



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

March 25, 2021

***Meeting held for teams/members who responded yes to continuing the season after March 30 (if restrictions lifted) on the previous survey.**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Casey.

- Casey-Having this meeting because of the survey sent out to see if you would like to continue this season.
- Letter from BC Soccer to PHO sent to members prior to meeting, hope you had a chance to read it.
- If restrictions are not lifted by March 30, we will unfortunately have to call the season.
- If lifted, we are all going to have to pitch in to find fields. We have always managed in the past for provincials, so think it can be done.
- Want to hear from you guys: do you want to play weekends? Week nights and weekends? 90 minute or 60 minute games?
- VP: see the intent of the letter is coming more from the mainland than from the island, and the spring and summer leagues that will be starting up. Still think we should take our energies and put them into the coming season.
- Colin-based on Saanich fusion-I cannot get fields from the club, so to try and reach outside of that is a little bit above and beyond what I'm able to do. Honestly like Jules, been through this trying to make it work and at the point now where ready to throw in the towel, and start fresh mid August. Grass fields are also shut down and turf fields are rented to other places.
- Casey-There's a few turfs that we should be able to rent, if we carry on with this. All hinges on "if." Seeing the numbers lately can't see things changing this week, unless something happens with this BC Soccer letter.
- Marc-div 3-have we reached out to see if the fields are available?
- Casey-We may have to go from 90 minutes games to 1 hour games. Idea is just to get a few games in before the end of the year, and then look forward to the next season.



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- Marta-one of the reasons we put it out to the teams first was basically to see if there was majority interest first. Had there not been majority interest, we wouldn't have gone forward.
- Heather- the executive also talked about the teams needing time to practice and not to jump right into it, are running out of time for sure.
- Sharon-checked with club liaison and said there is a possibility of us getting fields for Bays United, will just take some work
- Casey-Might be able to swing some times at Finlayson too
- Rosa- could be safety issue in having a new cohort, need the two week notice to make sure teams are not taking part in other activities as well. Could be the time to practice.
- Marta-another question about fields at UVic. Not being rented out currently, as they don't have the staff in place to monitor with current protocols. Keep in touch with them often as part of my job.
- Kristal-as we move closer to June we move to 7s, would we be forced to choose one league over the other? Yes, would only be allowed to choose one.
- Sharon-in the fall it was pretty seamless, if we use that as a model we may be able to put something together.
- Casey- would be a 14 day quarantine before we could start the cohort.
- Becky-find it odd that we would have to do a 14 day quarantine if we haven't been allowed to gather or do other sports
- Robert-how many teams are able to field a team? About 7 teams raising hands
- Kristal-how many games would we be hoping to get in? Hoping for 6 games.
- Sharon-majority of my team said they would rather continue regular season rather than spring soccer league
- Casey-all we're doing is trying to offer 11-a-side soccer if we can, everyone has been patient all year, and just want to do our best to continue on.
- Casey-AGM is coming in early June and then we have to start preparing for the fall season, so have to make our cut-off March 30. Basically just want to find out what format you would like if restrictions lifted in time, and if not we will have to wait until next season. All I can say at this point, let us know, send Marta an email if you are still interested in attempting a cohort if the restrictions are lifted before March 30.
- Sharon- would be nice to hear from everyone about format; tournament style? Length of games?
- Jules- we have to just see what we are allowed, what phase we are at, etc. Safety of our members have to be our priority.
- Marta-if restrictions are lifted by the 30th, we will reach out to everyone, and then go from there.



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- Sharon- can we start earlier in August? Grass fields do not open until labour day for many clubs.
- Casey-really nice to see all these faces on here, showing passion that you really do love this game. Thank you for your dedication. Let us know what you guys want from this point on. On a better note, Finlayyson turf has invited Vic West, Castaways, Bays and the LIWSA to a city meeting to get our input in early for the New Turf project. April 14 is the first webinar with the city.
- Sharon-question about fees. Charges were per game and Casey is working on those invoices as we speak. Will send them to the club treasurers.
- Casey- just so you guys know, the bulk of the fees we had to charge were BC Soccer fees and for insurance purposes. If we do get back into it after March 30, we won't be charging admin fees, just fees for referees and allocation fees will be charged. We will try to work something out for sharing field costs. We will work as an association to try and do this, have a little bit of fun, and have a good end to the season.
- Kelsey-also tired of organizing and being disappointed constantly. Maybe we can pool together, reach out to the clubs, and see about field space before putting cohorts together.
- Marta- each team please reach out to your club to see which fields are available. Email us to let us know. That way we will be prepared for March 30's yes or no.
- Take care everyone and thank you so much!

Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm.