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LIWSA Executive Meeting (Via Zoom)

Jan. 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

Attendees: Casey, Jules, Jean, Marta, Gareth, Stacie, John, Sharon, Heather, Cheryl

President's Report:

- BCSA adult meeting – most of the men's teams want to continue with provincials, but most women association are not really interested. Travel is the main concern.
- Premier and Div 1 liaisons to send messages out to teams.
- Gorge Premier have opted out all year, but Gorge SA would like to know if provincials are a go and if they could play in provincials.
 - Doesn't seem feasible to be the league representative if they haven't played in the league this season
 - However it is under extraordinary circumstances.
 - In the past, the league has paid for the team's entry fee to provincial. My feeling is that if the team has not paid registration fees all year, I don't feel we should cover their entry fees.
 - Think we need an idea of what premier teams would even be interested in playing in provincials. After that decision could be made and they would have to pay their own way.
 - If they haven't paid their membership, they are not a member of LIWSA.
 - They registered their players through BC Soccer. So in fact they are members.
 - Today we can decide if they need to play all of the premier teams first, before going to provincials.
 - If there are 4 teams that want to go, they should need to compete for the 3 spots that are available.
 - Open up provincials to the premier teams that are in there right now, if there are not 3 teams that want to go, can they have that spot but pay their own way?
 - The rules do say that it is the top 3 teams, league winner, Terry Price winner, and second place team.
 - Play the premier teams in a mini tournament, or in a cohort?
 - We need to check out what premier teams want to go to provincials.
 - Only fair that they need to play at least some games in the season.



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- Have sent cohort schedules off to Randy to put on site.
- Will talk about how we are working out the fees in treasurer's report.
- Need to discuss, are we going into a 3rd cohort? We won't have time to go into a 4th cohort. This cohort would end Feb. 21. The 3rd would start March 12, which would end April 16. Yes, if possible would like to play as many games as we can.
- How would cup play work? It would be tricky to figure out cohorts.
- What if we are not able to play soccer right away? We will have to push the cohort start dates back.
- Coaches and Manager's meeting next Monday, Jan. 11
- Revisit the Spectrum offer to invest into their turf.
 - Would like to know the details of the VISL deal
 - Which way to we want to go, yay or nay. There are other clubs that are investing in turfs. This is not really a community turf, it is a VISL turf.
 - We would be a renter at Spectrum regardless, whether we invest or not.
 - They approached us with things in motion already, need to get commitment for the remaining money.
 - We don't really have much money to invest in a turf, because we keep our fees low. Not something that we want to risk.
 - Could take the allotted amount that we use to rent Finlayson, could use that to put toward Spectrum turf.
 - VISL will have full rights to the turf, and we won't have a guarantee to anything. Would rather we save the money and invest in a local club's turf in the future?
 - Unanimously a no on this topic from the board.
- LIWSA jacket for Kelly, our photographer, John talked me into a deal so bought another one for me (Casey other photographer). Awesome jackets with LIWSA logo. Got a really good deal on them. More than willing to pay for my own jacket.
 - No way – we cover both of the jackets.

Vice President's Report:

- Promotions and Relegations committee: Cohort update – went a lot smoother building cohorts this time because of what we learned last time.
- Screen-shared of upcoming round of cohorts.
- North Island group – built keeping travel restrictions in mind
- Looked at past common opponents, results, travel, past byes.
- Have had feedback from PLSC O30a, we responded about our considerations in making this decision.



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- Had to visit O30b/O35 and whether to mix cohorts, had mixture of feedback but mostly they were happy with the way it was. To us it was just a suggestion for variety this season, we just wanted to offer the idea and receive feedback.

Secretary's Report:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Referees have been paid by cheques, have paid BC Soccer.
- To date: Sufficient funds in the bank.
- Bad news is our bookkeeper has decided to retire. She has found us someone else, and is going to interview her this week. Would like a bookkeeper not involved in soccer at all.
- Have not paid any fees to website people yet.
- Team fees, will go back in and see how many games teams have played and apply to the next invoice. That way keep it fair.
- Will be saving money on medallions, All-Stars this year.
- Had to hunt down one paycheck from one of the associations. We think one of the clubs sent their cheque to LISA by accident, put stop on cheque.

Discipline Report:

- Nothing to report.

Communications Report:

- Second newsletter to come out at the end of the week, if anything anyone wants to include let me know.
- Continue to post updated info for concussion blog.
- Quite a reaction from picture posted of team from 1920.

Competitions Report:

- Nothing to report.

Registrar's Report:

- Jan. 15 transfer deadline
- Have emailed Lakehill premier about registration, no response

Risk Management Report:

- From 149 down to 14. Think a few of those are coaches or players that didn't participate. Still need to follow up on one that hasn't come back yet.
- Everything should be able to be done online with Vic PD.

Referee's Report:

- Hope we get some games going



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- Everything went really well with scheduling the refs through the website. When we had a game that was postponed, automatic notifications went to the referee.
- Was pretty easy to do the payroll part too, had to export to excel.
- Really trying to veer away from the old guard of referees. Trying to get people who are committed to the women's game.
- Coaches comment forms are working out well, getting good feedback rather than only getting complaints.
- Please remind referees to put a little bit more on their game reports.
- A bit of inconsistency of what constitutes 'off the ground' in kick-ins. Whole point is just to get the ball back in play.
- Discussion on ARs. Would be nice to see ARs at cup games at every level. Not enough ARs to go around, also a lot of referee schedulers for the clubs are volunteers and don't have the time to schedule assistants at every game. Really varies by club.

Liaisons Report:

- Nothing to report.

New Business

- Jules: I think we should start to think about hiring an administrator, it has been a tough last 6 months in terms of workload and negative feedback coming in. It is not fair, we are all volunteers and take pride in what we do and do not deserve the complaints. If we do decide to pay for an admin, we would need to raise fees.
- Need to make a job description and outline of duties for the role.

Next meeting: January 11, 2021 Coaches and Manager's Meeting at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn: Jules. Seconded, Marta. All in favour. Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm.