



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting
Saturday January 16, 2016
CVUSC clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00am

Members Present: Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Michael Brown (HCFC), Steve Rhodes (AVYSA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Joel Butler (HCFC), Claudia Vachon (CVUSC), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA), Jamie Barnie (CVUSC)

Guests: Christine Carson, Administrator

Regrets: Carl Neibel (UI Director), Brad Nixon (UI Director), Willow Hartig (MIYSA), Tim Richards (UI Director), Kevin Cowie (UI Director), Sean Arbour (UI Director), John Cooper (OYSS), GYSA

Old business: Playing Tier 3 and house – OYSS has submitted feedback that they find that scores are lopsided in both U13G and U13B house league this year, a situation that is satisfying for no one. Clubs differ on their policies of allowing Tier 3 players to play house, which contributes to the problem. Clubs involved in the league have not met to address this issue so far. In accordance with the usual UIA practice, clubs should make every effort to meet and work together to improve the situation. Clubs may choose to keep UIA informed of their progress as an observer. If the clubs are unable to come to an agreement, they may refer the problem to the UIA Exec.

New Business:

1) **UIA league season:** plan year-end jamborees – move Super8s to Feb 27/28 so all can participate? Some support for this measure, but HC concerned that season will be shortened by one week. CV offered to host exhibition games on Mar5/6 for those teams not involved in Island Invite – good support for this option. CR is doing grand opening of the turf field around the year-end jamboree, and would prefer to have Super8s for that event. Will check and confirm hosts for girls (potentially Oceanside) and boys (potentially CR). Other age groups? – clubs interested in going ahead with other age groups too.

Discuss Island Invitational participation by CR and CV, who have more than one squad per division in U13. Comox and CR have taken different approaches (streaming A and B teams vs having all U13s participate). Discuss how much importance planning for Island Cup should have in forming teams for Super 8.

2) **UIA league review:** feedback/discussion on tiered scheduling/playing in pools in Super 8 and other age groups. Super 8 - good in terms of competitive games. Larger boys pool has worked very well. Girls pools, where no interpool play happened were a bit repetitive. Pooling has also worked well in older groups.

3) **2016-17 planning:** coach development plans – CVUSC doing Fundamentals on Feb 20, April 4 Active Start, Mar 12/13 Learn to Train HCFC doing SFL on March 12/13. Coaching weekend to start season? Definite support for coach development weekend to start the

season.

Some concern about coach learning facilitators being trained and ready to go –learning facilitator training scheduled for Feb 7 and 8 in the Lower Mainland, so timing should work out. Expectation of all clubs is that it will be hard to get house coaches to comply with new standards for coach certification.

- 4) **2016-17 planning Super8:** CVUSC would like to ask permission of BCSA for Super 8s to play B-cup. Discuss need for specific proposal – Tony willing to do work on behalf of the UISA board. Kevin advised that special permission cannot be requested and will not be decided until Fall 2016 after registration submitted, and BCSA has district numbers for the season in hand. HCFC TD does not support use of game sheets and ID cards at Super 8 because of the confusion it would cause for young referees, considers transfer of players not desirable, would support an alternate alert mechanism rather than permits for adding players to teams. Use of the retreat line should be continued, marked with a dotted or colored line if possible or at least a high cone or corner flag. Jamborees - good events – go for 4 again – invite LISA if possible. Found 2 games more manageable than 3.