



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, April 7, 2014

CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00 pm

Present: Kevin Cowie, Darrin McLeod, Mark Purcell, Sean Arbour (via Skype), Anna Cristante (via Skype), Carl Neibel (via phone)

Guests: Christine Carson, UISA Administrator;

Regrets: Shannon Myers

Additions/Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda as circulated & amended.

Carl/Sean

CARRIED

Minutes of Monday, March 10, 2014 executive meeting

MOTION: To accept the March 10, 2014 minutes as circulated & amended.

Sean/Darrin

CARRIED

Correspondence:

BC Soccer – coastal cup discipline procedures emailed April 7.

Old Business

- a) **Meeting dates and locations:** see end of minutes. Discussion of board members who will run again – Darrin, Carl, Mark.
- b) **Roundtable on district planning - development and house- Sean/Darrin report** – meeting ran well. Would like to have a steering committee for Tier 3 established, Carl will take this on. Fairly consistent desire to have kids play house and Tier 3, with Tier 3 games every other week. Need to consult BC Soccer to find out how to implement this legally.
- c) **HCFC– UISA league team play against academy team-** Raise the issue at AGM in April, with an explanation of consequences.
- d) **Game abandonment guidelines: new policy -Darrin** New policy to be implemented in VIPL – games 75% complete or more will be considered fulfilled. In Tier 3, only necessary for Island Cup and B Cup playdowns in district. UISA will consider adopting same policy – inform clubs at April meeting and ask for decision in August.
- e) **Game cancellation field conditions: new policy -Christine** tabled to May meeting. Present to clubs at AGM in April for approval in August.

New Business

- a) **Report from Riptide and Storm Steering Committee – Carl/Darrin report** – Riptide and Storm tryouts now scheduled, U14 Riptide began yesterday, Storm to begin tonight with U13 prospects. Both franchises have set fees of \$400 per player and a single due date in May/June for fees. Both also charging a \$25 evaluation fee online, via the UISA website and providing a numbered tryout –shirt. Riptide for U14 only, Storm for all ages. Storm has engaged Bill for another year, and coaches

for U16-U18 if coaches have expressed their intent to continue. Applications accepted for U14 and U15 coaches, interviews ongoing. Riptide had first gala last weekend – very successful, three scholarships given out. U14 coaches chosen and all other ages returning. Also doing a prospects group, but will select in the fall.

- b) **Report from Youth District Chair meeting April 3 –Kevin report** - Lower participation than the last meeting. Developing updated online discipline system for referees. Far exceeded expectations for grassroots workshops and coach education – 813 coaches benefitted from free sessions this spring. Looking for causes of drop off between U18 and U19, would like to improve this situation. Financially sound – reserve fund in place, no fee increases. Moving as much online as possible, including registration. Data entry a significant barrier – working with a couple of districts to improve and test. Women’s world cup promotion scheduled to come to the coast in Sept. 2016 hosts for Provincial cup being sought. MSL looking for support to move Coastal A cup into May – VIPL/UISA will support if it does not conflict with high school provincial competition. MSL looking at adopting a minimum coaching standard of Soccer for Life by next January. BC Soccer would also like mini soccer coaches certified to improve training at earlier ages. Discuss – put coach training into the context of best practices. Better framework for considering improvements. BC Soccer adamant about their transfer deadline – they do not grant exceptions. Next meeting on the Sunday after the AGM. **See Appendix 1-** Notes from BC Soccer: Movement on big issues
- c) **New BC Ferries schedule for Comox-Powell River – Anna report-** Sunday schedule will not be cut back, so Powell River still able to participate in Tier 3 soccer game day. Saturday sailings cut – teams travelling to Powell River will not be able to leave until Sat evening now, and PR players on Vancouver Island must catch a return ferry at 6:30 – this will impact mostly VIPL players. VIPL players will have to spend more time travelling for home games on Saturdays, but Riptide will be able to schedule later home game times. For Victoria games on Saturdays, this new ferry schedule restricts game time, as the return ferry leaves 45m earlier.
- d) **BC Soccer scholarship and award applications.** 7 scholarships and one award application were submitted from UISA this year. BC Soccer reports award nominations down this year.
- e) **UISA funding for Provincial cup teams–**
Motion: allocate each team \$300 for Provincial Cup play, payable in June.
Darrin/Mark **CARRIED**
- f) **UISA registration summary 2013-2014 See Appendix 2.** Discussion – fall numbers alone better reflect pool of players available for competitive levels of soccer for comparison with Lower Island and other districts. Retention of older players a limitation in some clubs.
- g) **Concussion awareness course – Mark. Discussion** -Could it be part of coach development weekend in Sept? May fit in well. Raise at GM and see if clubs interested in hosting. 2h course, costs \$360 for group session. Need to define group numbers.
- h) **Advertisement/promotion of outside events (i.e. summer camps and tournaments).** UISA promotes BC Soccer sanctioned events only. Links posted to BCSA and CSA sanctioned events on the UISA website **Action:** Christine to send

