



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2017

Via Webex – 7:00 PM

Present: Kevin Cowie, Brad Nixon, Marc Paris, Sean Arbour, Sam White

Regrets: Warren Cudney, Carl Neibel

Guests: Christine Carson (UIA Administrator), Shawn Fiddick

- 1) **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** - Add CRC to old business.

MOTION: To accept the agenda as amended.

Brad/Marc

CARRIED

- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting January 16 , 2017**

MOTION: To accept the minutes as presented.

Sam/Marc

CARRIED

- 3) **Shawn Fiddick - Regional Referee Development Officer** Shawn is the new RDO, as Harry Sommerfeld stepped down at the end of last year. Sees an opportunity for liason between BC soccer and the clubs, and looking forward to visiting clubs and helping with grassroots referee development. New things to expect: Noticed that Lower Mainland has referee support programs in place and would like to bring some of these initiatives to the Island, including mentorship program (meeting once a month), online training and development opportunities, launch a candidates program for Upper Island (a training session for referees run once a week), rotating through the different clubs. Shawn now has instructor certification, which will help in delivery of training to the Upper Island. Powell River was not originally included in UIA RDO assignment, but Shawn will include them in his mandate. **Discussion** – retention and connection with younger referees, need for more standardization, value of good mentorship, candidates program offerings, challenge of ref demographics with mostly youth and seniors and few younger adult refs. Shawn will forward info for the district, including new Facebook page, informational website and non-text based information/training. Money – currently allotted for ref travel and cup refs, not for ref development – consider adding this to the budget next year for guest speakers or ref travel to training in other areas

- 4) **Correspondence:**

Dec 8 – from BCSA – Canada Soccer LTPD survey for Club Presidents – sent by BCSA directly to clubs

Dec 8 – from BCSA – Reminder Youth Provincial Cup Accommodation Rules – forwarded to UIA exec Jan 30

Dec 8 – from BCSA – Discipline Notice – FYI to all Coastal Districts – forwarded to UIA exec Jan 30, confirmed banned player not registered with UIA

Dec 15 – from BCSA – Rule and Policy Updates and Announcements – forwarded to exec Dec 17, forwarded by BC soccer to clubs

- Dec 16** – from BC Registries – Filing Guide for Transition Application in Societies Online – forwarded to exec Jan 30
- Jan 16** – from BCSA – Announcement: Regional Tier 3 league – forwarded to exec Jan 30, forwarded by BCSA to clubs
- Jan 16** – from LISA – newsletter – forwarded to exec Jan 30
- Jan 25** – from BCSA – Update: 2016-17 Youth Competition Rules and Regulations – forwarded to exec Jan 25, Forwarded by BCSA to clubs
- Jan 30** – from BCSA – Spring Youth Forum/District Chairs Meeting – date set for March 16
- Feb 1** – from BCSA- New Societies Act: Upcoming workshops – forwarded to exec Feb 6, forwarded by BC soccer to clubs
- Feb 4** – from LISA – 2017 World Cups – forwarded to exec Feb 4

5) **Old Business:**

- a) **Meeting dates and locations-** see list below. April Tier 3/TD meeting – try April 1 and Easter weekend as possible – circulate options with Boomerang calendar
- b) **VIPL Sanction for withdrawal of a team – Discussion** – add to travel allowances, or apply to new referee development fund, or year-end Jamborees
MOTION: to apply current sanction income to the new referee development fund
Sean/Brad **CARRIED**
- c) **Pacific Development Jamboree: Sean** call for registration went out to all coaches and players but response has been slow. Christine to send out reminder for boys online registration process and email invite to all girls teams. Have received a preliminary response from RCMP about sponsorship – they may be considering covering trophies.
- d) **CRC followups:** Discussed at General meeting. Sam has drafted letters for clubs who haven't responded and clubs who have some individuals outstanding. Clubs were expected to follow up after GM, but no consensus achieved about consequences for failing to comply. Kevin has provided Justice Institute links for circulation to clubs. Both letters and links to be sent out to clubs.

6) **New Business:**

- a) **B-Cup playdowns in UISA – Discussion** – situation really tough – discuss playing all cup playdowns for a division in one location on one weekend, vs playing Feb 19 and 26 weekends and putting off Lower Island final until April, vs playing 19 and Sat 25, then game against LISA on 26 **Consensus:** opt to play Feb 19 and 26 with Island finals postponed to April
- b) **Season finish and A- cup playdowns in VIPL** – three divisions have now accumulated too many makeups to finish in the one remaining makeup weekend, so for U14G, U14B and U16G there will be no makeup games for any matches missed in the fourth round and standings will be based on rounds 2 and 3 only (assuming any needed makeup games for these rounds are complete). Three divisions have multiple makeups scheduled for Feb 11-13 and it is unlikely UISA fields will be open to host, so games will have to be moved to LISA to be played if possible. These divisions (U15B, U16B and U8G) may end up with an incomplete 4th round as well, depending on the weather next weekend.
- c) **Island Invitational U13 hosts** - HCFC has offered to host the girls and boys, and PRYSA has offered to host the boys. Extensive discussion of options. UISA would

support/encourage PR to host in 2018 and beyond, when we will establish hosts earlier in the season, before declaration dates.

MOTION: to award hosting of the Island Invitational U13 playdowns for boys and girls to HCFC for 2017.

Kevin/Sam

CARRIED

One opposed (Sean Arbour)

- d) **Report from Riptide and Storm steering committees Sean** – TRU ID camp Feb 4/5 cancelled due to snow and league play badly affected by weather. UISA/Riptide have had several issues with LISA teams in the new year – the first was a game cancelled at the field by the ref due to frozen conditions (so teams travelled in vain) followed by a forfeit of the rematch by the LISA team, and the second was a U16B game with two serious injuries to LISA players **Carl** – to email report
- e) **CRYSA Update** - CR hosted a clubhouse kickoff fundraiser banquet on Saturday –great evening and 60-70K was raised for the new clubhouse. MWC – registration is open and committee meeting – event coming together. May extend the registration deadline.
- f) **CVUSC update** - GM scheduled for Feb 13 to discuss loss of TD
- g) **BC Soccer Awards** – notice has been sent to all the clubs. UISA board members should make themselves familiar with the award categories and decide on nominations to be put forward to BC soccer at our March exec meeting.
- h) **President’s Meeting:** in the process of setting a Feb date

Treasurer’s Report:

Registrar’s Report: Late registration received, not processed yet

Administrator’s Report:

League play:

- i. **BCSPL Update:** still looking for ways to better incorporate Upper Island. Some talk about moving to Coastal season.
- ii. **VIPL Update:** see new business b)
- iii. **UISA League Update:** Jan 29 indoor jamboree for Super8 girls – three Lower Island teams joined in for the day, and lots of positive feedback on the venue and the schedule was received.
- iv. **Provincial Cup, Coastal and Island Invitational Cup play:** see new business a-c

Technical Committee:

Discipline/Officials: Online game reports revamped. Will use for all games in UISA and form will direct referees to BC soccer discipline, so hopefully we will get better reporting with this system

AOB:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting.

Sean/Brad

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

Monday February 6, 2017 – via remote link – 7:00 PM

Thursday March 16, 2017 –remote link – 7:00 PM

Monday April 3, 2017 –at CVUSC clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00 PM

Monday May 8, 2017 – in person or via remote link – 7:00 PM

UISA General Meeting dates:

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 PM

UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee meeting dates:

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UISA Annual General Meeting date:

Saturday May 27, 2017 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 AM