Salazar, Steven Chang, Susan Dhillon, Jaiden Simmons, Randy Finlay, Sue Sinclair, Wetzel Pickering, Tom Madden, Jackie Larson

Regrets: Kieran Siddall

Introduction of Guests: Don Dancey, BCSA & VYSA Lifetime Member, Ed Kennedy-BCSA, David Joseph, VYSA Lifetime Member

** Sign-in cut-off at 7:20 with 27 eligible voting members present.

Meeting called to order by the Chair, Floyd Salazar, at 7:10pm.

No additions to the agenda.

MOTION: To accept the agenda. Steven/Sue – Carried.

MOTION: To adopt the May 12, 2016 AGM minutes. Herman Kailley/Kal Sahota – carried.

Chair and Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Notice-to-Reader has been completed from 2014 to 2017. \$22,000 surplus is due to field closures (there will be field refunds sent to the clubs). Lengthy discussion regarding the financial ensued.

Clubs were reimbursed for referee fees for snowed-out weekends.

Question regarding the professional fee – the amount is a combination of the cost of the October facilitated meeting and a retainer required for legal advice. The specifics cannot be provided at this time due to confidentiality.

The treasurer is forecasting a deficit as there hasn't been a fee raise since 2014. BCSA has issued notice of a fee increase for 18/19. Presently U16-U10 is \$20.13 (18/19 \$21.00 - an increase of .87 cents), U11-U18 is presently \$31.80 (18/19 \$34.00 – an increase of \$2.20.)

The main reason for this increase is that the larger districts player numbers are decreasing and BC can't provide the programs without the fee increase.

MOTION: To accept the Notice-to-Readers. Peter Faresin/Gord Jaggs – carried.

MOTION: To accept the 2017-2018 budget. Peter Faresin/David Valinho – carried.

VC Boys: Susan was requested to send an update on the Technical Director meeting.

Parks & Field Report: Peter Faresin is concerned about the Andy Livingston situation – the code is changed weekly. Susan reported that the code is shared with the clubs. Peter stressed that instead of 911 there needs to be a number posted to talk to someone if there's an issue.

Discussion: about verbal abuse of, particularly, younger referees by spectators. Clubs are encouraged to have team meetings with their parents prior to the start of each season. If there's zero tolerance of language and racist remarks why is this still occurring at many games and isn't called?

Representatives from the BC Soccer Association were present at the May 15th VYSA Board/Club Presidents' meeting. They would like to partnership with VYSA so that our referees can improve themselves by providing a venue for communication. They would coordinate with the referee assignor and/or RIC to provide educational materials, answer questions, etc.

MOTION: To accept the AGM reports. Peter Faresin/Herman Kailley – carried.

ELECTIONS: Don Dancey accepted nominations: Mark Munro, Ian McCarthy, Ray Goldenchild, Ewen Cameron, Gord Jaggs, Gregor Young, Floyd Salazar, Jaiden Simmons, Randy Finlay and Josie Pratt.

Floyd Salazar withdrew his name.

The question arose as to whether someone who is in a paid position with a club can run for the district board. It was not possible to get clarification from BC Soccer so it was decided to carry on with the elections. If it was found that this was the case then those people, if elected would be disqualified and would step down and the board could appoint directors.

The ballots were collected and being counted by Don Dancey, Ed Kennedy and David Joseph – scrutineers.

AWARDS: Tom Madden was thanked for his 7 years with the board in the capacity of Vancouver FC Liaison and MSL/Fusion Rep.

Floyd Salazar was presented a 4District SL Pioneer Award plaque. This is an annual recognition; one name is submitted from each of the four districts to the 4D SL board. The people nominated have either served previously or are currently serving with a District and have made outstanding contributions to youth soccer.

Election Results: Ewen Cameron, Ray Goldenchild, Gord Jaggs, Ian McCarthy, Mark Munro and Gregor Young – for 2 year terms.

It was decided not to destroy the ballots until Rob Lennon, BCSA Governance Committee Chair responded to the paid employee concern. Don will hold on to the ballots in the meantime.

Discussion regarding one league – combining 4D, 5D, BCCGSL & MSL into one – called the League that governs soccer for the whole lower mainland. Presently it's in the discussion phase with the District Chairs. Some District Chairs' are pushing for this to happen in 17/18 but the majority are suggesting for 18/19. Full communication is forthcoming.

Don congratulated the teams who are in the Provincials and wished them good luck.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm. Gord Jaggs/Susan Dhillon – carried.

Submitted by Jackie Larson, Acting VYSA Secretary