



VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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VYSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec 12th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm (Virtual meeting via ZOOM)

Members in attendance:

David Valinho	Chair
Mike Rudd	Treasurer
Adam Sewell	VP Boys
Darren Sherbot	Field Coordinator
Becki Wong	Director
Sev Araujo	AGM Coordinator
Ewen Cameron	Risk Manager

Regrets:

Steve Yueng	Scheduling and RIC Liaison
Olecia Walker	VP Girls
Rob Cadez	Discipline
John De Hart	Scholarships

Admin in attendance:

Gordon Quan	VYSA Registrar, Field Scheduler
Bradley Smith	Referee-In-Chief

Admin regrets:

None

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm by David Valinho – Chair

Agenda:

- Motion to approve agenda:
- Motioned by Sev; seconded by Mike
- No discussion
- Motion carried unanimously. Chair did not vote.

Meeting Minutes:

- Nov 14th 2022 meeting minutes sent in advance for review.
- Motion to approve – Sev; seconded by Adam
- Motion carried unanimously. Chair did not vote.

Registrar's report - Gordon

- Submitted updated VYSA Registration spreadsheet
- Verbal report
- No questions or discussion



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Fields Report – Gordon + Darren

- Circulated written report in advance
- Delivered verbal report
- Discussed issues related to Point Grey maintenance & field closure.
- Discussed protocols related to weather-related field closures for weekend play.
 - Darren will follow up with Parks board to confirm field closure protocols
 - Bradley & Gordon have authority to make blanket field closure decisions based on Parks Board announcements or Bradley's observation of weather/field conditions.
- Discussed permanent nets at the various VYSA AT fields. Minor problems but overall excellent feedback from clubs.

RIC Report – Bradley

- Provided written & verbal report.
- Discussed personnel changes at BC Soccer related to the referee program.
- BC Soccer Education Task Force. Further update due in January.

Chair report – David

- David submitted written report in advance
- Discussed recent BC Soccer bulletins.
- Discussed recent correspondence with BC Soccer Discipline Chair. Ewen volunteered to participate in a forthcoming meeting with BC Soccer Discipline.
- Updated board on BCCSL issues
 - Ewen volunteered to replace David as VYSA rep on the BCCSL board. David supported this initiative and agreed to step down from the BCCSL board. Discussion followed.
 - Board expressed concern about paid staff, vendors, or those with a financial interest in soccer serving on the BCCSL board.
 - *David put forward a MOTION to nominate Ewen as the VYSA rep to the BCCSL board. Mike seconded the motion. Discussion followed.*
 - *Motion carried unanimously – no abstentions - chair did not vote.*
- Discussed the conduct of certain Marpole representatives during the summer of 2022 and the potential for sanctions. Further discussion will be delegated to the VYSA Discipline Committee chaired by Rob Cadez.



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Treasurer report

- Circulated written report in advance and delivered verbal report.
- Presented & reviewed November financial statements.
- Discussed RBC acquisition of HSBC & the need to initiate new banking relationship and close out relationship with HSBC.
- Discussion followed

Committee #1 - Fusion Communication (*Ewen (Chair), Becki (Vice Chair), David*)

- Fusion did not submit any application for VYSA membership ahead of the Nov 30 deadline.
- No further communication from Fusion since the last VYSA meeting in November.

Committee #2 – New Membership Policy (*Ewen (Chair), Becki (Vice Chair), David, Mike*) - **No report**

Committee #3 – Scholarship (*John D, vacancy*)

- 2021/22 scholarships remain outstanding. David will coordinate with John to review outstanding applications.
- Sev recused himself from 2021/22 applications but agreed to help with 2022/23 applications.
- John prepared an email to clubs to solicit scholarship applications for the 2022/23 season.
- Board agreed that a message needs to go out to the clubs in January.
- *Motion put forward by Sev to accept John's message exactly as written, excluding the second-to-last line in the message. Motion seconded by Ewen. Discussion followed.*
- *Motion passed – none opposed - 1 abstention – chair did not vote.*

Committee #4 – Discipline (*Rob (Chair), Ewen, Adam, David, John D.*)

- The discipline chair will convene a committee meeting to review Marpole's conduct during the summer of 2022. Further discussion tabled for the January meeting.
- Discipline committee will coordinate with BC Soccer Discipline Chair regarding outstanding discipline issue.

Committee #5 – Non-Affiliated Club and Academy Policy (*Rob, Ewen, David, Mike, Darren*) - **No report**

Committee #6 – Game Day Fields (*Darren, John D., Olecia, Sev, Rob, Gordon, David*) – **No report**



Committee #7 – New Membership Applications (Sev, Ewen, Mike, John R., Becki, David). – **No report**

- No new club applications received by the Oct 31/22 deadline and no requests for extensions.

Committee #8 – Hiring Committee (John D., Ewen, David)

- Ewen proposed a candidate for the VYSA District administrator position for future consideration.

Committee #9 - Non-affiliated club - partnering with a grassroots member club (Ewen, Mike, David)

- VYSA board provided written notification to the five VYSA district teams (formerly Fusion-Marpole teams) that the VYSA would not continue the program supporting district teams for the 2023-24 season and proposed various alternatives to facilitate their participation in the district.
- David requested that the board consider reinstating Anthony Cristante as coach of one of the VYSA district teams for BCCSL games. After discussion, the board declined this request.

Committee #10 - 2022 District Tournament (Adam (chair), Mike, Steve, Rob, Darren, David)

- Goal is to target 2023 Easter weekend for the tournament. Adam will circulate a preliminary proposal when ready.

New Business

- No new business
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- Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2023.
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm