



Lower Island Women's Soccer Association
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LIWSA Executive Meeting (Via Zoom)

Nov. 25, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Casey.

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

President's Report:

- Motion to have meeting minutes from SGM as read: Jules. Seconded: Sharon. Approved.
- At 6:45 Dom Butcher is coming online and is going to explain to us about VISL turf at Spectrum high school.
- BC Soccer AGM:
 - I Attended via Zoom with Jules. One of most laid back and well-ran AGMs I've been at. All the voting and motions on the floor passed and everything went very smoothly. President of BC Soccer has changed to Gail Statton and Vice President of Youth is Deborah Pudek. Saw some people from the island get awards which was nice to see. No fee raises this year. Any questions on BC Soccer AGM? No.
- Quick update. Been pretty crazy this past week. Did not get any clear language from public health on current restrictions . No one is playing outside the capital regional district for the time being, will see if lifted on December 7.
- 2 premier teams have opted out and one has entered in. One of our coaches complained about not being allowed youth permits, was investigated and all worked out ok.
- Dom Butcher's presentation:
 - Made some progress with Spectrum turf project. Agreement with school district and VISL an interested stakeholder. Still looking for other stakeholders, potentially would your organization want to support this? Would love for more stakeholders to come in and make this dream a reality. Believe we have a good chance to get 2.2 million dollar grant, and active fundraising is going on. More field time will benefit the whole of Vancouver Island. Starproject.ca or VISLturf.ca.
 - Would the Canada geese be a problem there? We think if we take away that wetland, that there won't be more geese.



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- As a stakeholder, what would be the expectation? Would probably be a buy-in, and then a discounted hourly rate. What is the dollar amount looking for? Any money that is contributed can be amplified x3 through this grant. The grant covers 65%. If you were funding a 10th of the capital contribution, then would get a 10th of the hours.
- Others will have first rights to the turf? They only want 1 turf, for 1800 hours. The other field is really up for grabs.
- What kind of timeline do we have to decide? $\frac{3}{4}$ of a year, unless somebody comes in. We have had some interested groups.
- How do you envision the clubhouse to unfold and who could use it? The stakeholders and their teams. Independent building, not the school district's. Change rooms, showers, hall to run meetings. Social aspect? Yes. Would want an upper deck where can watch the games. Maybe a bar.
- A worry is, Others do the lion's share and then whoever else who comes in gets alienated or are second to the other. There would be set hours and only the one field. There would be ample time that would be laid out and the stakeholders would all have to come to agreement on that.
- Thank you Dom for coming in, we will discuss this, sleep on it and discuss at next meeting.
- Do you want to discuss this first or table it? There would have to be a clear delineation of times in writing so that it is not taken over. If we were to proceed, having a MOU contract would be necessary. Are we financially able to do anything like this? If we borrow money toward the association amount of money will have to be paid in every year. We can run an analysis of funds and take the next 30 days to investigate a grant or bursary for women in sport we can go from there. Needs a lot of consideration because we don't have a lot of money to spare. It might benefit Friday night soccer since there is a lot of uncertainty with Finlayson turf. Finlayson also costs us \$4000-7000/year. Maybe a club like Vic West would like to go in on this. Worth looking into, seeing what we are capable of financially, and bringing to our membership in January. Tabled to next meeting.
- Would like to have a coaches and managers meeting in January, before going into next cohort Jan. 15 weekend (we hope).
- Would like confirmation of cohorts by Dec. 12/13 from promotions and relegations committee.



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- Kelly Wallace our photographer approached me, has asked if he can have a coat or hat to depict he is taking photos for the LIWSA, so that people knows who he is. Motion to buy Kelly Wallace, our photographer, an identifiable LIWSA hat and/or shell jacket for up to \$100, so he can be recognizable from LIWSA. Motion from Sharon. Seconded, Jean. Approved.
- Having problems with a couple teams that don't like to travel. Think it is time we start imposing fines like the VISL for teams that come up with excuses not to travel. This has nothing to do with Covid as this has been happening for years. This year is a little different, but when things get back to normal. North of Nanaimo: will be \$500 also between Nanaimo and the Malahat: \$250.

Vice President's Report:

- Promotions and Relegations committee met to discuss second round cohorts. Made a draft list of new cohorts. We need to see who is opting in and out to get the finalization of the cohorts. We are going to ask O35 and O30B if they want to mix and match for the next cohorts, it will be their choice. The idea was to just have a variation of opponents, nothing else, since this is an exhibition season. O30b teams have said they are happy with the cohort but don't want to be playing any O30a teams. Put projected cohorts in a letter to put out to the teams, and get feedback. Marta please put together a letter to go out this week, to see what teams are opting in and out. We have it all ready to go.
- Been trying to support the president and the league as best I can. Right now is a very trying time to be an executive member in any league, so thank you very much to everyone.

Secretary's Report:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Sufficient funds in the bank to carry us. Stacie if you can fire me exact registration numbers we have now, will send to BC Soccer and then can get invoice sorted out.
- Website people still haven't billed us.

Discipline Report:

- One hearing so far for red card, through Zoom. On team pages, under 'players' there is a box that says discipline. You can see which players have cards on each team page. We have another hearing tonight on Zoom for a red card.
- Hearing has worked really well on Zoom.



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Communications Report:

- Liaisons please remind people to visit the website. We try to post there first and then email out.

Competitions Report:

- We haven't decided if we are going to do Cup or just two cohorts after the break.
- We may have time to play two more cohorts and a cup.
- How would cup play work? It would have to be same format. We would have to draft an example of how it could look.
- Start with the new cohorts and then go from there. Talk about at coaches and managers meeting in Jan.

Registrar's Report:

- Nothing to report except numbers looking pretty solid.
- Thank you Stacie and Casey for your patience with learning about the website.

Risk Management Report:

- Emailed everyone on list for CRCs. Some pdf's coming through were blank and useless.
- Thanks for everything Heather

Referee's Report:

- Like everyone else, referees are having some issues getting used to new site. Nicest thing about site is managers being able to file a report about the match with the referee as part of it. Getting some good reports, and is an opportunity to rate how the referee did.
- Still think we should talk to Randy and see if there's a way to tweak notification emails for field scheduling, for refs to be notified. People are sometimes not being notified about schedule changes. Even though automated emails go out, should still be emailing opposing teams about field changes and confirmations.
- Trying to get more female referees, not been easy but we're working on it.
- Make sure referees get the right goal-scorers.

Liaisons Report:

- Nothing to report.

New Business

- No All-Star games this year, not possible with cohorts.



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Next meeting: January 10, 2021 Coaches and Manager's Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Jean. Seconded, Sharon. All in favour. Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.