



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00am

MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Cowie (UI Director), Carl Niebel (UIA Director), Anna Cristante (UI Director), Linda Rhodes (AVYSA), Lisa Wigard (CVUSC), Barrie McDonald (PRYSA) Dave Nicholls (Mid-Isle YSA), Warren Cudney (OYSS), John Lee (Oceanside).
Guests: Christine Carson (UIA Administrator, Kjeld Brodsgaard (BC Soccer), Michael Bradley (BC Soccer)
Regrets: Darrin McLeod (UI Director), Mark Purcell (UI Director) Sean Arbour (UI Director), Shannon Myers (UIA director)

Role Call/Additions/Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION: to adopt agenda

Lisa/Dave

CARRIED

Minutes of previous meeting: General Meeting January 25, 2014

MOTION: to adopt meeting minutes from January 25, 2014

Warren/Lisa

CARRIED

Old Business:

- a) **Roundtable on district planning - development and house- Carl report:** a productive meeting was held April 5, 2014. Presentations were made by all UIA member clubs except Campbell River. Agreement on a level between house and Tier 2, but also agreement that supporting Tier 3 puts pressure on house. Restructuring ideas discussed, including best schedule options, 8 aside, development vs cup play phases of the season, U13 bottleneck. UIA will immediately establish a Tier 3 steering committee, led by Carl Niebel. Club reps will be: Tony Dickson, CVUSC; Warren Cudney, OYSS; Adrian Collery, HCFC; Glen Murphy, Gabriola; Tim Smith, Mid-Isle; Brad Berry, AVYSA; Allan Rimell, CRYSA and Barrie McDonald, PRYSA.
Committee will meet initially on May 31, 11 AM at Quality Inn Bayside to consider what can be implemented for 2014-2015.
- b) **Coastal Cup** - Check the coastal cup [website](#) for game results –finals will be complete this weekend. UIA Tier 3 U13G and U18G from Powell River, U14B Riptide, U15G Storm, U17B Storm and U18G Storm all earned a berth in the coastal cup this year. U14B Riptide and U18G Storm have both won their way to this weekend's finals – good luck to both teams!
- a) **Coaching certification/soccer development weekend Sept 6-7, 2014.** Kevin report on BC Soccer push for all coaches to be qualified and results of free BC Soccer courses offered this spring. Coach certification requirements being implemented for Provincials and MSL league. For Sept weekend - in addition to coaching workshops, would any clubs be interested in hosting a concussion workshop? 2h course, costs \$360 for group session.

Discussion – mobile testing to record player baseline available for a fee, and culture change needed to allow kids enough time to withdraw and heal when they are concussed, should BC soccer require medical release to allow concussed players to return, as hockey does? **Action:** Warren to provide links to BC Govt concussion checklist, Christine will circulate. **Action:** Clubs support no league play Sept 6-7 weekend, to let UISA know their plans for the weekend.

New Business:

- a) **Executive and General Meeting Dates** listed at end of minutes
- b) **Island Invitational** – 1) Scheduling is challenging for Island Invitational. Currently, no time between playdowns and Coastal Cup, so Island Invitational put off until early May. Would clubs like the event moved up by a few weeks by scheduling it in the Coastal cup bye weekend? Challenging for discipline, since Island cup red cards would then apply to the Coastal cup final game. 2) Choosing Reps – do clubs prefer a round robin tournament to select reps or single game elimination, played during the regular season? 3) Current participation – several older teams threatening to forfeit their place in Island Cup due to lack of players. Creates an enormous waste of administrator and host time. Christine suggests Island Cup be closed to U17/18 teams if timing cannot be changed. The board encourages member clubs and the planning round table to discuss improving Island Cup for next year.
- c) **Tier 3 teams for 2014-2015:** A preliminary list of Tier 3 teams for next season will be solicited from clubs in June. Teams will be confirmed at the August 23 GM. Please plan your tryouts accordingly.
- d) **Game fees: Kevin/Kjeld-** BC soccer moving to new game fees: 13/14 is \$45, 15/16 \$50, 17/18 \$60, ARs are paid half. Great if clubs could follow the same fee structure so refs get consistent compensation for games they work. The mainland does not have travel allowances for officials, the Island does for cup games.
- e) **Club AGM dates** – clubs were asked to submit AGM dates for 2014. Dates confirmed so far: AVYSA May 8, 2014, 6:30 PM, Echo clubhouse; CRYSA June or July ; CVUSC June or July; GYSA August or September; HCFC June 18, 2014, 6:30 PM, Beban Park Social Centre; Mid Isle April 15th, Eagles Hall in Ladysmith; OYSS May 14, 2014 7PM, Quality Inn Bayside; PRYSA June 10, 2014, 6:30 PM, Soccer Centre at Timberlane .
- f) **Amendments to Rules and Regulations**
Game abandonment guidelines: new policy (Darrin). New policy to be implemented in VIPL – games two thirds complete or more will be considered fulfilled. In Tier 3, this policy would only be necessary for Island Cup and B Cup playdowns in district. UISA will consider adopting the same policy. **Action:** Clubs to discuss and vote on new policy at August GM
Game cancellation due to field conditions: new policy (Christine) – Policy very similar but not identical for UISA league games, playdowns and VIPL. Would like to standardize policy, with intent of moving games when fields are closed for an extended time and there is sufficient notice to alter plans. **Proposed policy:** When inclement weather forces closure of the scheduled home field more than 72 hours before the scheduled game time, and the home team cannot find another appropriate field within their District, then the game shall be rescheduled on the opposing team's field for the same game day, and if possible, game time. The originally-scheduled home team remains responsible for providing the game sheet and for the payment of the referees and assistant referees. **Discussion** – better to go with an absolute cutoff than 72h? i.e. Thurs at 4PM? **Action:** Clubs to discuss and vote on new