email that links are available.

- i) **Island Invitational Qualifying teams. See Appendix 3.** Island Invitational will be played Sat May 3, 2014 in Port Alberni.
- b) **UISA appeal fee for sanctions Kevin** – suggestion from BC soccer that UISA should have a 3 person discipline committee, and a distinct three person discipline appeal committee, with no overlapping members. Also consider changing appeal fee which is currently set at \$50, which is very small compared to the amount of some sanctions. **Discussion-** should UISA follow BC soccer example and charge \$250 for protest, \$500 for appeal? – Not clearly supported. Appeals should reconsider the process but not the decision. Difficult to have a separate committee with such a small executive and we could look to BC Soccer for this support.
- c) **UISA representatives**
 - a) Island Cup May 3– Christine, Sean and Kevin.
 - b) MWC May 10/11 – Mark, Christine, Carl

Discussion - Ask clubs about selection format for next year at GM in April.

Treasurer's Report

- a) **Financial Statement:**
 - i. General account: no report
 - ii. VIPL Hardship account: no report
 - iii. VIPL Storm; no report
 - iv. VIPL Riptide: bookkeeping for 2013-14 now complete. Riptide finished the year with \$3400 in their bank account, to apply to the 2014-15 season.

Registrar's Report:

- a) **Registration:** See item f above.

Administrator's Report:

UISA website: Now have online payment functional for four different forms this spring. New interface coming. Would like to upload schedules next year, instead of inputting. Will practice on a free dummy site.

League Play: complete for 2013-14

- i) **BCSPL Update:** Andrew Latham visited CVUSC to speak about SPL on April 3. Useful for attendees – many coaches came to the session.
- ii) **VIPL Update:** www.leaguelineup.com/vipl. For scores, schedules and standings, please see website. U14B Riptide, U15G Storm, U17B Storm and U18G Storm are the 2014 Island A-cup reps for Coastal and Provincial cup 2014.
- iii) **Gold League Update:** website www.uisoccer.org. For scores and schedules, please see UISA website. Powell River U13G and U18G are the 2014 Island B-Cup reps for Coastal and Provincial cup 2014.

Provincial Cup, Coastal and Island Cup play:

Provincial Cup: no report

Coastal Cup [website](#) is now active. VIPL winners entered Coastal Cup at the round of 8 on Apr 5/6 and U14B Riptide and U18G Storm won their games and will proceed to the semi-finals on April 12/13. B-Cup winners enter at the semi-final round on Apr 12/13.

Coastal Cup dates: SF April 12/13
Easter Break April 19/20
Finals April 26/27

Island Cup: Last qualifying match played April 6. See Appendix 3 for Island Invitational representatives. Island Cup will be held May 3, 2014 in Port Alberni.

Provincial A Cup: July 3-6 in Burnaby

Provincial B Cup: July 3-6 Boys- Richmond, July 3-6 Girls - Chilliwack

Technical Committee:

UISA's Technical Committee consists of: Sean Arbour, UISA Director; Darrin McLeod, UISA Director; Mike Oldale, CVUSC; Dave Calow, CVUSC.

- i. **BCSPL Update:** 12 SPL evaluators to identify potential SPL players established in all districts without a SPL franchise.
- ii. **VIPL Update:** VIPL survey circulating re: plans for next year. Good enthusiasm in league moving forward.
- iii. **Gold League Update:** see old business b above
- iv. **Club Soccer Update:**

Discipline/Officials:

U15B Island Invitational game April 6 –Sean Arbour absented himself from the discussion.

Discussion- appropriate repercussions. Discipline hearing required. **Action:** Kevin to send out notices and convene hearing.

Motion: That CRU15B team officials to be brought before a UISA discipline committee and the club to be sanctioned for withdrawal from Island Invitational cup commitment, failure to produce ID cards, and for conduct by a team that UISA deems to contravene the Rules and Regulations of UISA, the code of Fair Play or other governing policies from time to time implemented.

Darrin/Mark

CARRIED

Risk Management

Please note: BC Soccer - Risk Management - Rule 22 (Amended June 11, 2011)

a) Every volunteer or employee of the Association or affiliated organization who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:

- i) be with any minor aged person;
- ii) be entrusted with performing financial duties;
- iii) be responsible for book keeping or bank account(s);

Must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous **36 months** from an agency approved by the Association.

All Other Business

MOTION: to adjourn meeting.

Darrin/Sean

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

Monday, April 7 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday, May 5 at BMO Boardroom, Comox – 7:00pm
Monday June 9 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday August 11 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday September 8 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday October 6 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday November 3 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday Dec 1 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm

UISA General Meeting dates:

Saturday April 26, 2014 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville– following AGM
Saturday August 23 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00 am
Saturday November 22 Parksville

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

Saturday April 26, 2014 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville– 11:00am

Appendix 1: Notes from BC Soccer District Chair's meeting

Moving on Some Big Youth Soccer Issues

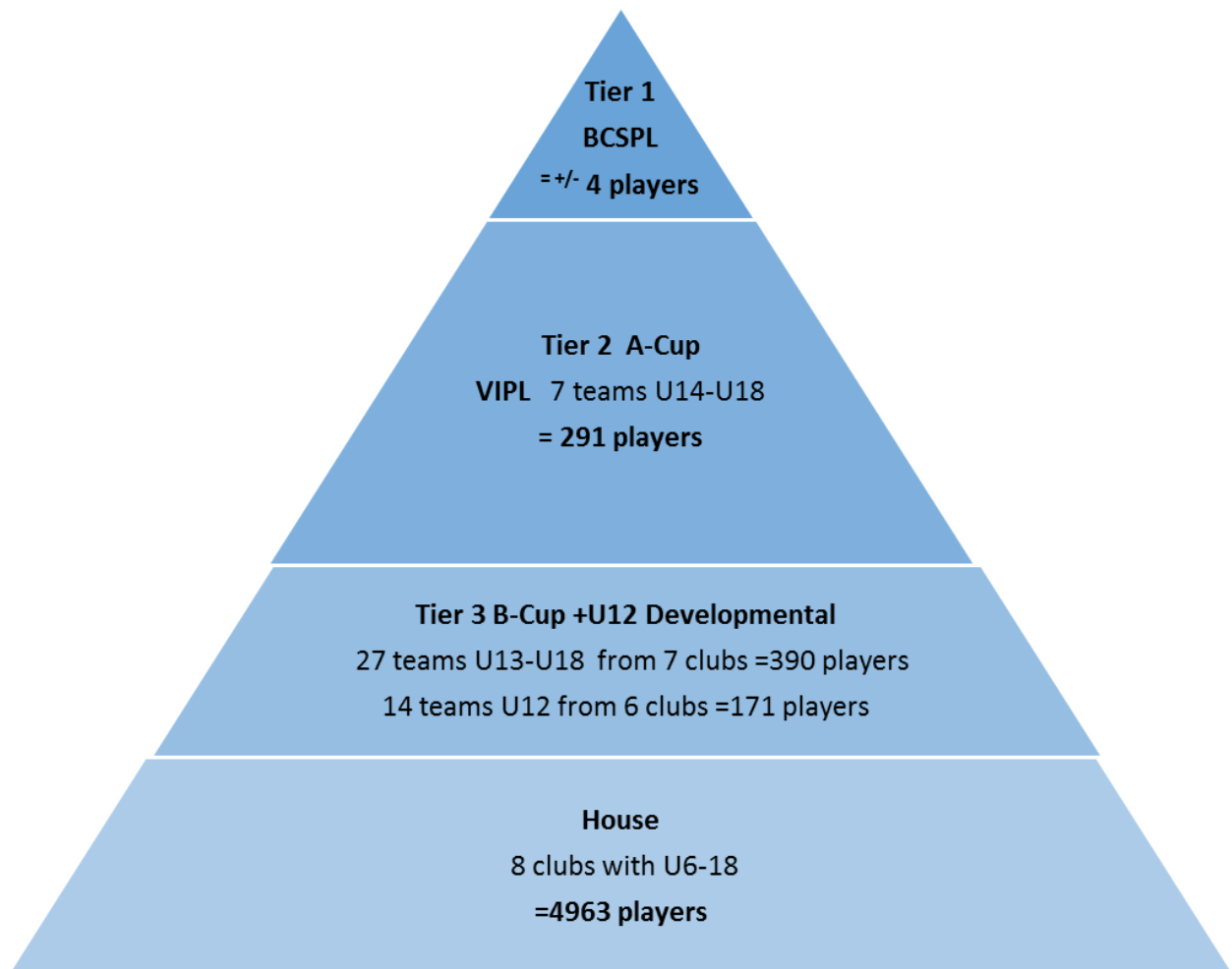
We believe the soccer community in BC has made huge progress in recent years. Improved coaching, improved facilities, more professional technical direction, modern administration and new initiatives in High Performance and Grassroots soccer have made the product and service our districts and clubs deliver to players and families a dramatic improvement over ten years ago.

