



VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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VYSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2021

Time: 7:30 pm (Virtual meeting via ZOOM)

Members in attendance:

David Valinho	Chair
Mike Rudd	Treasurer
Sev Araujo	Secretary
Steven Yueng	Scheduler and Referee Liaison
Rob Cadez	Discipline
Adam Sewell	Performance Bond
John De Hart	
Ewen Cameron	
John Radosevic	
Darren Sherbot	Field Coordinator

Regrets:

Becki Wong
Sarah Nicalo

Admin in attendance:

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

Admin regrets: None

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by David Valinho - Chair

Agenda:

Motion to approve:
Motioned by John D
Seconded by Sev
Motion carried

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021 meeting minutes sent in advance for review August 15, 2021.

Motion to approve: Sev - seconded by Adam
Motion carried unanimously



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Registrar's report - Gordon

- No formal report
- Gordon answered various miscellaneous questions from the board
 - Tiering – policy set by the BCCSL Board – Gordon does not set policy - no new policies put in place so far this season.
 - Ewen suggested we send request for feedback/comments to the membership for further discussion at the next VYSA meeting.
 - Bring suggestions to the BCCSL board for potential policy changes for next year.
 - Darren asked about the registration source data - BC Soccer Covid Subsidy
 - Specifically, player registration data uploaded to BC Soccer CRM (Fall-Winter-Summer).

Fields Report – Gordon + Darren

- Darren submitted written report
- Payment for winter field permits due first week of Dec.
- VSB School gyms were opened and permits issued.
- Discussed unused VYSA field capacity. Publish list of open fields for use by members so fields don't go empty.
- Discussed protocols for field closures due to weather.

RIC Report – Bradley

- Gave verbal report. Extensive discussion ensued.
- Discussed game cancellations due to poor drainage/flooding
- Darren: advise him of game cancellations due to flooding so we can apply for VPB refund.
- Discussed game cancellations when referees not advised in advised.
- Darren created a flowchart to deal with field closures.
- Discussed referee shortages.
- BC Soccer made decision to place referee assigning responsibility with individual clubs. Fusion FC does not have a head referee, nor do they have a referee program. BC Soccer stepping back from centralized referee assigning.
- Darren indicated issue of clubs assigning their own in-house referees for their home games.
- Greater Issue of state of BCSA referee development pathway and assigning system.
- Concern about how Fusion will deal with assigning referees for their BCSPL home games.
- Greater concern about BCSPL soliciting VYSA district referees for their home games.
 - Fusion/Van United/TSS



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- Discussed lack of referee development courses – BCSA referee program in transition after staff changes.
- Discussed referee abuse within VYSA. Fusion FC team officials & spectators.
- Rob: greater issue of referee abuse within BCCSL. 1st 4 weeks of BCCSL play, 50 red cards issued. 9 red cards issued for VYSA – 5 (56%) issued to Fusion players & team officials., who only have 8 teams in the VYSA district.
- Rob: team officials have zero authority to speak to referees during games.
- Discussion about advising clubs of bad behavior and enforcing discipline, including suspensions.
- Discussion about how we deal with clubs, which do not have referee programs, abusing district referees.

- **ACTION ITEM: Issue strongly worded letter to Fusion FC to address referee abuse from their team officials & spectators.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Post message to VYSA website related to team official/spectator conduct towards referees.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Rob to circulate Discipline updates to the VYSA board.**

- Bradley willing to offer coach education sessions to district clubs.

Chair report - David

- Report submitted with supporting documents.
- Discussion about legal fees paid to deal with Fusion lawsuit. Ewen answered questions but recused himself from further board discussion about dealing with legal fees on this matter.
- Discussion about holding Fusion accountable for time & cost associated with their lawsuit against VYSA.

MOTION: TO PRODUCE AN ACCOUNTING OF TIME & COST THAT AROSE FROM FUSION ACTIONS & LAWSUIT THROUGHOUT 2020-21

- Put forward by Darren
- Seconded by John D.
- Carried unanimously

- BC Soccer AGM – Nov 6th
 - Discussion about OOD Rule–board agreed to vote FOR dissolving out-of-district rule.
- Discussion about VYSA complaint vs Fusion FC
- Discussion about Fusion application for BCSA Associate Membership.
- Discussion about photo ID requirements
- Discussion about BCCSL Board sanctioning VYSA over VAFC U13 Ultras



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Secretary report – David (interim)

- Board Conflict of Interest Declaration: sent out to all member July 7, 2021. Declarations are valid for the term of a Director, unless a “new matter or relationship arise during the term”
Action: Becki (*update required*) and Ewen (*update required*).
- Criminal Record Check as per BCSA: Stephen coordinating.

Treasurer’s report – Mike

- Issued September financial statements, for review and consideration by board
- Mike delivered verbal report
- No questions or discussion
- Still waiting for annual filing report from Broughton Law so we can apply to switch VYSA banking from HSBC to Vancity.

Committee #1 - Fusion FC Communication (*Ewen (Chair), Becki (Vice Chair), David, John R.*)

- No further discussion

Committee #2 – New Membership Policy (*Ewen (Chair), Becki (Vice Chair), David, Mike*)

- VYSA late in posting New Club Application Policy to the website.
- BCSA approved policy; waiting for VYSA Board to approve.
- VYSA Board needs to approve said policy. Agreed to review the policy & approve via email.
- **ACTION ITEM: Mike will circulate VYSA New Club Application Policy & Associated Application Document for VYSA Board approval via email.**

Committee #3 – Scholarship (*John D., Sarah*)

- Sarah reached out to all '03 recipients, and Presidents and TDs of respective clubs.
- No further action required.

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

- **IN-CAMERA discussion** regarding outstanding discipline matters.



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- Rob summarized a meeting he convened with VYSA Club Presidents regarding VYSA players that were solicited out of the VYSA by non-affiliated or limited-purpose clubs and that these specific players not be included with registration figures should these clubs apply for VYSA membership.

Committee #5 – Non-Affiliated Club and Academy Policy Review (*Rob, Ewen, David, Mike, Darren*)

- *Deferred to next meeting*

Committee # 6 – Game Day Field Allocations (*Darren, David, John D., Gordon*)

- No further discussion

New Business

- **CRC confirmations – Steven Yeung - ongoing**
- **Next meeting scheduled** for Nov 15th – 7:30 pm via ZOOM. Deferred from Nov 8th.
- **Motion to adjourn meeting** at 10:29pm pm by Rob
 - Seconded by John D.
 - Motion carried unanimously