

LIWSA Executive Meeting

April 29, 2020

Attendees (Via Zoom): Cornelis Tepper, Jules Nagy, Marta Ausio-Esteve, Tanya Turner, John Kilbank, Heather Todd, Jean Fraser, Stacie Madelung, Cheryl van Ierland, Sanja Dodos, Adriano Sumberac

Type of Meeting: Executive Meeting

Meeting Chair: Cornelis (Casey) Tepper - President

Invitees: LIWSA Executive

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 pm by President
- II. Motion to pass previous minutes as read: Tanya. Seconded: Marta
- III. Directors' Reports
 - a) President's Report:
 - Hope everyone is safe, starting to get back into things slowly.
 - Season restart: BC soccer still wants to go ahead with provincials. Time really lagging and getting harder to do. Will be modified. Casey will keep us updated.
 - Might be doing Zoom quite a bit for meetings – committees and whatnot. Marta will set up the meetings that way.
 - Website update: We are launching May 1. Everything is a go, sent some screenshots to exec over email. Will have an update from the referees, will have an update from Stacie and Marta. Also will have a visa card set up on the website.
 - Fee reductions for 2020-2021 season. An email was sent to exec – what are your thoughts? My thought: if any fee reduction it will be prorated on amount of games. John: There would possibly be enough time in the season, even if starting late, we might be able to get a full season in with a different schedule. Have to be careful with postponing games. Marta: Agree with prorating depending on number of games. Jules: Don't think the season is going to happen. Casey: Should I ask BC Soccer if they are

considering a fee reduction if there is a delay to the season? Yes please. Casey will send an email to them tomorrow.

- Rules and Regs: Marta and Casey are going to go through Rules and Regs. Will make any rule changes that were decided on this past season before promotions and relegations committee sits.
- 2020 cup finals: VISL is going ahead with their finals. Do we want to go through with our finals if we open any time before June? It was suggested to have the finals in Oct or Nov. No chance we will be playing in June. Could have games mid-week in Oct or Nov. Choose a weekend for all the finals? Decide on a certain criteria – rosters have to be very similar to what they were last season. May be very difficult with players changing teams or leaving the league next season. Would be almost impossible to keep track of that. Either need to start fresh or use whatever players they have signed for the new season. Teams may be completely different and may be very unfair. I think our members will be more than willing to forgo cup finals for this past year, considering the circumstances. Otherwise it will be too messy with it being a whole new season, some teams will have even been promoted.
- Are we as an association willing to move forward with cup finals if restrictions are lifted between now and beginning of next season? Yes, all in favour.

b) Vice President's Report

- Been doing a lot of homework regarding the standings with what was left of the season. Only issue is Div 2, one point between league winner and second place and last game would have made the decision.
- Unfortunate that these circumstances ended our season. Maybe get the two coaches together and ask them how to settle the final game.
- Promotion/Relegation committee. Need a few more people involved – not going through what we went through last year, weren't treated well and will be digging my heels in this year. Would like to go through with promotions rather than keep things as it is because of early end to season. Cheryl, Sanja, Marta stepping up for committee.
- Challenge games – depends on how we do things with the divisions. JDF division 3 would like to challenge to Div 2 if they could. Gorge asked for a challenge into division 1 (new team).

- Would like to see Div 3 either split into A and B or strongly look into starting Div 4. Concern that longer road to get promoted if starting in Div 4.
- Looking at how many teams from each club are in each division. If there are more than two, what to do.
- O30s – depending on how many teams go to O35, we may have to combine O30a and b and just have one O30 division. Promotions/Relegations committee will look into this.

c) Secretary's Report

- AGM will be postponed until things are cleared with COVID-19 restrictions.

d) Treasurer's Report

- Update on finances: We are stable in the bank. New website will be carrying a way to pay with visa, bookkeeper got all set-up. Working on year-end finances with book-keeper, will be shipped off for another notice to reader.
- Every year when we do our reg, some teams sign less than 20 players, some more than 20. In the past we've either taken money off or added money to the next season. Discrepancy right now of teams that added extra players, should I put that towards next year or mail them a cheque and start fresh next year? Start fresh. Will put funds owed on their team list for teams that owe, and funds owed for teams that are owed. Will send invoices to clubs.

e) Discipline Report

- No red cards being carried over. Starting on clean slate.
- BCSA has been asking questions on how we do our discipline, sent them our system. They are checking out all the associations. Have no questions for us, they seem happy with how we're doing things.
- Still looking for a discipline chair.

f) Communications Report

- My role on website will be content – text, pictures, social media (twitter, Instagram, facebook), footballer of the week.

- New site is easy to manage and schedule postings.
- Would like liaisons this year to help with footballer of the week nominations.
- Site is set up that Randy (website creator) can actually specifically designate access to certain individuals on areas on the site. The system tells you who posted the last info.
- Will give everyone access to twitter and Instagram. We have to share user name and password. If you're out and about on sidelines or refereeing, feel free to post.

g) Competitions Report

- Final awards – last were talking about setting up a poll on the website.
- Didn't get many votes on sportsmanship. Will send it out again to teams.
- If we don't end up doing cup, can we reuse the medals? If haven't glued on the stickers yet, will try to make sure those aren't put on.
- Trophies are not all in yet.

h) Registrar's Report

- Finished end of season player count.
- Looking forward to starting team registration with the new site.
- Players must be careful that they register for the right teams.
- Will set up a zoom meeting with Randy and Casey to train on new site.

i) Risk Management Report

- Nothing to report.

j) Referees Report

- Been working with Randy testing referee section on website. Hard to get a feel without having started yet, but feeling pretty confident.
- Have a few games that weren't on last batch of referee cheques. Maybe two weekends worth of games that weren't paid out. Should we cut

those cheques now or wait to see on cup games? Need to cut those cheques now. Will get spreadsheet ready to send over to president and bookkeeper.

- If referees want to ref in LIWSA they now have to apply.
- In new system, referees put in their availability and John can control level of game they can be assigned to based on experience, and basically it will auto-assign the games. Hopefully it will work out!
- John hasn't made a bad call for over a month ☺

k) Liaisons' Report – nothing to report.

IV. New Business

- Rule amendment from Feb. meeting on home team supplying field by 5pm Monday – what was the result of this? Not passed by membership.
- Should we combine AGM with Coaches and Managers meeting at start of new season (if we are allowed by then due to COVID-19 restrictions)? Yes.
- Next meeting in about a month's time. Will plan for end of May.

V. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn: Tanya. Seconded: Jules.

Meeting adjourned 7:43 pm.