



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Quality Inn Bayside, 2:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Sean Arbour (UI Director), Kevin Cowie (UI Director), Carl Neibel (UI Director), Mark Purcell (UI Director), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Tim Richards (Mid-Isle), Warren Cudney (OYSS), Barrie McDonald (PRYSA), Bobbie Taylor (HCFC), Jason Coates (HCFC), Glenn Murphy (GYSA), John Cooper (OYSS), Brad Berry (AVYSA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Brad Nixon (HCFC).

Regrets: Darrin McLeod (UI Director)

Guests: Christine Carson, Administrator; Don Moslin (BC Soccer)

Role Call/Additions/Adoption of Agenda: Add h) forfeits and i) BCSA update

MOTION: to adopt agenda as amended

Barrie McDonald/Mark Purcell

CARRIED

Minutes of previous meeting: General Meeting January 17, 2015

MOTION: to adopt meeting minutes from January 17, 2015

Mark Purcell/Carl Neibel

CARRIED

Old Business:

- a) **Implementing a retreat line for Super8** - draft policy documents discussed at length and edited at the Tier 3 steering committee

MOTION: to adopt the retreat line policy as amended by the Tier 3 steering committee

Carl Neibel/Mark Purcell

CARRIED

MOTION: to set league fees for UIA league Super8 teams at \$50 per team for 2015-16

Warren Cudney/Tony Dickson

CARRIED

- b) **Coaching courses** – BC soccer will require age-specific certification for all coaches by June 2016. **Discussion:** Don Moslin discussed discounted coaching course prices and supports for coach training from BCSA. BCSA initiative to add certification into grassroots tutor festivals being tested. Clubs are encouraged to share all plans for coaching courses with the district, so UIA can spread the word and maximise enrollment. Also great to coordinate offerings between neighbouring clubs so courses are not duplicated. Discuss possibility of UIA facilitating coordination of offerings? – Mark Purcell described previous experience - hasn't worked smoothly in the past. Discuss issues getting courses confirmed by BCSA in a timely fashion, and getting more facilitators from our area certified.

New Business:

- a) **Executive and General Meeting Dates** – see list below
- b) **Club AGM dates** – see Appendix 1. **Discussion:** MidIsle AGM – gala attended by over 200 people!
- c) **Tier 3 and house policy** – will continue with the same policy from last year, permitting players to play Tier 3 and house.
- d) **Tier 3 teams for 2015-16 – Discussion** – cannot yet predict teams **Action:** clubs to please send list of confirmed teams to Christine by June 24
- e) **Mini World Cup 2015**– will consider changes to format and policy after HCFC tries out new ideas in this spring’s event. Mid Island and OYSS to help out with referees.
- f) **Travel Awards for A and B Cup teams** - UISA is pleased to announce that 7 teams in our district will be competing in Provincial A and B Cup finals in July and that the district will support each team with a \$340 travel grant.
- g) **Island Invitational 2016: Action:** clubs to consider preferred format for playdowns (round robin on a designated weekend, or single game elimination spread throughout part of the season) and a decision to be made at the August GM of which format to use. Comox Valley scheduled to host in 2016.
- h) **Forfeit over lack of willingness to travel:** came up several times this season in UISA league. **Discussion** – how to curtail – discuss some form of standings as an incentive for showing up to games, versus a fine that exceeds the ferry costs. UISA policy definitely needs updating on these points – could not follow up on all incidents this year effectively, due to limitations in the current policy. **Action:** to be addressed by the UISA board over the summer.
- i) **BCSA update –Don Moslin:** thanks to all clubs who have posted LTPD links on their websites. Grassroots referee tutors should be contacting clubs to plan for next year. Giant jersey will be at MWC. Review increased investments in youth competitions and community festivals.

Locations for Provincial cups 2015: U13-15 B cup boys:100 Mile House; U13-15 B cup girls: Nelson; U16-18 B-cup boys and girls: Penticton. A-cup: Surrey. Premier Cup: Burnaby

Planned locations for Provincial Cups 2016: B Cup Boys: North Shore; B-Cup Girls: Penticton; A Cup: Burnaby; Premier Cup: Thompson-Okanagan.

Excitement building for Women’s World Cup – next associated event: FIFA Live Your Goals festival for 2004-2007 born girls - May 23 at Empire field.

Treasurer’s Report: Bank balances as of Apr 25, 2015:

UISA General Account Balance \$34,082.30

Storm account Balance \$2808.66

Riptide account Balance \$4445.17

VIPL Hardship Account Balance \$2000.00

Registrar’s Report: Spring registration coming up – templates due to UISA on May 20, 2015.

