



## **LIWSA Special General Meeting**

### **Sep.8, 2019 – JDF Seniors Room 101**

**Board Attendees:** Casey Tepper – President; Jules Nagy – VP; John Kilbank – Referees; Jean Fraser – O30 Liaison; Tanya Turner – Competitions Chair; Marta Ausio-Esteve – Communications Chair; Cheryl van Ierland – Secretary; Casey Leech – Div 1 Liaison; Stacie Madelung - Registrar

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm by President.

#### **Presentations by Igor from BC Soccer –**

- ITC Fee removed as of Aug. 1. 2019
- Seeking to provide over 45 men's provincial cup and over 40 women's provincial cup
- Technical area:
  - Only registered players and team officials allowed on the bench/technical area
  - Referees instructed to mark technical area with cones (if not marked already)
  - All substitution players/team officials stay within the technical area
  - Only one person at a time gives instructions
- When making a substitution, leave pinnie at the bench, go to half and wait for referee to make substitution
- Warm-up – behind the goal or beside the touch line (no ball)
- If warm up area is beside the touch line make sure not to interfere with assistant referee's movement on the line.
- Interaction with referee: like player and coaches, referees are always developing
  - Respect them and their decisions
  - Referees know- coaches are human beings with emotions
  - A slight (minor) reaction is acceptable, as long as it is not a disagreement with a decision
  - Do not ask for clarification/explanation during the game (of the referee or assistant referees)
  - Remember: Everyone makes mistakes
  - Do not step on the field when ball is in play/out of play (except after an injury with ref's permissions)

- Let enough space for assistant referee to perform his/her duties
- Avoid standing on or very close to the touch line (min 1 meter)
- Laws of the Game: Changes and clarifications
  - Dropped ball (Law 8&9): The referee will not drop the ball between 2 players anymore – the referee will drop the ball to a player of the team who had last ball possession. If inside penalty area, referee will drop the ball to the closest goalkeeper. The ball is in play when it touches the ground.
  - If the ball touches the referee and the possession changes, ball goes in goal, or promising attack arises, the referee will stop the game and award a drop ball to the team who last had possession of the ball
  - In all cases, all the other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m away
  - Free kicks (Law 13) – When there is a wall of 3 or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m of the wall, an attacker less than 1m from the wall when the kick is taken will be penalized with an indirect free kick
  - When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is play once the kick is taken, it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played
  - Goal kick- ball can be played before leaving the penalty area, if the attacking player is outside the penalty area when the ball is kicked they can run in and play the ball
  - Kick-off (Law 8) – the team that wins the toss can now choose to take the kick off or which to attack (previously they only had the choice of which goal to attack)
  - Penalty kick (Law14): the team’s penalty taker can have (quick) treatment/assessment and then take the kick. The goalkeeper must not be touching the goalposts/crossbar/nets; those things must not be moving. The goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on/in line with the goal line when the kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line
  - Quick free kick and YC/RC (Law 12): If the ref is about to issue a YC/RC but the non-offending tam takes the free kick quickly and creates a goal-scoring opportunity, the ref can delay the YC/RC until the next stoppage if the offending team was not distracted by the ref
  - Substitutions (Law 3): a player who is being substituted must leave the field by the nearest point on the touchline/goal line (unless the ref indicates the player can leave quickly/immediately at the halfway line or a different point because of safety, injury, etc.)
  - Handball (Law12): the following handball situations, even if accidental, will be a free kick: the ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking

player's hand/arm, a player gains control/possession of the ball after it touches their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity, player makes his/herself unnaturally bigger

- If the goalkeeper attempts to clear (release into play) a throw-in or free kick from a team-mate but the clearance fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball
- Team officials(Law 5 and 12) guilty of misconduct will be shown a YC or RC. If the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach who is in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC.
- Yellow Card: Caution offences include but are not limited to:
  - Clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their team's technical area
  - More on website
- Red card: on website

#### President's Report:

- Motion to have AGM minutes as read: Charmaine. Seconded, Angus. All in favour.
- Paul Varian workshop: learned a lot about running meetings and associations. Learned to work on things using committees.
- Motion on the floor: how we work as an association is that every team is a member of our association. Every team can bring a motion to the floor and have a vote.

