



# VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## VYSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

### Members in attendance:

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

### Regrets:

Becki Wong	
Sarah Nicalo	
Steven Yueng	Scheduler and Referee Liaison

### 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 7:35 pm by David Valinho - Chair**

### Agenda:

Motion to approve:

- Motioned by John R.
- Seconded by John D.
- Motion carried

### Meeting Minutes

**Oct 18, 2021** meeting minutes sent in advance for review.

Motion to approve Oct 18, 2021 minutes: Sev  
Seconded by John D.  
Motion carried unanimously



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## Registrar's report - Gordon

- No formal report
- Gordon answered various miscellaneous questions from the board
  - David requested the total registration matrix/spreadsheet, broken down by age group & club. Gordon indicated this would be no problem and he would provide.
  - Darren confirmed how the district should deal with player registrations for kids U5 & below. BCSA charges \$21 per player for Minis, defined as U10 & younger.
  - No BCSA charge for players registered in programs less than 10 consecutive days. These players still register with clubs but not entered in BCSA CRM. Still covered by BCSA insurance.
  - ACTION ITEM: Write to BCSA to clarify/question fees for U6 (\$21) vs U18 (\$32).
  - No district upcharge on these BCSA fees.
- ACTION ITEM: VYSA Board to update the VYSA Pre-Season Guide & Fee Schedule.

## Fields Report – Gordon + Darren

- Darren submitted written report
- Discussed latest Provincial Health Order due to Covid.
- Ewen expressed concerns related to security around Trillium. Further discussion about security & safety around Trillium, Andy Livingstone, Empire AT Fields. Ewen suggested the VYSA board make security protocol around VYSA Fields a priority.
- Darren discussed issues with lighting at VYSA AT Fields & technical support from the USA.
  - Suggested a single VYSA rep to communicate with Lighting Tech Support.
- DARREN discussed the issue of underutilized field times & creating a system to allow clubs to book these unallocated times on a weekly basis.
  - Available field times will be posted on Wednesdays.
  - Ewen suggested allocating these unused times on a longer-term basis to reduce risk of VPB re-assigning to other user groups.
  - No BCSPL teams allowed unless they share the field time with a VYSA affiliated team.

## RIC Report – Bradley

- Not in attendance.
- Provided written report.
- No questions or discussion.



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## Chair report - David

- Report submitted with supporting documents.
- BCSA AGM
  - Reviewed votes/elections at AGM
  - OOD Rule abolished. Question: when does this take effect?
    - ACTION ITEM: David to find out.
  - Ewen requested details of AGM votes.
    - ACTION ITEM: David to provide.
- Discussion around how other districts are enforcing the latest PHO. What is VYSA role in PHO compliance?
  - Rob: District cannot enforce.
  - Board consensus that compliance responsibility falls to the clubs.
  - ACTION ITEM: VYSA to write to member clubs to confirm compliance.
- Discussion about VAFC Ultras and hostility from BCCSL Board towards this team.
  - Discussion around BC SPL vs BCCSL level of play.
  - There was consensus that district or clubs cannot force players to move up to BC SPL teams.
  - ACTION ITEM: Draft formal resolution as follows:
    - *Request the BCCSL Board provide the VYSA Board with a formal complaint before they take any disciplinary action against the VYSA or any of its member clubs.*
    - *The intention of this resolution is to give the VYSA Board something to respond to.*

*MOTION: Be it resolved that the BCCSL Board be asked to provide a formal complaint consistent with the policies, procedures & regulations that are alleged to have been violated & the facts supporting the breach of those regulations & a reasonable time to respond to the complaint before taking any disciplinary action against the VYSA or any of its member clubs.*

Motion made by Ewen Cameron  
Seconded by John Radosevic  
Motion carried unanimously

The board requested that Darren, Adam & Mike prepare a summary & background to support the above resolution.



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- Fusion FC latest Judicial ruling regarding BCSA policy 15.1 & 15.2 & VYSA appeal.
  - VYSA board questioned why no appeal permitted?

*ACTION ITEM: Ewen to coordinate with Shawn Driver to draft a letter to the BCSA Judicial Chair regarding the right of the VYSA to appeal the above noted decision.*

- Board discussed the communication protocol between Clubs, District & BCCSL.
- *ACTION ITEM: To contact BCCSL to confirm proper communication protocol.*

## Secretary report – David (interim)

- No report

## Treasurer's report – Mike

- Mike presented Draft October financial statements, for review.
- Mike delivered verbal report
- *ACTION ITEM: Mike will request bookkeeper add year-over-year comparison column to Summary of Surplus/Deficit report.*
- 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.)

- Fusion submitted application for new membership

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

- No need to extend deadline at this point.
- Two applications received: Fusion FC & Field Arts FC
- Any VYSA decision to accept or reject an application is appealable to BCSA.
- Clarified that clubs may only become members of a single district.
- Sev recommended that board strike a new committee to review new club applications and to ensure efforts to limit perceived conflicts.
  - Committee #7 – New Membership Application Review (Sev, Ewen, Mike, John R., David). Ewen recommended Becki for this committee as well – subject to Becki's approval.



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

- No report.

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

- Rob updated the board on the various disciplinary issues in front of the committee.
- Discussion ensued.
- Due to heavy time constraints, no further action items decided at this meeting.

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

- Discussed how to handle new clubs that apply for VYSA Membership using players recently solicited from existing VYSA member Clubs.
- Strong opposition from existing VYSA Club presidents toward new clubs using player base recently solicited from existing VYSA member Clubs.

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

- No further discussion

**Committee #7 – New Membership Application Review** (*Sev, Ewen, Mike, John R., David*). Becki pending.

**New Business**

- Ewen suggested the VYSA board undertake a serious strategic planning discussion and suggested that David has taken on the role of informal/unpaid executive director. Suggested that the board consider a paid position to take on this role and recommended that the VYSA hire a facilitator to help with the process.
- Sev volunteered to engage a search for such a facilitator.
- No budget was yet discussed for this process.
- Goal should be to engage a facilitator no later than Jan 15, 2022.

*ACTION ITEM: Sev to recommend a facilitator to assist the VYSA with strategic planning.*

- **Next meeting scheduled** for Dec 13th – 7:30 pm via ZOOM.
- **Motion to adjourn meeting** at 10:13pm by Mike, seconded by Sev. Carried.