

LIWSA Coaches and Managers Meeting

February 24, 2019 – JDF Seniors Centre Room 101

Board Meeting – 4:00-5:00 pm.

Attendees:

Casey Tepper

Jules Nagy

Tena Gilmore

Marta Ausio-Esteve

John Kilbank

Tanya Turner

Jean Fraser

Cheryl van Ierland

Adriano Sumberac

Heather Todd

Casey Leech

Motion to go in camera by Discipline chair, seconded Communications chair. Motion to go out of camera, Discipline Chair. Seconded VP.

Draw for provincials Apr. 1 – crucial to get cup games in.

Take a look at BCSA website to nominate someone for BC soccer award.

Motion by VP - If the referee fees go up next season we do it across the board, not just for VISRA.
Passed.

Motion to go in camera by VP, Seconded Discipline Chair. Motion to go out of camera, Discipline chair.
Seconded.

Motion for executive to vote for Sue Beecher award by Div. 2 liaison. Passed.

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League Coaches and Managers

Meeting called to order at 5:09 by President.

Motion by Tyler Black for previous meeting minutes read. Passed.

President's Report:

- Thanks for the last 3 weeks, been tough to get games in with field closures.
- Provincial draw Apr. 1 at Provincial hotel. Provincials May 12-13, Merle Logan turf in Nanaimo. 3 teams coming out of premier, winner, Terry Price Cup winner, 2nd place team – Doug Day winner number 1,2 seed. Masters classic – top 3 finishers in the league standings. One of the teams (Castaways) would like to go in A cup, Casey will talk to BC soccer about that.
- WPSL- Pacific FC – we have agreed to take them in as a partnership. They have decided to join Victoria United FC, BC soccer has clicked in. WPSL semi-professional women's team is coming this year.

Vice President's Report:

- Welcome to everyone today, nice to see everyone. Been a long 3 weeks dealing with field closures and snow. Hats off to all volunteers keeping this league going, thank you.

Treasurer's Report:

- 61,000 in the bank, 20,000 will be left by AGM. All bills paid up to date. We saved money this year, enough so that if ref fees go up \$6 we can cover it. LIWSA will not be raising fees next year.

Risk Management Report:

- Nice to put some faces to names
- If anyone hasn't sent their criminal record check come talk to Risk Management chair tonight
- Some record checks still pending
- If a team has not done their checks, cannot permit youth players

Discipline & Rules and Regulations Report:

- Discipline this year is up substantially with red cards and fines.
- Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Standards Policy, and Procedures and Discipline Sanction Policy have been revised by BCSA to create a new document: Judicial Code & Policies of BC Soccer. That is our guideline for discipline, sanctions, suspensions.
- Rules and regulations: The LIWSA Team Officials Handbook will be replaced by a website front page rotating info clip, which will be a very short couple of bullet points related to frequently asked questions (ie. permits, ID cards, game postponements/cancellations, etc.)
- A proposal for consideration by coaches and managers outlined below, to be subsequently reviewed and discussed at the club level over the next 3 months. A motion will be tabled for vote at the upcoming AGM (May). See attached document for details.
 - For you to take back to your clubs to discuss. For changing the o30b division to a new o35 division effect beginning of next season.
 - Handout available and proposal is available on the website.
 - Concept is, all of the players currently registered would be grandfathered and any new registrations would be required to meet the age limit.
 - Would be no relegation available to o30a division.
 - Reason: have struggled in the past to create a new 040 division. Members have wanted it but it hasn't happened, this would be a way to accomplish it. We would look eventually to advancing the division to an o40.
 - Take it away, have a discussion with your teams and clubs, get their thoughts on this concept.
 - A large number of the division is over 35 as it is.
 - Question: Will the division be able to permit from anybody? O30a division can permit as always have. If you wanted to permit from div 2 or 3 they would have to be O35.
 - Question: Why doesn't it apply to both o30 divisions? Because we still want to keep an o30 division.
 - Question: The grandfather in is only for players that are currently registered? Correct, new players would have to be 35 any time in that season.
 - Statement: There may be a risk that there may be people between age 30-35 that aren't good enough to play in o30a, that won't have a place to play.
 - Question: Are there any stats on what teams already in O30 think? Yes, did a general sampling, results in handout.

