



# VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## **VYSA Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: 14th June 2021

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

### **Members in attendance:**

Sev Araujo	Chair
David Valinho	Secretary-Treasurer
Darren Sherbot	Field Coordinator
Craig McNeil	Website Coordinator
Steven Yueng	Scheduler
Adam Sewell	
Mike Rudd	Performance Bond
Ewen Cameron	Risk Officer - late
Rob Cadez	Discipline
Becki Wong	
John Radosevic	
Paul Chapman	

**Regrets:** None

### **Admin in attendance:**

Gordon Quan VYSA registrar, Field Scheduler, Interlock Scheduler

### **Admin Not in Attendance:**

Bradley Smith	Referee-In-Chief
Sirtaj Ali	VYSA Scheduling Rep

**Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Sev Araujo - Chair**

### **Agenda was approved**

- Motioned by Mike
- Seconded by John
- Motion carried unanimously
- Move Gordon's Registrar report to item #3
- Under AGM discussion - Pat Banks recognition at the AGM



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## **Review of the May 10/21 minutes**

Motion to approve May 10/21 minutes:

- Motioned by John
- Seconded by David
- Motion carried unanimously
- Sev recommended several revisions to the minutes. These revisions were approved by the board and the minutes were updated accordingly.
- Amended minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Registrar's report - Gordon**

- No written report
- Gordon updated the board on the latest registration issues in the VYSA District
- Secondary Season upload to BC Soccer completed successfully.
- Deadline to submit Metro & Div. 1 team submissions to the BCCSL is June 15.
  - 79 Div. 1 & Metro teams
- Fusion submitted 14 teams for BCCSL play 2021-2022 season
- Ewen asked about Fusion's U11 & U12 & U13 Div. 1 team submissions.
- Gordon confirmed that Fusion submitted 5 – U11, U12, U13 Div. 1 teams.
- Ewen requested that Gordon advise him of these teams and Gordon agreed to provide the information.

## **Chair & BCCSL report - Sev**

- No written report but provided minutes from recent BCCSL meetings.
- Discussed highlights of the previous BCCSL meeting.
- U11/U12 BCCSL High Performance League will not go ahead for the 2021-22 Season.
- CSA wants to see 9v9 or 10v10 play on half-fields at U13 for the 2022-23 season. Just discussion currently – more details to follow.
- Darren confirmed that U11/U12 play for the 2021-22 season will be “normal play” as in past years.
- Further discussion followed



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## **Secretary-Treasurer Report – David**

- No Secretary report.
- David delivered Treasurer report & reviewed 2020-2021 Notice to Reader Statements
- Motion to accept 2020-2021 Notice to Reader Statements as presented
  - Motioned by Rob
  - Seconded by Craig
- Discussion followed

## **Committee #1 report**

- Updated the board on the Fusion lawsuit against VYSA
- Optimistic the Judge will deliberate in VYSA favor
- Discussion about ongoing communication with Fusion, specifically with respect to U11/U12/U13 Div. 1 teams.
- Ewen confirmed two separate communications:
  - Communication to Fusion parents of the U11/U12/U13 Div. 1 teams. Communication with through VYSA council to Fusion council. Sev requested a copy of this communication for VYSA records.
- Discussed & confirmed the formation of new Committee #7 – Discipline Committee.
  - Ewen, Becki, Paul, David

## **Committee #2 report – VYSA Policy to accept new members**

- Ewen, Mike, Becki, John
- Deadline to submit to BCSA is July 31/21
- Committee met June 6th to confirm details of New Club Application Policy.
- Opinion was that CSA trying to professionalize youth club soccer, which needs to be incorporated into our New Club Application Policy.
- Same standard for new clubs will be applied to existing clubs.
- Discussion followed.
- Board delegated final approval & submission of the VYSA New Club Application Policy to Committee #2, which will submit final policy to BCSA before the July 31 deadline.

### **MOTION: To accept the VYSA New Club Application Policy as presented.**

- Motioned by Sev
- No seconder
- Motion did not pass
- There was agreement to defer approval of the VYSA New Club Application Policy until after the AGM for the new board to deal with.



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**MOTION: To approve the document as-is with the consideration to change the requirement for new clubs not to include players affiliated with the VYSA District for 2 years for the first year and 1 year for the year after from when the document is in place.**

- Motioned by Rob
- Seconded by Sev
- Discussion followed
- Concern was expressed that the new policy may be perceived to target Fusion. There were suggestions to modify the motion.
- Discussion about Fusion having made false promises to parents to increase their registrations at the expense of other VYSA clubs. Suggestion that New Club Policy incorporate a requirement that new club applicants not engage in misrepresentations and that such prohibited behavior may result in denied access to VYSA affiliation.
- Ewen suggested that VYSA does not want new clubs entering the district to cannibalize existing clubs and that they need to demonstrate that they can attract new players to the district.
- John suggested that we allow Ewen to modify the policy for the next meeting.
- Rob put forward an amendment to the above motion that Ewen add a clause that addresses new club applicant behavior.
- Sev put forward an amendment that the board accept the New Club Application Policy with any amendments regarding applicant recruiting behavior that committee 2 sees fit. The board delegates authority to Committee 2 to make any changes to the policy and submit to BCSA for approval with no further approval from the VYSA board.
- Rob restated his motion: **The board approve the New Club Application Policy draft as-is and that Committee 2 be authorized to add a clause that addresses new club recruitment behavior before their application.**
- Further discussion followed
- Vote to approve the above amended motion was approved unanimously.

## **Disciplinary Committee**

- Recommendation to send a note to Field Arts FC with respect to false statements they have made in the community and on their website regarding their affiliation with the VYSA for the 2021-22 season.
- Committee needs to appoint a chair of this committee.



## **VYSA AGM**

- Reviewed AGM agenda
- Reviewed 2020 AGM minutes. These were already approved last July (2020) and will be ratified by the VYSA membership at the AGM.
- Confirmed that there are 6 board vacancies up for election at the AGM and that the VYSA submitted a slate of 4 recommended directors.
- Ewen put forward the name of John De Hart for recommendation to the board. Sev advised that the board had already approved the recommended slate of directors and could not add to it, but that John De Hart could be nominated from the floor at the AGM.
- David advised that all AGM participants need to register for the AGM in advance.
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## **RIC Report – Bradley**

- No report

## **AOB**

- Board agreed to award Pat Banks a \$1500 cheque in recognition of her many years of service to the VYSA District.
- Board not sure if Pat would attend the AGM but would invite Don Dancy from BCSA to attend the AGM and say a few words to recognize Pat's service.

## **Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:38 pm by Steven**

- Seconded by David
- Carried unanimously