



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting
Saturday November 19, 2016
Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville– 11:00am

Members Present: Brad Berry (AVYSA), Marc Paris (UISA Director), Paul Brockhurst (MIYSA), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA), Michael Brown (HCFC), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Carl Neibel (UISA Director)

Guests: Christine Carson (UISA Administrator), Sam White (UISA Director), Sean Arbour (UISA Director)

Regrets: Glen Murphy (GYSA), Brad Nixon (UISA Director)

Absent: Warren Cudney (UISA Director)

Agenda:

- 1) **Tier 3 season to date: Tony** – CVUSC teams doing well, seeded pools is working well, some issues with not following severe weather protocol – has been followed up with coaches **Brad** – PA still struggling with numbers but no issues with the season, looking at shelters for the turf field **Paul** – really good for Tier 3 numbers this year, some house teams shorter on numbers **Barrie** – huge soccer day tomorrow, with 20 games including super8 girls jamboree, still struggling with coaching staff for one team and recruitment for another **Michael** – seeding working well except perhaps for on U12 team, who need to communicate with UISA scheduler before new year schedule made. Refs in Nanaimo finding team well behaved so far this year. **Al** – concerned that only three U14 teams in league this year? Why do bigger clubs have only a U14/15 mixed team? **Tony** – partly because U14s needed to create a mixed-age team with older boys, who do not have large enough cohort to form a team. Should improve with time if numbers remain high at Super8. **Christine** – opening weekend Jamboree for girls had unintended consequence for the league of resulting in out-of-synch posting of the remainder of the season schedule – the girls were several weeks behind the rest of the divisions – something to keep in mind for future seasons. We have two indoor jamborees coming up – boys in Dec and girls in Jan. UISA is covering the cost of facility rental, to assure the Super8s of a weather-proof event. Year-end Jamboree set for boys, still no host for girls. Will have to declare it a no-go if we do not have a host by January.
- 2) **Handling Severe Weather** – very wet fall, a couple of challenging weekends for handling weather have occurred and coaches have decided not to follow the protocol. Suggestion to add sanctions to the policy directly or a link to sanctions in the document. Suggestion to monitor the Marine forecast as well, and add to the protocol as a site to watch – Barrie to send the links to Christine.
- 3) **Proposed UISA league registration changes** –August registration of Tier 3 players,

and handling of inter-club transfer players discussed in detail. Reps asked to take this proposal back to their clubs, and for clubs to send feedback to UISA in time for their Dec 5 exec meeting.

- 4) **U14-U18 Pacific Development Cup** Oct 30 first playdown weekend – recap. **Tony** – some confusion about format – home/away round robin vs. home/away elimination series (which we are playing this year). **Discussion** – not enough weekends free in the year to program home/away round robin. Any concern about weak teams in mismatched games? – not so far. Discuss strategies for making up Dec 4 cup games if the weather causes problems. There is a designated cup makeup weekend Feb 19 if needed. Also, there is a regular makeup weekend Dec 11, which some teams still have available for a potential cup makeup if needed.
- 5) **Pacific Development Jamboree:** Planning for a 2 day event, with a random mix of kids planned. Propose 4 games over 2 days. T-shirts will be needed for teams for the event. Sean looking for a sponsor for the event, currently application in with Quality Foods. Detailed discussion of alternate sponsors if needed, and strategies for doing without t-shirts if needed. Consider \$10 per player fee if needed – clubs should let UISA know if they would find that a barrier.