- Question: Permitting – right now B can permit from div 2 and 3 but not o30a. Why can't o30b permit from o30a? Could this be possible for the new o35 division?
- Comment: shouldn't be able to permit from a division above.
- Question: Why can we not permit from div 1 or premier in O30a, if they are age eligible?
- Comment: we have no restrictions on youth coming up (permitting), why is there a restriction on permitting within liwsa? Restrictions were decided as a membership. A matter of putting what the majority would deem acceptable. Could be a motion you can submit at the AGM.
- Comes from a place of safety, if you have too big of a gap. We have to consider that's when the injuries start happening.
- Have conversations with your teams, write your feedback in an email and send it to Cheryl (secretary@liwsa)
- Question: Is it possible to start 2 o30 leagues and 1 o35 league? A possibility as o30 division is growing.

Secretary's Report:

- Moved to new business.

Communications Report:

- Cup schedule and finals update and timeline
- Want to hear feedback from you guys first, will go over what original schedule was like. This year the draw is earlier and can't be postponed. With that in mind, we will just have to fill in the blanks once we know the draw. Don't see as a huge issue, just don't lose a game on purpose in order to not compete against someone really competitive.
- Every year we have always combined the finals for Terry Price and Doug Day on the same weekend. But with one cup having 2 weekends to catch up, proposing to postpone it two weeks which will bring us to first weekend of April. Only 2 postponed in Stephanie Shergold and one in the Frank Leversedge. In ideal world, if those 6 teams would be able to play mid-week, would be great.
- Question: What would the deadline be for Doug Day? Finals would be the first weekend of April, semis would be Mar. 29. Gives original weekends to make up the missed games.
- Otherwise would have to host 2 sets of finals.
- Question: Concern that with make-up games from reg season and cancelled make-up game today, concerned about injuries if playing too many games close together? Focus on the cups first, try to schedule mid-week games.
- If another team is in a promotion or relegation position, you might have to make an accommodation. We don't expect you to schedule back to back games.
- We will take weekend of Feb 8 games, will slot it into Mar 15. Games from family day will go to Mar. 22 weekend.
- Question: Is there any way to count the score from a cup game for a regular season game, if it is the same team that were to face in a cancelled game? We would have to look at the situation.

- Question: Proposal for scheduling – if the home team by Wed. night cannot supply an open field, it goes to the visiting team. Then if the visiting team can supply a field, game can be played? We would have to make a change in the rules at the AGM for that to happen.
- We made every effort to find fields for teams this weekend, don't ever hesitate to reach out and if two teams agree to the switch then just notify us. There is a lot of flexibility, communicate with opposition and then let us know that they have agreed. Due to weather conditions with reasonable and logical sense we can be flexible.
- What should we do with Doug Day and Terry Price schedule– postpone two weeks? Passed.

Registrar's Report:

- All registrations complete, working on some final registrations to send to BC soccer.
- Please remember, 7 day window when you sign players in cup.
- President has been doing ID cards, has been trying to build a better method to deal with it. Spreadsheet to be filled out with information needed to make the card.

Competitions' Report:

- All-star game report – everything went fairly smoothly, hiccup on goal keepers.
- Please get trophies in as soon as possible.
- Representatives please vote for most sportsmanlike team in their division, voting boxes are here. Also other boxes available for voting on other awards such as Sue Beecher (any individual in the association who goes above and beyond), Jan Tucam award (for div 1 most sporting player), Sue Tate award (best keeper in premier)

Referee's Report:

- If you have any feedback, please fill out the referee feedback form. Like to have feedback both good and bad.
- Comment: many refs have not had their ID number, which is needed to send in the feedback form. That is the reason why we've been emailing. Can we change the form so that we don't require the ID number? Yes, the form can be changed to just use name.
- You have to go into ref centre to get your ref number, so many refs may not know theirs.
- In partnership with BC Soccer's referee program, teams that are potentially going into premier cup have been supplying some refs from the mainland in referee integration program, refs from the island have been going to the mainland. To change things up and give some higher level experience.
- We have been working with BC soccer to provide mentorship to some of the referees in the league. Have been having good success with that, some of the younger officials that have been coming into the league. Also getting more female officials into the league.
- Question: Can we get some of the young officials for the o30b league? Yes, absolutely.

- Question: Could you send out a reminder for rules for general cup play? Some officials did not seem to know the rules today.

Liaison's Reports:

- Liaisons are happy.

New Business:

- New Society's Act – had to file a transition to new society's act by November 2018. Has been filed, after special resolution vote.
- Used BC Soccer Association's template for Constitution and Bylaws, which weren't that different from original documents. A few changes were required by the society's act.

Motion to adjourn meeting, Leah Crisp. Seconded, Sean Johnson.

Meeting adjourned by President at 6:20pm.