#### Vice President's Report:

- Welcome to the meeting and all the best for the season
- Learning experience as chair of committee
- Learned as chair of promotion/relegation committee chair, and have never had as much grief. Unfortunately, though we understand people's views and opinions, we can't keep everyone happy. Have to run the season and use rules as best we can. Second place winners did not want to be promoted. Had to look at logistics, location, population, etc. Looked at rosters, and evidence, emails, committee met and put in input. Needed all information to make a proper decision. We got through it and everyone knows where they are playing. From now on we are using committees, you as members can sit on committees. Let us know if you want to be a part of them.
- Challenge games, only one team at the time of the challenge were ready for a challenge game. Another stepping stone to look at: got rosters to look at to find

out if players could compete at that level. Lakehill a chance to go in Div 1, Harj a chance to go in Div 1, Gorge div 2 a chance to go in div 1 but declined.

- Sorry but had to make some difficult decisions.
- There were no relegations this year as discussed previously.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Our bookkeeper is transitioning to be an assistant to the treasurer. Doing up quarterly reports. Currently in the bank: (99,077.53). Almost all the money is in from the teams, just chasing after a few. All has to be in by the end of October. First bill to BC Soccer coming this week for over \$20,000. Can peruse the financial report, it is here.
- Does it need to be posted on the web? No, but presented to members at the AGM.

#### Secretary's Report:

- Nothing to report

#### Discipline Report:

- Absent - Nothing to report
- Questions:
  - Do coaches go to discipline if get a red card? Yes.
  - Does discipline decision from last year carry on to next season? Yes.

#### Communications Report:

- Many of you have gotten emails from me. One of the concerns I have lately is that people are not communicating with the appropriate contacts. Pages on the site "Who do you need to contact?" tells you who to contact for an issue. Marta gets delayed when she is getting all the emails from "contact us" link.
- We have timelines and deadlines, ask that they are respected.
- Important to make sure that an appropriate contact is given to us. Trying to use a mailing list to have contacts all in one place.
- Deadlines: cup declarations and nominations will be given by Tanya (competitions)
- Has a presentation that can post on the main page. Scheduling: if there is a question mark, look at the commentary of the side of the google doc. This is constantly updated. Need to know date and time, field is flexible, just know before game.

- Once schedule is posted, teams and clubs have to adhere to rules of scheduling. If you are a home team and you need to change date and time 30 plus days before, based on rules you can make that change without your opponents agreeing. If less than 30 days, has to be mutually agreed.
- Don't download the schedule, use what is live on Google Docs. Once schedule is posted Oct. 1, any schedule change requests have to be requested to liaison in writing, they in turn will let Marta know. Marta will post an example of what an email should look like. Has to be very clear on the email.
- No schedule changes if less than 96 hours (4 days). Unless field is closed for weather.
- Registration of players – they have to be in our system 24 hours prior to kick-off. Must be registered before that so they can get put in our system.
- All registration emails to registrar (Stacie)
- Once players are registered, will be tracked on spreadsheet for new and replacement ID cards. Will be billing the teams for the cards.
- If any players have lost their card, have different avenues to find out numbers. Can check with previous club, team, LIWSA as a last resort.
- Youth player numbers are not the same as LIWSA numbers.
- O30s:
  - Division numbers as follows: 5 O30a, 8 O30b, 5 O35. The motion in May stated the divisions would have 6, 6, and 6, however it was unclear at the AGM whether teams must register there in June and they placed their teams where they felt they should be. We looked at several scenarios and factors regarding the imbalance as a result of registration. One of things we thought is to do a year of getting teams to play across divisions, example O30a playing a Div 2 team. Would give Div 2 players exposure of competition level in O30 league. Applying same thing to O30b, O35, Div 3. Intention for cross-overs will be to expose everybody to what is out there.
- Premier and Division 1 numbers: 6 and 7, one team folded. Idea of putting the two divisions together was floated (not by us). We have scheduled 2 weekends where premier and div 1 will play each other. Data will be used from these games.
  - Questions: for next year, will teams be moved to try and even out divisions? We will hash out the rules for O30 divs. O30b winner will go up to O30a.
  - If you are finding that there are any issues in O35 because it is a new division, please communicate feedback good and bad to Jean (O30 liaison).
  - For cross-over games, Marta will be looking at level of competition when making cross-over matches.

