



## Lower Island Women's Soccer Association

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### LIWSA Meeting (Via Zoom)

August 16, 2021 – 7:00pm

**Board Attendees:** Casey Tepper, Jules Nagy, Marta Ausio-Esteve, Gareth Crisp, Leah Crisp, Sanja Dodos, Sharon Scott, Cheryl van Ierland, Stacie Madelung

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Jules.

Motion to approve AGM 2021 minutes as read: Marta. Seconded: Gareth.

#### PRESIDENT'S/VP'S REPORT:

- Welcome Leah Crisp to our Executive, thank you Leah. 2nd round on our executive. Taken on the Discipline Chair and wish her luck in this role.
- Casey and I have been working on putting out fires on the soccer front. Remember Marta saying last year multiple times that an inquiry for the executive must be emailed to the Secretary (Cheryl) and then Cheryl will send it to the proper person on the exec. Instead, people are sending to Marta and expecting her to deal with everything. Think we should put another memo out that unless communication is done in the proper way, it won't be responded to. Otherwise it is too stressful for everyone. Marta could you please put that memo out on our webpage.
- Got a couple of bulletins from BC Soccer today. One is referee registration, trying to bring referees back in that opted out due to Covid. Other one is electronic communication, using their information network to find the correct person for inquiries to go to.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report

#### COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

- I have the newsletter and will be promoting our usual concussion protocol web log. Going to promote the Golden Boot Award on it. Will show who is in the lead for the Golden Boot award each month. Will be doing our own Footballer of the Month, LIWSA specific. Wanted to help promote two articles on two groups of women who are doing some things in the community. One is "For Love of Sport" podcast project. Also, a program called "She Trains", two women have organized it for submitting grant requests and many participating from all over the soccer community. Hoping that with your approval I can write something up and then proceed as things develop to put it out there to our membership. Thoughts? –Sounds great, love the idea of promoting women in sports.

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

- Not much to report, working on registration and getting all the key codes out for registering players.
- Casey: Is there any way that when teams submit their registration that they could please put in the scheduling elements? Most teams fill it out but Casey spent lots of time chasing people down for their scheduling requests on the weekend.
  - It's tricky because the only thing we could do is make it mandatory or chase people down. If we want to I could talk to Randy and see if there's a way to switch it for next year to make it a mandatory field, rather than an option of TBD.
  - Yes, let's see if Randy can remove the TBD section. We will make it clear about this switch at the AGM so people are prepared for this change.

### DISCIPLINE CHAIR:

- Nothing to report
- Casey will send info from BC Soccer to Leah

### RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

- Nothing to report, away
- Heather is right on top of the CRCs. Asked Randy to see if he can come up with something in the program, now set up that if someone's risk management expires, a red flag will pop up right away.

### REFEREES REPORT:

- Nothing to report, away
- Any referees that want to be paid by estransfer, will be set up this year.

### OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT:

- **Season Start Sept.10<sup>th</sup> Break Dec.13 – Jan.13**
- It's been a really eye-opening last couple of weeks. A lot has happened. Invoices pretty much ready to go. Started working on scheduling. Prospect Lake Div 3 has folded. The team approached me about raising the roster to 27 because they didn't want to turn away players. Wanting to combine their two teams for this, and were not willing to recruit for new players for both teams. To begin with it's a little late. Question put forward to executive if we want to hold at 24 players or raise the limit to unlimited.
- Jules: Question is, do we leave the roster limit at 24 or do we raise the roster to unlimited. All in favour of staying at 24 players on the roster.
- Golden Boot Award is coming along nicely. Top scorer in the division wins the Golden Boot at the end of the year. Referees will enter the goal scorers in the game reports. The system calculates it and it will be kept track of that way. 7 Golden Boots, one for

each division. What happens now is that on every team page, the leading scorer's photo will be on the page.

- Scheduling – hoping to start generating schedules for Div 1 and Div 2 tonight. Can't do the rest right now because I still need scheduling elements for those divs. Hope to have the schedules up by end of this week. Started talking to Vince about scheduling and found out that Friday nights have now gone to some of the Vic West men's teams, who requested every Friday night at 6. This is wrong as we usually flip-flop every other Friday for our away games. So we are trying to sort that out.
- Invoices will be sent out starting tonight and tomorrow. Please as an executive consider raising the fees for next year, as we have to give the refs a raise in pay and our funds will be tight.
- Competitions- still trying to get competitions going with the MWSL. Anyone who wants to sit on the Competitions committee I would really appreciate the help.
- Jules- thank you Casey, this has been making our lives easier and things are running smoothly.
- Jules - Post-office box; costing us money every year. Now that we have an Operations Manager I feel we should have everything go to his address rather than a PO Box. Can we switch to e-communication? Still ideal for non-profits to have a place to mail rather than pay for electronic option. A lot of people also prefer to send legal documents through the mail. Keep the PO Box for two more years while everyone adjusts to change of address.

#### LIAISONS' REPORT:

- Nothing to report

#### MOTIONS:

##### 1.) The LIWSA puts forward a motion to ammend Rule 7.2

##### Rule 7.2 as it reads now

**7.2** The LIWSA operates a promotion/relegation system to ensure that teams continue to play at a level at which they are competitive. The team(s) eligible for promotion will be promoted to the next highest division for the following season. Promotion is mandatory for any team being promoted to a higher division, please see Rule 7.3 for promotion criteria. Relegation is mandatory, unless otherwise determined by LIWSA to ensure structural integrity and equitable divisions. Failure to accept promotion will result in a fine of \$500 and the team(s) may be disqualified from future play or relegated to the lowest division, with the following exceptions:

a) If the eligible team(s) are part of a club that due to geographic or population limitations (i.e., Salt Spring) are unable to sustain a team in the higher division, exception to promotion may be made at the discretion of the LIWSA Executive. Any team not wishing to be promoted under these conditions, must notify the LIWSA President in writing, no later than one (1) week after the completion of the League schedule for that Division.

b) Vacancies in any division may be filled by voluntary promotion of third placed teams or by challenge for promotion, or as otherwise determined by LIWSA.

##### Rule 7.2 proposed Ammendment

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## **Rationale for Rule 7.2 Promotion /Relegation motion for Amendment**

For too many years the LIWSA and it's promotion/relegation has received a multitude of complaints on teams/clubs refusing promotion to a higher division and simply folding and re-entering back into our league at the lowest division. This permits the team to enter with all current options available with the right to challenge to any division. This is the best deterrent to this action that the LIWSA has come up with. The ammendment seems harsh but the LIWSA must work to make all divisions competitive and equal as much as possible.

- Change in wording to the ammendment: Failure to accept promotion will result in a fine of \$500, and the team and club will be denied an opportunity to enter any team or teams within any division of the LIWSA for a period of up to two years.
- Is everyone in agreement to the change in wording and the motion? Yes, all in favour.
- Some more house-keeping things that need to be done at the Coaches and Managers meeting, wording changes to rules etc, that Casey will go through.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nanaimo has emailed about dropping one of their premier teams down to Div 1. Campbell River had asked as well. There is no room in Div 1 and it is too late at this time.
- Sharon: We are coming back from a difficult time. Let's just get back into playing a regular season of soccer without complicating it.
- Marta: Registration system for Zoom for Coaches and Managers. Make sure you go and click on that link to register. The link to register closes Friday night before the meeting.
- Any other new business? We will ask Fifth Street Bar and Grill if they will sponsor the Golden Boot.

Motion to have meeting adjourned: Marta. Seconded: Sharon.

Meeting adjourned by Jules at 8:17pm.