



Lower Island Women's Soccer Association

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LIWSA Executive Meeting (Via Zoom)

Wednesday September 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:11pm by Casey.

Attendees: Casey, Jules, Cheryl, Marta, John, Adriano, Gareth, Heather

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- a. **Approval of minutes.** Motion to have previous meeting minutes as read: Jules.
Seconded: Gareth. Passed.
- b. **Motion to go in camera,** Jules. Seconded. Marta. 7:15pm. Motion to go out of camera: Jules.
Marta seconded. 7:22pm.
- c. **Survey Results** – Marta shared survey results for returning to play this season. 8 yes in premier, 6 yes div 1, 3 yes in div 2, 11 yes div 3, o30a 2 yes, o30b 5 yes, O35 4 yes. 39 teams saying yes, but many are a hesitant yes and awaiting what happens with back to school and numbers in next few weeks. Further questions were asked, we will answer after teams are organized. Odd numbers for building division-based cohorts, will need to mix divisions. Premier may actually have two teams folding for this season. Another issue is with the fields. We need to decide soon whether to do a full season, partial, or cancel and there is a lot of paper work, scheduling, and items to consider.
- d. Cohort Details (What is needed) – record of everyone going in, and everyone going out. Answer questions, etc before game time. We are at a point, do we have season in the fall at all? We don't know if teams will stay, COVID numbers are going up, etc. A lot of players take care of vulnerable people and have to consider their whole household and work place. We as a board have to consider the safety of our members.
 - Jules: Think we should seriously consider postponing the season until mid-January, after the fields reopen after Christmas.
 - John: Referees have concerns and questions. Many have said they would not be refereeing at all this season. We will struggle for officials at every level. Can't guarantee they won't be coming into physical contact with anyone.
 - MWSL just as much on the fence as we are, and if we both agree to it really wouldn't mind postponing the season until January and then looking at it again. Bubbles are meant to be getting smaller at this time not growing. Ask to hold off on this decision until after the adult forum meeting next Wednesday night, Sep 17, and see what other BC leagues are thinking.
 - Share the summarized results of the survey with members and state that LIWSA will be attending an adult forum next week and further communication will be made after that. Waiting on the results of the forum next Wednesday night. Want to see what MWSL are doing. At this point, almost half of their members not wanting to play, same as us. Not to mention financially it will be difficult and complicated. BC Soccer holding off on payments until mid-November. Once cohorts are made with mixed divisions, more teams might pull out. Teams will be responsible for so much paperwork for each game,

- they won't want to do it. A couple of weeks ago it seemed like a good idea, but now it seems like a bigger problem.
- -other questions that arose – possibilities of making up games? No, it won't happen, will have to play with whatever players you have. Travel up island will be an issue.
 - -Casey will email after Sep 17 meeting, will let us know where the rest of the province sits, and we can decide from there. January seems to be the most logical plan using common sense. Decision tabled until then. Have good communication with the MWSL right now, which is great.
 - -Cohort details: list of players and referees entering the field, health questionnaire, take temperature, sign off, contact info, etc. That way contact tracing is done.
- e. Cohorts (how to determine) - ascending order right now, if we have to build cohorts.
- f. MWSL (adult Forum sept.17) and MWSL AGM is Sept. 28. That is when they will determine if they will have a season or not.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- a. Motion on the floor Is for LIWSA to adopt and approve (BC?) Return to play guidelines and all rules as written: Jules and seconded: Gareth. Passed.
- b. Thankful for all of you for putting in time and effort that we've had to put in to keep this association going. Do the best we can do, period.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- a. Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a. Need to pay \$185 for PO Box. B) No fees paid to website people to date. Will be a good chunk to be paid when they finally bill us. If things get tight this season because we don't have a season, will have to make some decisions when the time comes. If we choose not to have a season, do we not have to pay BC Soccer? If we choose in January, will have to pay then. If we don't have to register any players we won't have to pay.

DISCIPLINE REPORT:

- a. Nothing to report

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

- a. Website Report – team announcements have been activated. Casey has emailed Randy for Liaisons access.

COMPETITIONS REPORT:

- a. Handed out final awards! (Casey) Some really lovely photos. Was nice to give the teams their awards separately and in person, rather than do it at AGM.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- a. Nothing to report

RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- a. Nothing to report

REFEREE'S REPORT:

- a. A lot of questions about how the cohort soccer will be implemented. If they will be refereeing in only one league, cohort, etc. Response, was that we don't know yet and waiting for direction from BC Soccer.
- b. b) Casey shared referee's frequently asked questions. Lots of information on the updated rules for cohort soccer. Kick-ins, interesting, will have to be trained to not pick the ball up and place it in place. So many little potential issues. Shouldn't be a kick-in, should be a pass in. Not meant to be a free kick, it's a restart. Document has a lot that requires more clarification.

LIAISONS REPORT:

- a. Have been receiving questions and trying to answer as best we can.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business.

Next meeting: Oct. 28th @ 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn: Marta. Seconded: Gareth. 8:25 pm.