



# Lower Island Women's Soccer Association

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## LIWSA Coaches and Managers Meeting

February 9, 2020 5:00-7:00 pm JDF Fieldhouse

**Attendees:** Cornelis Tepper, Jules Nagy, Marta Ausio-Esteve, Tanya Turner, John Kilbank, Heather Todd, Jean Fraser

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 by President
- II. Motion to pass previous minutes as read: Rachel – Fernwood Div 2. Seconded: Robert – Lakehill Div 3.
- III. **Directors' Reports**

a) **President's Report:**

- Please welcome Sanja Dodos to the exec as Div. 1 Liaison
- AGM will be Sunday, June 7 due to Provincials cup finals at such a late date. This is the time I announce what positions will be available for election.
  - Vice President Inc. July Nagy
  - Treasurer Vacant
  - Competitions Chair Inc. Tanya Turner – will become vacant
  - Discipline Chair/Rule & Regs Vacant
  - Risk Management Inc. Heather Todd
  - Communications Chair Inc. Marta Ausio-Esteve
  - Premier Liaison Inc. Meghan Caldwell
  - Div. 1 Liaison Inc. Sanja Dodos
  - Div 3 Liaison Inc. Samantha Eburne
  - O30 Liaison Inc. Jean Fraser
- Provincials 2020
  - Finals this year will be held in Burnaby May 23-24 weekend.
  - Provincial Cup Draw is in Vancouver April 9 at a venue TBD. I will be attending these draws to represent the LIWSA. Once we determine who goes to Cup I will send out updated rules and regs for this year's event.
  - Berths for cup: This year was tough as MWSL was questioning our amounts of berths to theirs. After a lengthy call between them and BCSA it was determined the LIWSA would have:

- a) 3 in A Cup – Divisional winner, Terry Price cup winner and next highest in season standings.
- b) 4 in B Cup – Divisional winner in season and then top three in Doug Day Cup.
- c) 3 in Masters B Cup – these will be determined through final season standings within their division (O30a).

No LIWSA teams are entering in Masters A Cup as the mainland teams play in division one all year and then return to O30s for cup.

- Make-ups: Brought to my attention to address. We know the weather has been a bit wet and fields have been closed and lots of teams are carrying a few or more make-ups. These games need to be rescheduled. Some teams have postponed over other matters. Please stick to the rules. Any teams out there that are carrying make-ups and are past the scheduling deadline the LIWSA can schedule and will right after cup concludes. At your cost!
- Technical areas: Coaches and Managers, last year BC soccer sent out notification that only carded personnel to be in the technical area. I have received a few complaints on teams having friends and family members on the bench. This cannot be as it is dangerous – can you imagine if a little one was struck by a ball or run over by a player? Our BC Soccer insurance does not cover non-carded personnel. On the mainland, refs are instructed to have the people removed or to simply card the team officials.
- Website: New one is on the way. It is the same company as all the other adult soccer leagues. Rosters will be online. Scheduling updates will notify all parties.
- ID Cards: LIWSA will not be invoicing teams for ID cards this season.

#### **b) Vice President's Report**

- Thank you to all the volunteers! We are coming to a point where we are going to have to start paying people to help out. This is hard for women's soccer because it's harder to get sponsors for women's soccer. If we don't help out, we may have to raise fees in order to fill positions.
- Thank you also for helping out home teams if you are away team and you have turf available.
- Promotion/Relegation: If you are the top team in your division you will be promoted. If you are promoted you cannot be relegated the next season and there will be no relegation until we get the divisions sorted out. Division 3 is way too big. We will go back to Div 3 A&B next season. What do we do with Premier? No relegation to keep building it. Div. 1-if you win, you will go up. We are working towards a maximum of 10 teams per division. There will be a \$500 fine and your team will be relegated to Div 3 if you refuse promotion.

#### **c) Secretary's Report** – absent: nothing to report.

#### **d) Treasurer's Report**

- To date: \$77,000 in the bank and as per usual for this time of year our expenses are increasing. I have Financial Reports and Balance Sheets for the first half of the season available up front with me. Our bookkeeper has done a fine job and our executive has been quite frugal to keep the costs down. Our season ends on Mar. 31 and then all of our financial records will be gathered and sent to our accountant to have a notice to reader performed.

#### **e) Discipline Report**

- 61 yellow cards and 6 red cards are on the site
- We need a discipline/rules+regs chair. Please consider stepping up to this task as to this point Jules and I have been heading up the committee.

#### **f) Communications Report**

- Scheduling – please email liaison with subject line with game date including home and away teams. Please make it as easy as possible for us to help you. Include liaison and referees.
- New system that is coming is much easier and will automatically notify teams, referees, etc. involved.
- Cup games: need all team details. Still waiting to hear from some teams. Please submit via your liaison. Finals: March 15 for TP and DD. Shergold and Leversedge and Masters the following weekend. Will try to overlap games at same location with multiple fields. Potentially 11, 12, 1pm.

#### **g) Competitions Report**

- Need cups returned please.
- All-Star games went really well.

#### **h) Registrar's Report**

- Teams: 54. Members: A-125. B-617. Masters-363. 1105 members total.

#### **i) Risk Management Report**

- Record checks needed for all teams in all divisions including O30s.
- New website will be helpful.
- Have read new BC soccer rules and regs. Volunteers are now required to report any ongoing investigations etc even if you have a current record check.
- Record checks are free and we will accept checks done for your club.
- Even if you have to go in for finger printing it will be free. Form letter in on website.

#### **j) Referees Report**

- No alcohol on bench
- No kids, friends, etc on bench
- Still having a major issue with jewelry. Refs have been told to be less tolerant. Must be removed.

- Discipline chair has requested that referees write a more detailed account for cards given.

k) **Liaisons' Report** – nothing to report.

#### IV. **Motions for vote:**

- **Motion #1: All first and second place teams in Premier, Div 1, and Div 2 will be promoted to the above division. The first place teams in Div 3A and B will be promoted. The first place team in O30b will be promoted, the second place team will be promoted at discretion of LIWSA. O30a and O35 no promotions.**
  - Comment: Should include the rule that is being amended in the motion. Should only be amended to the top two teams.
  - Motion to amend the original rule to say that top 2 teams will be promoted. (Rule 6.2)
  - Can the fine be assigned to the team and players? Yes. Fine will follow the players including the other clubs.
  - Can we possibly move more teams from Div 2 into Div 1 to make Div 1 a 10 team league? Great idea! Are you willing to help out as promotion/relegation committee member?
  - Amend existing rule to add that the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is to be promoted as well as the first place team in Div 1, 2 and 3. First place team in O30b.
  - Motion to: Robert K – Lakehill Div 3. Seconded: Rachel H. – Fernwood Div 2. For: 25. Against: 8. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion #2: Team fees to be raised by \$100 next season (2020-2021).**
  - Affiliation fee for each team.
  - \$1050 → \$1150
  - BC Soccer is increasing fees this year. We don't know how much yet.
  - How did the association do last year? Did we make our lose money? We are much lower than VISL
  - What are the fees going to?
  - **Motion tabled until AGM.**

#### V. **New Business**

- Rule amendment: 13.1 (b) Home team must supply a field by 5pm Monday or \$50 fine.
  - Youth clubs – youth gets first dibs on fields for cups especially – pretty hard to get answers before Tuesday night
  - There may be a rule that would allow
  - Motion on the floor for Monday: Motion by Fernwood Div 2. No second.

VI. **Adjournment** – Motion to close Rachel H. – Lakehill. Seconded Lisa – Peninsula.