- For rescheduling league games, can we use cross-over game weekend and cancel? No. There will be some spare weekends for rescheduled games.

#### Competitions Report:

- Cup declaration: Oct. 15. Will do a draw 7 days or so after
- All-star declaration is Nov. 1. That way don't have one deadline for 2 declarations.
- All-star game is Jan. 5
- Links are on LIWSA page

#### Registrar's Report:

- Has sent out a detailed email of what needs to be done. If you have not received it, check junk mail or email registrar.
- Please send registration email ahead of time.
- Can sign players at any time, they must be in the system 24 hours
- Cup is different: have to let her know 7 days prior.
- Once registration is done, will send an email back with all the ID numbers for your players.
- Player fees: Due 24 hours prior to first game.

#### Risk Management Report:

- Will send out an email shortly reminding everyone to do their criminal record checks. If any questions please let Heather know. Must have record in by Oct. 15. Records last for 3 years (BC soccer rule).

#### Referee's Report:

- Please realize it will take the referees some time to adjust to these new rules as well. Let's play the game and have some fun.
- Sent through registrar synopsis of rule changes
- Please realize in our league we are going to be enforcing rules about having knee braces covered all the time, as well as soft-rimmed hats on keepers rather than hard-rimmed.
  - What can we use to cover knee braces? Use fabric, pro-wrap, tensor, sock, etc.
- The referee has the final decision with knee braces, jewelry, etc.

#### Liaisons Report:

- Let's get game scores in fast. Please have them in by 5:00 Sunday. For games that start 4pm on Sunday, please have them in within an hour of when game ends.

### Motions

- 2 motions on the floor from Campbell River.
- 1. To lower the minimum age requirement of 17 to 15. (See motion)
  - Motion: Campbell River. Seconded. Justin Parish, Castaways.
  - Questions: Can the younger age play into o30s? No
    - Current rule is younger players can permit up? Yes. Unlimited permitting. 2 players signed.
    - Campbell River does not have a team for youth players, so cannot be permitted because they are not registered to a team.
    - Clarification to the rules. Of age player must be 17 as of Dec 31 of the year started and 2 under the age of 17? No, as it stands now, must be 17.
    - If the number is what people are concerned about, we are open to changing it.
    - Theoretically a player could be put on a roster somewhere, YISA may be open it. They asked, won't do ghost signings.
    - Call for the vote: all in favour please raise your cards. In favour: 8. Not in favour: 25. Abstained: 2.
- 2. Addition to sub-rule to increase youth quote from a maximum of 2 players to 8 players. Teams only in premier shall be permitted to maximum 8 underage players. (See motion).
  - Motion: Campbell River. Seconded: JDF.
  - Comments:
    - We would amend the number if that is an issue. We want this for the community in Campbell River. Not a malicious thing to demolish a youth league. There are players that would like to play that aren't getting the chance in Campbell River.
    - We support what you are doing there, but here in Victoria it would destroy the youth league.
    - Just trying to keep our soccer program going in Campbell River.
    - This is a problem in Campbell River but trying to apply it in Victoria doesn't work.
    - Don't see how it would ruin youth soccer, just less youth playing soccer.
    - Could it be a solution to apply a different rule for Campbell River due to location/population? Possibility. Could form a committee.

- Can't support this motion, but could support a motion that would propose a geographical exemption for this motion. Could be a solution that most people in the room could support.
- Vote: All in favour: 5. Not in favour: 29.
- Would anyone be able to form a committee to do research, consult with clubs etc to see if this geographical exemption could be viable, please raise hands. Marta taking down names.

#### New Business

- Please bring trophies back on time.
- Minimum number of players to play the game is 7. Play the game!

Motion to have meeting adjourned: Sarah Shaw. Seconded: Many members.

Meeting adjourned by President 7:40pm.