Administrator/Scheduler's Report:

UISA office spring/summer hours now in effect: Mon, Wed 10-3; Tues, Thurs noon-3

UISA office summer closure: July 13-26.

Tier II : www.leaguelineup.com/vipl VIPL will begin league play September 12-13, 2015.

Tier III: www.uisoccer.org. Tier 3 will begin league play September 13, 2015 and will not have games scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend.

Discipline: New BC soccer online system. Parent behavior incidents have come up in UISA and have been an issue raised at a BCSA District President's meeting. Parent codes of conduct are encouraged for clubs. Parents are also encouraged to take Respect in Sport course. New discipline policy should be used to follow up with problems. **Action:** Christine to share three strike policy with all clubs

Technical: see old business a) above

Club Reports:

- a) **Alberni/West Coast:** Brad Berry—interesting year. Want to improve club governance by using sub-committees to run events. Academy evenings a good experience, have noticed a real improvement in younger players and will go again next year, hope to include coach training in sessions next year. West coast families find it hard to maintain a commitment through the season – looking at better ways to incorporate them.
- b) **Campbell River/Gold River:** Al Rimmel- Great season -good house fall season, good participation in UISA league and now have spring soccer and spring academy running. TD has added a lot of difference to the club – running kids U8 and under in jamboree format, not teams. 50 coaches went through training before spring season launch. Turf field expected, but lots of negative feedback right now re:health concerns. Summer camps will go again this year.
- c) **Comox:** Tony Dickson– Interesting year – lots of changes. New turf great. Had a TD on contract last year – great experience and would like to continue with someone new. House are now playing double-sided soccer, have many joint practices. Tried a mass practice format for 250 kids without success. Academy programs and competitive stream working well. Tier 3 doing mass evaluation and divide into developmentally–grouped teams – would prefer kids registered to the club not a team, so they could be moved around during the year.
- d) **Gabriola:** Glen Murphy Good year. Harry Summerfield over for reffing courses and hosted a U10 tournament for the first time. Have had good relationship with Mid Isle and HCFC to field older GYSA players on their teams.
- e) **Mid-Isle:** Tim Richards- Great AGM - dinner and awards night. Offered coaches a jacket as thank you. March Madness early registration very successful – captured half the players. 5-aside tournament just concluded – very successful. Have ongoing Mon night training for Tier 3 teams. Academy nights running well, trying to incorporate coach development once a month. Moving to uniform warm up routine for first 15 minutes of practices. Looking to host a grassroots festival.
- f) **HCFC:** Bobbie Taylor- Wayne Evans has implemented a big focus on coach development, very supportive of Tier 3, looking at bridging house Tier 3 with a

development night next season. Spring soccer increased, festival format. Three sessions of “Centre of Excellence” have run, each with increasing numbers. MWC coming up soon – over 100 teams registered. Area TDs have met several times and are contributing to increased cooperation between clubs.

- g) **OYSS:** Warren Cudney - Academy program increased and running well, see big increases in spring soccer numbers, and hope to see the same in the fall as well. Expect similar Tier 3 participation next year as in 2014-15. New referee coordinator Dan Mahoney. New administrator hired and working well.
- h) **Powell River:** Barrie MacDonald –Tony Marciniac died recently – a big loss to regional soccer. 9 Tier 3 teams this year – 2 won their Provincial berths. Did 10 week developmental program in the winter – worthwhile, but room for improvement and more fun. Running “Powell River Kicks” festival on May 20, 21 for Gr 2-4. Ferries – PR teams can now travel to Vancouver for free. Still no concession on Vancouver Island ferries.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting.

Barrie McDonald /Brad Berry

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting dates:

Monday, May 4, 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm

Monday, June 1, 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm

Monday, August 17, 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm

UISA General Meeting dates:

Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 2:00pm

Saturday, August 29, 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 12:30 pm

UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee meeting dates:

Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville– 11:00am

Saturday, August 29, 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00am

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm

Appendix 1: UISA member club AGM dates

Club	AGM date
Alberni Valley	6-May 6:00 PM Echo clubhouse
Campbell River	1st Monday in July
Comox Valley	24-Feb-15 7 PM, CVUSC Clubhouse
HCFC	27-May 6:00 PM, Beban Social Centre
Gabriola	August
Mid-Isle	17-Apr-15 Eagles Hall
Oceanside	14-May 7:30 PM, Qulaity Inn Bayside
Powell River	1-May 6:30 PM Timberlane Soccer Ctr.