



VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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VYSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 9th, 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
Sev Araujo	AGM Coordinator
Steve Yueng	Scheduling and RIC Liaison
Rob Cadez	Discipline
John De Hart	Scholarships

Regrets:

Becki Wong	Director
Ewen Cameron	Risk Manager

Absent:

Olecia Walker	VP Girls
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Admin in attendance:

Gordon Quan	VYSA Registrar, Field Scheduler
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Admin regrets:

Bradley Smith	Referee-In-Chief
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Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by David Valinho – Chair

Agenda:

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

Meeting Minutes:

- Dec 12th 2022 meeting minutes sent in advance for review.
- Motion to approve – Sev; seconded by Steve
- Motion carried unanimously. Chair did not vote.



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Registrar's report - Gordon

- Submitted updated VYSA Registration spreadsheet
- Verbal report
- Discussion about declining registration numbers at VUFC, KLM, Marpole. Also discussed how to handle U3 & U4 registrations.

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 in discussion with Parks regarding field closure protocols.
 - No update on Trillium West closure.
 - No update on Point Grey Turf maintenance work.
- Parks Board receiving complaints about underutilized fields and soliciting notifications of field times going empty, particularly during peak times. VYSA Fields should have at least 30 kids on the field for each permit.
- Discussed several “field incidents” at Andy Livingstone Turf.
- Darren/Gordon/David/Mike would coordinate to complete final VYSA field invoices.

RIC Report – Bradley

- Provided written report in advance.
- Steve delivered verbal report.
- Four home matches were played without referees so far this season. VYSA continues to experience challenges with referee assignments for some games, especially those where back-to-back games not available. Bradley offered suggestions for how to remedy the situation.
- VYSA member clubs also struggling with their own assignments at younger age groups. Bradley proposed coordinating referee pools with member clubs.
- Proposed that the VYSA reach out to member clubs immediately when assigning the next weekend's games to get assistance from small-sided officials. For example, if games are at Trillium, see if we can leverage VAFC refs before they are all spoken for.

MOTION was put forward: For games where a referee cannot work back-to-back, add an extra \$5 stipend on top of normal referee pay for the official to accept an assignment for one-off small-sided game for the balance of the 2022-23 season. Motion was duly seconded. Discussion followed.

- Motion carried unanimously. Chair did not vote.



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- Our member clubs are struggling with their own assignments, often being unable to fill all their own small-sided games and especially their AR obligations. For example, this past weekend I know of multiple games across multiple clubs without assistant referees. We don't know the extent of how many games are in this situation right now.
- **PROPOSED ACTION:** The VYSA board supports the roll out a new, simple, and quick match reporting system to help us get a better understanding of the scope of these problems.
- Received numerous complaints about Andy Livingstone Turf recently a number of our officials refuse to work further games there. Examples include game delays due to cleaning human feces from the field or unstable people randomly running onto the field of play. In some cases, games were delayed while police were called. Concern that officials will refuse games at this field.
- **PROPOSED ACTION:** The VYSA board supports the roll out a new, simple, and quick match reporting system to help us get a better understanding of the scope of these problems.

Chair report – David

- No report
- Ewen is the new VYSA Rep to BCCSL Board and will present his report at the next meeting.
- Discussion about re-tiring at the BCCSL

Treasurer report - Mike

- Circulated written report in advance and delivered verbal report.
- Presented & reviewed December financial statements.
- Discussed latest invoice from BC Soccer. Several attempts to contact BC Soccer regarding recent invoice have gone unanswered.
- Will coordinate with David, Darren & Gordon to prepare VYSA Club invoices for fields, registrations & VYSA district teams.
- Discussion about who to invoice to recover District costs related to VYSA District teams.
 - District costs shared among VYSA member clubs.
 - Objection was raised that member clubs should not share in the cost of running VYSA district teams when Fusion FC benefits from these clubs.
 - Agreement on file that confirms Fusion FC responsible to cover district costs associated with these district teams.

MOTION was put forward: *As per agreement on file, VYSA will invoice Fusion FC to recover all costs associated with the VYSA District Teams. Motion was duly seconded. Discussion followed.*

- Motion passed unanimously. Chair did not vote.

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

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



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Committee #3 – Scholarship - John D (chair), David, Sev

- Sev recused himself from discussion of 2021/22 applications and left the meeting.
- Board reviewed three outstanding 2021/22 scholarship applications. Four VYSA scholarships available.
- John recommended the board award the VYSA scholarships for the 2021/22 season to: Gabriela Araujo, Andre Dayo & Diego Flores.

MOTION put forward to award the following VYSA scholarships for the 2021/22 season as below.

- Gabriela Araujo - \$2000 Jackie Larson award
 - Andre Dayo - \$2000 David Joseph award
 - Diego Flores - \$2000 Jaques Moon award

 - Motion was duly seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously with one abstention. Chair did not vote.
- David will circulate the below email to VYSA member clubs to solicit scholarship applications for the 2022/23 season. Email to go out asap and will coordinate with Bradley to update website.

January 10, 2023

Hello Club Presidents, Treasurers & Club & District Contacts,

Please circulate the below VYSA message among your club directors, coaches, staff, players & parents. The wider the distribution, the better!

The VYSA wants to give \$8,000 to 4 Grade 12 Vancouver Youth Soccer Players!
(This Might be the EASIEST Way to Get \$2,000 Ever)

Hello Graduating Soccer Player,

You have worked hard on the soccer field, dedicated countless hours in the cold rain to the game, and you have excelled in the classroom. The VYSA is offering **FOUR \$2000 scholarships** (2 for Girls, and 2 for Boys) to players who have played at least 3 consecutive years for one of the VYSA Member Community Soccer Clubs. To be considered for this scholarship, you have to fill out [this application](#), add 2 reference letters, and write an essay on what the game of soccer has meant to you. Easy, right?

All applications are due **MAY 31st, 2023**.

More information at: <https://www.vysa.ca/awards>

Good luck!

VYSA Board of Directors



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

- Discipline committee will meet with BC Soccer Discipline Chair on Jan 10th regarding outstanding discipline issue.
- The discipline chair convened a committee meeting to review Marpole’s conduct during the summer of 2022. Meeting scheduled for Wed, Jan 18th at 8:30pm.
- Discussion about rising incidents of red cards related to violent conduct on the field & referee abuse.

Committee #5 – Non-Affiliated Club Policy – Ewen (chair), David, Rob, 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. (chair), Ewen, David

- Further discussion about hiring a VYSA General Manager. John made excellent points and board agreed to table further discussion to next meeting.

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

- To date, none of the VYSA district teams requested help in moving teams or players to any other VYSA member club, in spite of VYSA board offering to help. VYSA does not plan to affiliate any district-run teams for the 2023/24 season.
- Fusion FC did not apply for VYSA membership and is not eligible to affiliate any teams for the 2023/24 season.

Committee #10 - 2022 District Tournament - Adam (chair), Mike, Steve, Rob, Darren, David – **No report**

New Business

- No new business

- Next meeting scheduled for February 13, 2023.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm