



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2015

Via Webex-- 7:00 pm

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

Guest: Christine Carson, UISA Administrator

Regrets: Tim Richards

1) **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Add item i BCSA Futsal festival

MOTION: To accept the agenda as circulated & amended

Mark/Sean

CARRIED

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting October 12, 2015**

MOTION: To accept the October 12, 2015 minutes as circulated & amended.

Brad/Mark

CARRIED

3) **Correspondence:**

Oct 18- from OYSS–U13G house team looking for extra games– forwarded to clubs Oct 18

Oct 27 – from Anna Cristante – Thank you for parting gift

Oct 28 – from BCSA – follow up on legal proceedings – forwarded to UISA exec, clubs Nov 5

Nov 3 –from CVUSC-Hosting Soccer for Life Nov 21– forwarded to clubs, TDs and VIPL teams Nov 5

Nov 9 – from BCSA – resignation form the board – Dino Anastopulos – forwarded to UISA exec Nov 9

4) **Old Business:**

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

b) **BCSA Coastal Cup rules for 2016** - Tim Satterford, LISA president has followed up with BC Soccer about how the coastal cup permit rules may affect UISA and LISA cup playdowns. He has been advised that the Coastal Cup permit provisions will not apply to any cup playdown games involving Island teams only, and that UISA and LISA should consider whether they will amend their playdown policies to allow permits. Karen at LISA has advised Christine that LISA does not support use of permits in A and B cup playdowns on the Island, and that the LISA board is expected to confirm this position/policy at their executive meeting tomorrow night. Discuss possible reasons for permitting at Coastal cup, want to understand more before setting UISA policy **Action:** Kevin and Sean to follow up before GM.

5) **New Business:**

a) **Thank yous to Riptide steering committee and UISA.** Thank yous have been received from Riptide scholarship recipient Taylor Arbour, and Provincial cup travel grant recipients 2014-15 U13B team from HCFC. Thank you from Kevin to

the RSC and Christine for the time they have put in to managing the media controversy this last month.

- b) **Inquiry re: players playing house and Tier 3** Carl has already contacted Bill and Wayne about the situation, and examined scores for the MidIsle house teams in the regional league. The district recognizes that every club has the option to play Tier 3 and house, and that many of the smaller clubs could not field Tier 3 teams without this accommodation, however this may present challenges to a club that does not take this option. UISA encourages the TDs of all the clubs in the regional house league to meet and work together on this situation. UISA also supports coaches taking initiatives to even the match, including swapping players, as offered (but not accepted) in the game described in the inquiry. **Action:** coach will be encouraged to take the issue to his club and his Tier 3 SC rep to follow up at club level. UISA will also discuss at the upcoming Tier 3 SC meeting.
- c) **Island Invitational information to circulate to teams 2016-** review cup play 101 and informational handout for Super8s and 11 aside teams.
- d) **B cup information to circulate to teams** 11-aside B cup information covered in Cup Play 101 document. The UISA board has discussed Super8 participation in B-cup over the last number of months, and foresees a number of implementation issues with Super 8 teams trying to form 11-aside squads and complete playdowns between the Jan 15 deadline for submission of rosters and mid-Feb finish of district playdowns. The Tier 3 SC may choose to follow up on this, but it cannot move forward without a considerable amount of work to determine exactly how it might be done. Christine and Kevin have followed up with both the BC soccer board and Competition Coordinator. They found no support for the unprecedented multiple exceptions to the rules that would be required for Super8 team participation (including not playing in a recognized league, and not allowing permits in B cup play).
- e) **Report from Riptide and Storm Steering committees Sean** – the technical team (Ken, Shel) have had a brief beak in the wake of the recent media controversy and will now meet with the RSC to plan, and refocus on our teams moving forward. U16B will be going to Spain and are actively fundraising, including some valuable raffle prizes. **Carl, Tim** – most teams doing well, U15B still struggling, Storm steering committee meeting coming up later his month, will review decision to have only one team in U18 division per gender. Some talk in the league about approaching BCSA and/or league about limiting underage players on U21B and Men’s teams.
- f) **Report from BCSA Youth Forum/President’s meeting Oct 29 – Kevin** BCSA considering asking for “Notice to Reader” from all/most district member clubs to ensure financial accountability – this may be problematic for very small clubs. BCSA looking at changes to transfer rules. Member survey for presidents will be coming out soon. BCSA would like to get TDs together for regional meetings. Playing up/playing down policies are also being reviewed. CRM system up and running –still a work in progress, but discipline and registration now implemented. Club charter initiative moving forward. Next meeting in March.
- g) **BC Games 2016** – soccer will be for U15s in next summer’s games. Call for coaching applications is now open. The link for applications is posted on the UISA website Welcome page and the closing date is January 31, 2016.

- h) **Insulin pump/medic alert bracelet inquiry.** Question received about players with insulin pumps, who also have medic alert bracelets because of their diabetes. The current policy does not mention the bracelets. Discuss: wear tape over bracelet with Medic Alert written on it. **Action:** Christine has forwarded the question to Lori at BC soccer, who will follow up with Jose.
 - i) **BCSA Futsal Festival** – coming up in January, Christine to send notice to all clubs
 - j) **Planning for Nov 21 GM and Tier 3 meeting** Discuss topics for both meetings.
- 6) **Treasurer’s Report:** no report
- 7) **Registrar’s Report:** Registration late but progressing. Christine and Lori at BC soccer have come up with a plan for proper registration of Port Hardy players in VIPL.
- 8) **Administrator’s Report:**
- a) **League play:**
 - i. **BCSPL Update:** Currently in playoffs. Some pushback about travel for consolation games this year, with Thompson/Okanogan refusing to take on the cost of travel for a consolation game and the Lower Mainland following suit. Outcome of the dispute on League plans for next year unclear.
 - ii. **VIPL Update:** Season progressing, with second double game weekends complete and fewer cancellations/rescheduling due to illness and injury in the second month, and few problems on the weather front as of yet. Divisions about half way through games that count for standings. Recent girls’ game with no bench mom – **Action:** Christine and Karen to send reminders to all clubs, VIPL and Tier 3 teams that a same-gender official needed at all games.
 - iii. **UISA League Update:** Unfortunately, PR 18G has folded. The division has been rescheduled. There are efforts in PR to reform a U16-18 team, and rejoin the league in January. They will be unable to participate in B-cup but will be offered the chance to participate in Island Invitational as long as they declare their intent to return before schedules are written in December.
- 9) **Provincial Cup, Coastal and Island Cup play:** see old and new business items above
- 10) **Technical Committee:**
- 11) **Discipline/Officials:** Riptide steering committee decision to remove player from their program now being appealed. UISA has found an independent reviewer not associated with VIPL to handle the appeal.
 UISA received a complaint of rough behavior/lack of discipline on the field in U14 VIPL – Kevin has followed up.
 Reports of coach behavior problems/concerns received from two clubs. In both cases the situation has been managed at the club level so far (in one case through use of codes of conduct) and UISA has agreed to monitor as needed.
 Possible parent behavior problem at one club brought to UISA’s attention. The situation is being handled at the club level so far.
 LISA complaint about UISA referee received and referred to BCSA.

AOB: Need updated contacts from all clubs, Christine to follow up.

MOTION: to adjourn meeting.

Carl/Brad

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

Monday, October 12, 2015 via remote link – 7:00 pm
Monday, November 2, 2015 via remote link – 7:00 pm
Monday, December 7, 2015 – Courtenay dinner meeting – 6:30 pm
Monday January 4, 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, November 21, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm
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, November 21, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 am
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