



VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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VYSA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec 13th, 2021

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

Members in attendance:

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

Regrets:

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| John Radosevic | |
| Sarah Nicalo | |
| Steven Yueng | Scheduler and Referee Liaison |

Admin in attendance:

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| Gordon Quan | VYSA Registrar, Field Scheduler |
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Admin regrets: None

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| Bradley Smith | Referee-In-Chief |
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Meeting called to order at 7:46 pm by David Valinho - Chair

Agenda:

- Sev is not the chair of Committee 7 (New Membership Application Review). Ewen will interim chair and will circulate New Member Applications to Committee 7 members. We need to fast-track the applications.
- Ewen requested we add Strategic Planning to New Business at the end of the agenda.

Motion to approve revised agenda:

- Motioned by Sev
- Seconded by Adam
- Motion carried



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Meeting Minutes:

Nov 15, 2021 meeting minutes sent in advance for review.

- New Committee #7 was included under Committee #2. Revised to include as separate Committee line item.

Motion to approve revised Nov 15, 2021 minutes: Sev
Seconded by Adam
Motion carried

Registrar's report - Gordon

- No formal report. Registration has quieted down.
- No questions from the board.

Fields Report – Gordon + Darren

- Darren submitted written report
- Winter permits issued and paid.
- We do not have fields for last weekend in Feb (holiday gap).
- Parks Board undergoing a review of their field strategy. Darren will circulate a link to a survey, which is open to Dec 21st. Will circulate to VYSA Board & Club Presidents.
- Parks Board not supporting new AT Fields & considering converting existing grass fields to general park space. Ewen suggested a political action plan to influence Parks Board members to execute the plan that constituents voted for.
- Extensive discussion about lobbying Parks Board regarding new field priorities & resources.
- Discussion regarding allocation of unused VYSA field times. Current VYSA board making progress as unused field resources were not efficiently allocated in the past.
- Confirmed that VYSA field allocations are not for BC SPL teams unless they coordinate with VYSA-registered teams (BCCSL).

RIC Report – Bradley

- Not in attendance.
- No report.
- NSYSA Chair advised David that there may be a VYSA referee (originally from N. Van) showing bias against NSYSA teams. David to discuss w Bradley.
- Sev mentioned referee development clinics planned for January. Brief discussion ensued.
- No further questions.



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Chair report - David

- Report submitted with supporting documents.
- BCSA AGM
 - ODD rule change took effect immediately after 2021 BCSA AGM. Action item #3 - done.
 - David circulated details of 2021 AGM votes. Action item #4 – done.
- Debbie Pudek – new VP Youth Soccer @BC Soccer. David will try to set up an introduction call.
- David circulated all email correspondence involving VYSA Chair.
- BCCSL board update
 - Further discussion about VAFC Ultras at the BCCSL Board.
 - David circulated VYSA Resolution proposed at VYSA Nov meeting – *“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.”* The intention of this resolution is to give the VYSA Board something to respond to.
 - BCCSL Board resolved to write a letter to VAFC (cc VYSA Chair).
- Chris Murphy @ Cascadia League solicited someone from VYSA to join Cascadia board. Steven Yeung volunteered and attended first Cascadia board meeting for the 2022 Spring season.
 - Steven to circulate highlights from above meeting to VYSA board.

Secretary report – David (interim)

- No report

Treasurer’s report – Mike

- Mike presented Draft November financial statements, for review.
- Mike presented written Treasurer report and took questions from the board.
- Ewen: Field rental revenue not lining up with budget. Field rental revenues not in yet. Suggested adding a column with 2021/22 budget to compare existing line items with budget.
- *ACTION ITEM: Mike will request bookkeeper add budgeted amounts comparison column to Summary of Surplus/Deficit report.*
- Mike followed up with Ewen regarding Provincial Annual Filing Report so we can apply to switch VYSA banking from HSBC to Vancity. Ewen indicated that he would forward said Notice of Filing.



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

- Ewen is discussing appeal of BC Soccer Judicial decision regarding Fusion violation of BC Soccer policy 15.1 & 15.2 with Shawn driver and will update the board by end of the week.

Action item pending: 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.

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

- VYSA New Membership Policy is completed and updated on the VYSA website.

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

- Sev & David approved the payment for Conner Legge after confirmation from John D. & Sarah. So far, we have not received confirmation of school registration or EFT info from the other three candidates.

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.
- Action item: To arrange a hearing regarding an outstanding matter over the suspension and resulting dispute between a VYSA member club & one of their members.

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

- BC Soccer winding down the Associate Membership designation.
- Board agreed that no longer any need for this committee and therefore, will be wound up.

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

- No further discussion at this point. Further discussions deferred to the 2022/23 season.



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Committee #7 - New Membership Application Review – Ewen (chair), Sev, Mike, John R., David

- Becki invited to join this committee and she agreed.
- Action item: Ewen to circulate New Membership Applications from Fusion FC & Field Arts FC to the committee.

New Business

➤ Strategic Planning

- Sev put forward the name of a facilitator *to assist the VYSA with strategic planning.*
- *John De Hart offered to lead this discussion on a volunteer basis.*
- *Ewen & John led the discussion on whether the VYSA wants to continue as an Operational board or a Strategic board.*
- *Sev suggested the VYSA reach out to other districts to learn how they manage their respective boards. John D. agreed with this.*
- *Rob suggested board members may burn out with too much operational work.*
- *Mike requested Ewen's historical perspective of how VYSA evolved vis-à-vis operational vs strategic management.*
- *Darren suggested additional administrative support to free up the board for other more strategic discussions.*
- Action item: To review a previous job description for VYSA Administrator put together by Loretta Abdi a few years ago.
- Further discussion deferred to next meeting.

➤ **Next meeting scheduled** for Monday, Jan 10th – 7:30 pm via ZOOM.

➤ **Motion to adjourn meeting** at 9:53pm by Darren, seconded by Mike. Carried.