



## UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### UIA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2016

Via Webex—7:00 pm

**Present:** Kevin Cowie, Carl Neibel, Mark Purcell, Brad Nixon, Sean Arbour,

**Guest:** Christine Carson, UIA Administrator

**Regrets:** Tim Richards

1) **Additions/Adoption of Agenda -**

**MOTION:** To accept the agenda as circulated & amended

**Mark/Carl**

**CARRIED**

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting December 7, 2016**

**MOTION:** To accept the December 17, 2016 minutes as circulated & amended.

**Brad /Carl**

**CARRIED**

3) **Correspondence:**

**Dec 8** – from BCSA– Ticket presale for Canada vs Mexico mens match March 25

**Dec 9** - from BCSA –BC Soccer Stronger Stance on Adult Abuse Against Youth, Alcohol & updated Discipline Policy, concussion policy – forwarded to UIA clubs, exec and TDs Jan 9

**Dec 15** –from BCSA- Follow up Board vacancy filled and new hire– forwarded to exec Jan 9

**Dec 16** – from BCSA –2017 National Club championships – forwarded to UIA technical directors Jan 9

**Dec 28** – from BCSA–new staff member announcement– forwarded to UIA exec Jan 9

**Jan 10** – from UIA – MWC registration reminder – sent to all clubs Jan 10

**Jan 11** – from Kelly Hepp – thank you card for UIA support

4) **Old Business:**

a) **Meeting dates and locations** see list below.

b) **U13s and B-cup**– followup letter received from Tony Dickson/CVUSC on December 12.

5) **New Business:**

a) **Severe weather game cancellation** Several recent incidents where teams declined to travel to Powell River even though weather in the morning was fine and no weather warnings were posted for either Comox or Powell River by Environment Canada. **Action:** UIA board to define acceptable warnings as the Environment Canada pages for Powell River or Comox, or the BC Ferries website. Clarification of policy to be presented at the UIA GM.

b) **Island Invitational** – Email received from Jeff Howe, CVUSC expressing frustration over BCSA transfer and UIA/LISA Island Invite permitting rules, which were hampering his aims of having one U13 squad as strong as possible for Island Invitational playdowns and both U13 squads relatively well balanced for league play. **Discussion:** Transfer rules are set by BC soccer and UIA has no leeway to change the total number of transfers per team. Since permitting rules represent a negotiated

agreement between LISA and UISA, we must leave as is for this year, but will review after Island Invitational to look for improvements next year.

- c) **Permitting in Super 8**– request received to permit from one U13 squad to another U13 squad. **Discussion:** Review UISA permit rules. This is not allowed according to the permit rules of UISA. This would profoundly affect the usefulness of tiered scheduling which is a lot of work to produce. **Action:** solicit feedback from clubs at Tier 3 steering committee meeting about effectiveness of tiered scheduling.
- d) **Transfer limit for U12 teams** – request received to transfer more than 3 players between U12 squads. **Discussion:** Again, this can affect tiered scheduling, particularly when players are moved around week-to-week depending on game schedule. However, board members see use of mixing up U12s part way through the year (traditionally done at Xmas). Discuss difficulty of having different rules for U12s and U13s in the same division, best to have same rules for both, possibility of allowing more transfers only for teams not competing for Island Invitational. **Action:** stick with BCSA rule for this year, which allows three transfers per team.
- e) **Tournament sanction application** – HCFC has applied for sanction of an April tourney for U8-U11. **Discussion:** good and bad aspects to having another tournament for the same age group very close to Mini World Cup. Would be great if dates were far enough apart that teams would be inclined to attend both. **Action:** solicit feedback from member club presidents, all of whom have a share in hosting MWC, about whether they would support another event. Discuss at GM. Use feedback as basis for sanction decision.
- f) **BCSA associate membership application** – Jazz Sohal has submitted an application on behalf of Western Canada Rush for BCSA associate membership. Membership endorsed by 2 UISA member clubs, as required by the district. Discuss Rush organization and franchise model, and possible relationship/overlaps with HCFC Centre of Excellence and existing academies in the area. **Action:** confirm club endorsement as recorded in club minutes before issuing decision. Issue tabled until the documentation received.
- g) **Report from Tier 3 steering committee** – Carl -meeting coming up Sat, all issues discussed above likely to be addressed at the SC meeting as well.
- h) **Report from Riptide and Storm Steering committees Carl** – Bill Merriman has stepped down from VIPL and Whitecaps for personal reasons. Larry Stefanek will carry on with Storm as TD for the remainder of the year, with the support of Storm member clubs. Most coaches will stay in place for 2016-17, although Storm is interested in new coaches coming forward as well. Storm member clubs will decide shortly whether to issue an RFP for a TD or offer a single year extension to Larry. **Sean** –training sessions for 2003 intake group organized for end Jan/start Feb, coaching applications out, year-end gala set for March 4. Both franchises in UISA doing very well in VIPL, a tribute to all in the district who work and who have worked so hard to bring this level of soccer to the Upper Island. LISA VIPL committee has been meeting and has committed to VIPL play next year.
- i) **Planning for Jan 16 GM** Discussion of agenda items

6) **Treasurer's Report:** no report

- 7) **Registrar's Report:** Registration submitted. Report to be presented at the GM.
- 8) **Administrator's Report:** UISA website improvements – Christine attended Sports N'gin online demo and is awaiting a proposal from Dave and Mike Rankin on a preferred solution.
- a) **League play:**
- i. **BCSPL Update:** Currently on break. Teams will begin training but no games until February.
  - ii. **VIPL Update:** Jan makeup weekend completed, back to regular league play Jan 16/17. U14G and U16G have teams who have games booked for all remaining makeup days already. These teams will have to play double-headers to get their games in if they have any more cancelled league games.
  - iii. **UISA League Update:** League play began Jan 10 but almost all games on grass, and some on turf, affected by the weather. Busy month, with Island Invitational playdowns Jan 23/24 and Super 8 jamborees Jan 31 coming up.
- b) **Provincial Cup, Coastal and Island Cup play:** see new business items above, A- and B-cup rosters due Jan 15.
- 9) **Technical Committee:** Bill Merriman stepping back from Storm and Whitecaps. Proposal to pool Storm and Riptide players from an age group to form one team of the strongest players for the Whitecaps showcase. **Action:** Sean and Carl to follow up.
- 10) **Discipline/Officials:**  
Appeal to BCSA of district level decision re: Riptide Steering committee response to breach of code of conduct. UISA submitted documentation to BCSA in December and is waiting for an update.

**AOB:**

**MOTION: to adjourn meeting.**

Mark/Brad

**CARRIED**

*Future Meeting Dates:*

**UISA Executive Meeting:**

- Monday January 11, 2016 – via remote link – 7:00 PM
- Monday, February 1, 2016 – via remote link – 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 7, 2016 – Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville
- Monday April 4, 2016 - via remote link – 7:00 pm

**UISA General Meeting dates:**

- Saturday, January 16, 2016 at CVUSC clubhouse, Courtenay – 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 1:30 pm

**UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee meeting dates:**

- Saturday, January 16, 2015 at CVUSC clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00 am
- Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 am

**UISA Annual General Meeting date:**

- Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm