



# VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## VYSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

### Members in attendance:

David Valinho	Chair
Mike Rudd	Treasurer
Ewen Cameron	Risk Manager
Olecia Walker	VP Girls
Adam Sewell	VP Boys
Darren Sherbot	Field Coordinator
Steven Yueng	Scheduling and RIC Liaison
Rob Cadez	Discipline
Becki Wong	Director
John De Hart	Scholarships
Sev Araujo	AGM Coordinator

***REVISED***

### Regrets:

None

### Admin in attendance:

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

### Admin regrets:

None

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by David Valinho – Chair**

### **Agenda:**

Motion to approve revised agenda:

- Motioned by Sev; seconded by Olecia
- No discussion
- Motion carried unanimously. Chair did not vote.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes sent in advance for review.

- Motion to approve Aug 8<sup>th</sup> minutes – Darren; seconded by Steve
- No discussion
- Motion carried unanimously. Chair did not vote.



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## Fields Report – Gordon + Darren

- Submitted written report in advance.
- Clubs should not unilaterally change field assignments. The board agreed to accept the field coordinators recommendations for field and/or referee changes.
- All requests to change field assignments must be made in advance and coordinated with Gordon, who in turn coordinates with the VYSA board as necessary. VYSA board delegates ultimate authority to determine game field assignments to the VYSA Field scheduler.
- David will set up meeting with Parks Board to discuss issues related to VYSA fields.
- Board thanked Gordon for his efforts to coordinate game fields this season – so far everything has gone very smoothly thanks to Gordon.

## RIC Report – Bradley

- Bradley submitted written report in advance.
- Higher numbers of district referees this season. Many new referees from the VMSL. VMSL helped run referee clinics for VMSL players to encourage them to become youth referees. Better inventory of young adult referees this season.
- New entry level youth referees from our existing club pipeline. We estimate 15 new referees in our system.
- Referee assigning has been much easier this season.
- So far, the VYSA decision to raise referee pay has shown positive results – especially for AR's.
- VYSA will be hosting a refresher clinic for referees this Fall as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> training session of the season in late Sept or early Oct.
- Problems with BC Soccer discipline system and concerns about discipline being tracked properly.
- Bradley developing a youth referee pathway.

## Registrar's report - Gordon

- Gordon submitted verbal report
- No questions

## Chair report – David

- David submitted written report in advance
- Updated the board on the BCSA Special General Meeting re voting structure
- Updated the board on BCCSL issues
- Discussed outstanding action items
  - Sev & Ewen to file annual report with the Province by year-end.
  - David continuing to work on *VYSA Pre-Season Guide & Fee Schedule*
- Discussion about reviewing/consolidating committees
- Confirmed VYSA policy on Air Quality game cancellations



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## Treasurer report

- Deferred to next meeting

**Committee #1 - Fusion Communication** (*Ewen (Chair), Becki (Vice Chair), David, John R.*) - No report

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

**Committee #3 – Scholarship** (*John D., Sarah*) - No report

**Committee #4 – Discipline** (*Rob (Chair), Ewen, Adam, David, John D., Sarah*) - No report

**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

**Committee #8 – Hiring Committee** (*Sarah, John D., Ewen, David*) – No report

## **Committee #9 - Non-affiliated club/academy policy - partnering with a grassroots member club**

- Ewen – committee chair
- Updated the board regarding the 5 Fusion-Marpole teams and the controversy surrounding the VYSA decision not to affiliate these teams.
- Marpole president instigated an email campaign against the VYSA
- CTV & CBC became involved with media coverage
- Committee felt that parents were receiving inaccurate & inflammatory information, which led to aggressive attacks against VYSA via email, text, phone, social media.
- VYSA committee has been in regular dialogue with BC Soccer with a goal to minimize the impact on the players.
- VYSA Committee worked to provide a solution for the players. One of the affected teams reached out to the committee to open dialogue to try and come up with a solution.
- VYSA Committee proposed affiliating these teams as VYSA District teams that would play under the VYSA brand.
- Interviewed coaches for all 5 teams and coaches were decided/approved for all said teams.
- Other details were discussed, negotiated & agreement put in place for all 5 teams to affiliate as VYSA District teams. Committee coordinated with VYSA Registrar & BCCSL scheduler to have all 5 teams inserted into the league schedule.
- Further discussion about how to handle fees associated with these teams. Said teams paid fees but committee is not clear on who collected the fees – Marpole or Fusion.
- IN CAMERA DISCUSSION followed.



**Committee #10** – 2022 District Tournament - No formal report. Discussion about the VYSA district organizing a tournament for the 2023 Easter Weekend. Discussed ideas how to allocate surplus funds from the initiative. Adam will circulate a preliminary proposal when ready.

### **New Business**

- No new business
- Next meeting scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:39 pm