But, there are some 'big issues' we would now like to address, to further improve our sport and strengthen our organizations. We would like to bring forward these proposals at the AGM for your consideration and support

| Issue | Proposal | Notes | BC Soccer Initiatives Supporting | Implementation Date TBD |
|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| Universal Coach Education: <i>Every player deserves a qualified coach</i> | All youth team head coaches must have age-specific coach education, within 3 months of becoming a team Head Coach | Gov't, CSA, BCSA priority. Believe 60%-70% currently. U5 - U12 teams top priority. + S4L requirement for U13 - 18 leagues → "Standards-based". '3 months' window allows new coach time to qualify. | Active Start supplied free. Fundamentals now 50% off. Grassroots workshops free. All U5-12 courses free last 5 months. | By June 2016 |
| Become Registered Society | All youth districts must be registered societies | Numerous districts (small & large) not registered. No legal status, not a legal entity. Legal risks to Board members. Ineffective C/BL. | Bylaws template since 2012. Gov Cttee/Member Service staff can assist. Rules templates to come. | By January 2016 |
| Affiliated Clubs Reporting <i>(Multi-club districts)</i> | Districts must require clubs to provide C/BL, rules and annual FS in order to affiliate | Some \$1 million+ clubs Oversight of largest soccer bodies. Similar info to districts provide. Districts use to monitor clubs, and include in BCSA submission. | Empowers districts to demand. | By June 2015 |

Appendix 2: UISA registration summary

2013/14 Registration = +/- 5819 players U5-18



| Registration Numbers | 2013/14 | 2012/13 | Change from last year | 2011/12 Totals | 2010/11 Totals |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alberni Valley | 367 | 430 | -63 | 424 | 491 |
| Campbell River | 735 | 769 | -34 | 909 | 1004 |
| Comox Valley | 1488 | 1528 | -40 | 1439 | 1422 |
| Gabriola | 75 | 98 | -23 | 99 | 71 |
| Mid-Isle | 379 | 392 | -13 | 320 | 384 |
| HCFC | 1673 | 1784 | -111 | 1656 | 1584 |
| Oceanside | 562 | 484 | +78 | 481 | 484 |
| Powell River | 536 | 464 | +72 | 436 | 539 |
| BC SPL | 4 | 36 (UVI) | +4 | 66 (UVI) | 135 (UVI) |
| Totals | 5819 | 5985 | -130 | 5830 | 6114 |



Appendix 3: 2014 Island Invitational Representatives

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Upper Island Reps – 2014 Island Invitational Cup

Boys Under-13

Campbell River United (S. Hall, B. Arbour, A. Dirom)

Boys Under-14

Powell River Knights (M. Poelen)

Boys Under-15

HCFC (A. Besseghieur, T. Breese, T. Kooistra)

Boys Under-16

No team entered

Boys Under-17

No team entered

Boys Under-18

HCFC (S. Hall)

Girls Under-13

Comox Valley Millenium (J. Stewart, L. Wigard, M. Laver)

Girls Under-14

Comox Valley Fury (T. Patterson, K. Heinrich, D. Darlington)

Girls Under-15

Campbell River Force (K. Garraway, D. Robertson)

Girls Under-16

Powell River Cobras (P. Liknes)

Girls Under-17

Comox Valley Shock (S. Jasbec, K. McGill, K. Giorgianni)

Girls Under-18

Powell River Fury (B. McDonald)