



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 16, 2016

CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay 12:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Cowie (UI Director), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Michael Brown (HCFC), Steve Rhodes (AVYSA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Joel Butler (HCFC), Claudia Vachon (CVUSC), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA), Jamie Barnie (CVUSC), Mohammed Rbah (CVUSC)
Guests: Christine Carson, Administrator, Don Moslin (BC Soccer), Andrew Haines (BC Soccer)
Regrets: Carl Neibel (UI Director), Brad Nixon (UI Director), Willow Hartig (MIYSA), Tim Richards (UI Director), Sean Arbour (UI Director), Mark Purcell (UI Director), John Cooper (OYSS), GYSA

Role Call/Additions/Adoption of Agenda:

MOTION: to adopt agenda as amended

Barrie MacDonald/Michael Brown

CARRIED

Minutes of previous meeting: General Meeting November 21, 2015

MOTION: to adopt meeting minutes from November 21, 2015

Brad Nixon/Tony Dickson

CARRIED

Old Business:

- a) **Coach Development** – Good choice of coaching courses available in the district this spring: Fundamentals on Feb 20 at CVUSC, Learn to Train March 12/13 at CVUSC, Soccer For Life on March 12/13 at HCFC and Active Start April 4 at CVUSC. Clubs interested in starting the 2016-17 season with a coach development weekend. **Action:** clubs to organize coaching courses and other suitable events for September, and advise UIA who will advertise to the district. Clubs to advise preference for Labour Day weekend (Sept 3, 4) or the following weekend (Sept 10, 11), which would push back the usual start of play.
- b) **BCSA grassroots or Futsal festival** – Don Moslin at BC Soccer would like to know if an Upper Island host is still interested in a spring time slot. Discuss grassroots vs futsal – applications must be in by Mar 31 to fall under this years' budget which has money available. **Action:** Christine to email all clubs

New Business:

- a) **Executive and General Meeting Dates** – see list below
- b) **Goal post safety reminder** – in December, several incidents of goal posts blowing over or blowing into players occurred. Reminder sent to all clubs, and all teams/coaches encouraged to be aware of potential hazards – check your fields!
- c) **Game rescheduling requests and severe weather cancellation protocol** – UIA has experienced 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. The UISA board has discussed the situation and has clarified the policy, to define acceptable warnings as those posted on the Environment Canada pages for Powell River or Comox, or the BC Ferries website only. If a storm or wind warning is present on these sites only, teams will not be obliged to travel to/from Powell River even if the weather in the morning is okay. **Action:** Members present to share this clarification with their clubs and Christine to post update on the UISA website (with the severe weather protocol).

- d) **Island Invitational 2016** – draws for U13 playdown pools conducted by Kevin Cowie. **Results:** U13 Girls Pool A = HCFC, CRYSA, PRYSA; U13 Girls Pool B= MIYSA, CVUSC, OYSS; U13 Boys Pool A = CRYSA-Rimell, OYSS, HCFC; U13 Boys Pool B= CRYSA Blackmun, PRYSA, CVUSC, MIYSA. Note that draws were for pools only, not for placement on the bracket within the pool, as travel constraints in the district affect the scheduling of the round-robin play.
- e) **Mini World Cup 2016 – Steve Rhodes** – club now organizing, registration open , event for house teams only, scheduled for April 30/May1 – information circulated to clubs and posted on the UISA website welcome page.
- f) **Sanction request for new U8-U11 tournament** – discuss request, summarize feedback to date from club presidents. CVUSC discussed support for a fall event and that their club has already said no to a spring event. Reluctant to endorse an event that might detract from an established UISA event. PRYSA likes the idea of jamboree events for ages under U12. AVYSA would support an event at another date, the current proposal would result in teams choosing between MWC and a second event. CRYSA would support an event at a different date. **Action** – advise club that there is limited regional support for a spring tournament, but much more enthusiastic support for an event at a different time of year.
- g) **BCSA stronger stance on adult abuse of youths, new discipline procedures** – BC soccer very concerned about abuse of youth by adults (spectators, coaches interacting with referees). Have revised discipline guidelines and sanctions for spectator and coach conduct, social media behavior and adults consuming alcohol at youth events. Discuss codes of conduct, UISA codes available for any clubs interested in a template. Discuss player medical equipment – information circulated in last minutes, approval of any specific piece of equipment.
- h) **VIPL communication – Michael Bradley** – finds information for VIPL not coherently presented at present. Discuss separate websites for Storm, Riptide and VIPL league. New Storm and UISA websites coming this spring – invitations extended to contribute suggestions for website content to better address VIPL questions.
- i) **Member request that Tony Dickson join the UISA board** HCFC recommended that Tony Dickson be added to the UISA board, supported by PRYSA. Tony expressed interest in using a board position to readdress asking permission for U13s to play B-cup. Kevin advised that addition of board members mid-year is decided at the UISA executive level, there is no mechanism to do so at a GM. Christine advised Tony to contact the UISA board in writing to express his interest in attending the next UISA executive meeting as a guest, so he could properly present himself as a candidate for a board position. **Action:** Tony to follow up.
- j) **Awards and scholarships** – BC Soccer is offering scholarships to graduating high school students. Applications can be found on the BC soccer website. Applications must be

submitted to the district by March 1, 2016 in order to be forwarded to BC soccer in good time for their deadline. Applications are also open for BC soccer awards – see BCSEA website for award descriptions. Award applications must come from the district. UISA invites all clubs to put forward names of nominees they would like to recognize. **Action:** Christine to send out reminder letter to all clubs

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances as of Jan 16, 2016:

UISA General Account Balance \$13,311.64
Storm account Balance \$20, 663.16
Riptide account Balance \$24, 125.68
VIPL Hardship Account Balance \$801.41

Registrar's Report: Fall registration complete – see Appendix 1 for breakdown. Registration numbers up 4.5 % across the district compared to last fall, with HCFC showing the largest increase.

Administrator/Scheduler's Report:

Tier II : www.league lineup.com/vipl 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.

Tier III: www.uisoccer.org. League play began Jan 10 although 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.

Discipline: See new business item g. Note for teams involved in A- or B-cup: accumulations of yellow cards continue into cup play, until the point where B-cup teams play Lower Island or A-cup teams play in the VIPL final.

Technical: 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. CSA will be changing their age groups for club nationals to U15 and U17 starting in 2017.

Club Reports:

- a) **Alberni/West Coast:** Steve Rhodes- weather has been challenging. All else working well.
- b) **Campbell River/Gold River:** New turf open! Hope to have official opening to coincide with year-end Super8 jamboree.
- c) **Comox:** Jamie Bernie- AGM coming up Feb 15. Winter Futsal is full – running with 96 players. Spring house April 16 – June 18. Island Invite finals will be held April 9/10 – organizing committee set up and at work. See above for upcoming coaches course dates.
- d) **Gabriola: no report**
- e) **Mid-Isle: no report**
- f) **Nanaimo:** Michael Brown – year end wrap up March 5/6 for minis, Feb 27/28 for 8 aside. Spring soccer (small sided) registration open soon, small sided games April4-

June. Centre of excellence programs expanding with elite offering. Coach development session also being offered by TD - both targeted session for pre-B and above and general drop in session just before house on Saturdays. Club aiming to secure fields year-round and to field a U21 team.

- g) **Oceanside: no report**
- h) **Powell River:** covered in Tier 3 and general meeting

AOB:

Meeting Adjourned

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

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