policy at August GM.

- g) **UISA league team play against academy team- Kevin** Some issues arose over the last year with this. Clubs are reminded that any BC Soccer registered team that plays non-BC Soccer sanctioned teams (i.e those from academies that are not BC Soccer associate members) is subject to sanctioning from UISA and BC Soccer. In Upper Island, VISA and the Highlanders are BC Soccer associate members, CVISA is not. Member clubs should not be encouraging/supporting play against non BC Soccer-sanctioned teams.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Statement Update Bank balances as of March 31:

- a. **UISA General Account** Balance \$11, 303.64
- b. **VIPL Hardship** Balance \$4743.5

Registrar's Report:

Late Registration: done late! as the huge volume of weather rescheduling work in late Feb/early March left no time to complete this job for the Mar 1 deadline.

Spring registration: A club deadline of May 15 had been set for spring registration, to allow the district package (all documents and money) to be submitted to BC Soccer by the June 1 deadline. However, BC soccer has yet to distribute the spring registration template, so the club deadline will be moved back to May 21.

Online registration active: registration through the UISA website has been used this spring for Storm and Riptide evaluation sessions and Mid-Isle and GYSA registration. Online payments have been activated for the first time.

Administrator/Scheduler's Report: New office hours for Spring/Summer: Mon-Thurs noon-6PM, closed Fridays.

TierII : www.leaguelineup.com/vipl. Season complete. Four Upper Island teams - U14B Riptide, U15G Storm, U17B Storm and U18G Storm all earned a berth in the Provincial finals in July this year. Tryouts ongoing for Storm and Riptide, teams to be announced in mid-May, for all divisions not participating in Provincials.

Tier III: www.uisoccer.org. Season complete. Two Upper Island teams - U13G and U18G from Powell River, will compete in the Provincial finals in July. Tryouts upcoming for next season.

Discipline: All discipline issues come through Kevin Cowie and referred back to clubs as needed. Board still dealing with teams who did not fulfill their cup requirements.

Technical:

TierII – Tryouts ongoing, coaches named except U17/18 B Storm. Planning for next season being done by working committee of technical directors. **Discussion** – new BC Soccer process for recognizing HPL-capable players in VIPL relieves coaches from handling player/parent ambitions single-handedly. Three “scouts” trained for UI district.

TierIII – Steering committee to meet May 31.

Club Reports:

- a) **Alberni/West Coast:** Linda Rhodes –season windup April 12, registrations ongoing,

Island Invitational Cup next weekend! AGM coming up May 8. Looking at more development for next year. Have parent-initiated pickup soccer ongoing for U11, hope it will spread to other ages.

- b) **Campbell River/Gold River:** no report
- c) **Comox:** Lisa Wigard–spring house registration 1100, hosting MWC on May 10/11 for 100 teams, scrambling a bit for refs as VIPL tryouts ongoing. **Discussion** – soliciting refs from other districts. Site prep for turf field has begun- exciting! U17G Island cup team has conflicting commitments- will be considered by UISA board.
- d) **Gabriola:** no report
- e) **Mid-Isle:** Dave Nicholls – AGM last week went well, executive continuing, online registrations for fall coming in, Clara’s bicycle kick tournament set for May 17.
- f) **HCFC:** no report
- g) **Oceanside:** John Lee and Warren Cudney – spring season underway, good momentum with board.
- h) **Powell River:** Barrie MacDonald – Roundtable good, great opportunity to share experience. Focus in PR on building strong house and Tier 3 programs. Have a PR kicks campaign to put HS students through active start training, and create coaches for kids, while giving students volunteer hours they need to graduate. BC Soccer has been helpful with the process. **Discussion** – move for soccer clubs to get involved with tots programs.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting.

Lisa/Carl

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting dates:

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, 2014 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00am
Saturday November 22, 2014 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00am

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

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