



Lower Island Women's Soccer Association

COACHES & MANAGERS MEETING – Minutes

January 15, 2023 @ 7:00 pm | via Zoom | Victoria | BC | Canada | www.liwsa.com

MEETING PROCEEDINGS		
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1	Meeting called to order by Marta at 7:01pm. Seconded, Sharon.	Marta
2	Overview of Zoom meeting Functions & Etiquette <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use chat feature to pose questions, Marta will monitor. • Cheryl will be taking minutes. • Inappropriate behaviour/commentary by a member/attendee, will be removed from meeting. 	Marta
3	Motion to have September 2023 Minutes as read, Brad. Seconded, Mark.	Marta
4	Introduction of Executive Members & Reports a. President's Report <i>i. Game Schedules (regular season, reschedules/postponements, cup games)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For teams with club field schedulers, please remind them to connect with Casey. ▪ It is assumed that opponents have been contacted when home teams submit requests or confirm game schedule details. Please ensure opponents have been contacted/communicated with. ▪ For reschedules/postponements, please use the form and instructions as posted on the website. Remember that there is a 21-day rescheduling rule. ▪ Please think about the tight scheduling timeline, rescheduling may require you to play 2 games in one weekend. ▪ There are options available for teams fielding low numbers, please refer to rules. Teams are not obligated to agree to reschedule. ▪ Cup schedules are up. Everyone should have received an email from their liaison advising of this. Designated home teams contact your field schedulers asap and relay that to Casey at admin@liwsa.com. ▪ Casey will be working over the next 2-3 days to put match-ups for season's final games, all due to standings as of tonight. ▪ Cup schedules should show up on team pages and main schedules, also a cup competition page where all 5 cups are posted. <i>ii. 2022-23 Cup Competitions-</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Question from Gorge O30A: is there a way to change the cup draws so that O30As won't have to keep playing each other in cup draws? A little bit frustrating looking at cup play and playing the same teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cup Draws across all competitions are completely random. Other cup competitions have pools with similar scenario – teams playing each other again from their own divisions. ii. Until the Competitions Chair position is filled, we are limited in our capacity to review the cup draw process. The duties of this role are currently distributed between 3 other board members that add to their own list of current duties. ▪ Question: could it be seeded? Would be something for the new Competitions Chair to research. ▪ Question Stu (LHD1): about the game times. I see them on my schedule, were the times and day chosen by the field scheduler or by you guys? Home game times that were submitted at time of team registration/what league has in system as historical game day/time. ▪ Question from Brent: Throw my support into being in a competition committee. Still need a chair. Anyone interested, please contact Marta; maybe able to accommodate list of duties. 	

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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anna (PLSC O30A): are there any div 2 teams that want to swap in that group for cup play that has 3 over 30a gorge teams. Marta: any thoughts? I think it's a bit late and it wouldn't be a random draw. Anna: if a div 2 team was open to it would the league support it? It would have to be voted on by the board, can't speak to it right now. Anna: Div 2 teams feel free to contact Erin or Anna. ▪ Furthermore to our cups, teams have to identify their jersey colours and sock colours. Try to bring a second set of colours if you are the home team. If you only have one set, communicate with the other team and see if they have a second set, try to avoid using pinnies. ▪ Finals - hoping to get confirmation that we can use the new Finlayson turf. Have asked the executive board to recruit one volunteer each. If you are a team in the final, if you can recruit one or two people to help out that would be appreciated as well. ▪ Finals - hoping to get confirmation that we can use the new Finlayson turf. Have asked the executive board to recruit one volunteer each. If you are a team in the final, if you can recruit one or two people to help out that would be appreciated as well. ▪ Provincials - Draw Date: BC Soccer announced they are doing their provincial draws beginning of April. Some of our cups finish a week before, and their draw may happen without our team names listed, but they will say what seed, etc in what time/place. ▪ Rules/Regs Committee - sent out a call for committee members. Would be nice to have a few externals (a rep from a club that is from an independent and a club with adult/youth) to diversify the group. Will meet 2-3 times to go over and make changes, then will put it out to members for feedback. We can only remember so much that we need you guys to work with us to make sure we captured everybody. If we don't have any more interest by tomorrow at 5:00, will follow up with those who have shown interest. Keep an eye out for update on this later in March. ▪ Executive Board Vacant Positions (VP, Communications, Competitions) - If you look under About on website, there is a page on description and duties of these positions. ▪ All-Stars Update - not doing this again this year, this falls on competitions chair. We are working with metro island women's league to launch a new all-stars program that we are hoping to launch in the fall. Would involve playing some of the mainland teams. 	Marta	
	Operations Manager Report - Casey away	Marta	
	Discipline Report - Nothing to report.		
	Secretary's Report - Nothing to report.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registrar's Report The player transfer deadline was over today. You can remove or add new players to your roster until the end of the season, keep in mind 24 hours for any regular season game and 7 days for any cup game. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk Management Report ▪ Out of 145 record checks, there are 5 outstanding. Some letters are going to be sent out regarding those. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaison's Report Premier (Gareth); Division 1 (Sanja); Division 2 (Adriano - nothing to report); Division 3 (Samantha); O30s (Andy) - nothing to report; O35 (Sharon) I am working with the executive to look at inviting more teams to join o35 		

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5	<p>Team Roundtable -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelsey: Want to put it on the table, I know we're always struggling with o30a's with getting more teams to join and enhance that position. Any thought to allowing Premier players over 30 to be permitted to O30A as call-ups? ▪ Marta: Permits/Call ups based on how players are registered. Can't recall the term used, want to say that it has to do with A cup vs B cup - premier as registered as A cup, and o30a is B cup. Will follow up with an email once confirmed as to why. Kelsey: by giving premier women the opportunity to see what it's like in o30a it might be good for them to see the competitiveness if they wanted to join o30a. ▪ Brent: rescheduling of games, rules are pretty straight forward when it comes to weather. Sometimes we have found ourselves in a couple situations playing in another home team's time that doesn't really work for us. We have had threatened forfeits. Sometimes feels like there is a lot of pressure, appreciate we need to figure out seeding, but rules aren't really applied the way they need to be applied. ▪ Marta: this is why we are doing the review of the rules and regs. The whole doc needs to be updated and tidied up. ▪ Brad: is there an update of when Finlayson will be open? They pushed it back to the beginning of March but it could be sooner. ▪ Charmaine: rosters on team page. What does a little exclamation mean beside names? It means they are missing photo or info in their profile. Sent out emails about inappropriate photos to coaches and managers multiple times. ▪ Rebecca: Is there any reason why we don't spread the round robin portion of the cup games throughout the season? Marta: Don't know of any particular reason, been this way, but we are open to looking at a variation. ▪ Question: is there a way to know in advance if there will be only a ref or linesmen too? Possibly, however it would be a difficult task to coordinate, since league only schedules referees, and ARs only for independent club teams. We are at the mercy of short notice changes in availability or sickness. ▪ Question: what about the new field at vic high, where will that fit in? Great question don't know yet. ▪ Question Anna: Any insights or updates for if we will have an o40s? There hasn't been a steady increase in number of teams in O35. But the hope is that once we reach a 10-team division in o35 then we would look at implementing an o40s. ▪ Comment: maybe could reach out to the mens recreational league about o40s and see if there's some synergy, considered recreation and no standings but get to play with your cohort of the same age. Sharon: has been talk of doing this with the mens league, came out of the summer games 55+. To get something like this going recreationally, that wouldn't impact the o40s in our league. 	Marta
6	Motions: None	
7	New Business - no new business.	
8	Motion to Adjourn, Brent. Seconded, Brad. Meeting adjourned 7:51pm.	