



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting
Saturday January 21, 2017
CVUSC Clubhouse Courtenay– 11:00am

Members Present: Brad Berry (AVYSA), Marc Paris (UISA Director), Paul Brockhurst (MIYSA via phone), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA), Michael Brown (HCFC), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Jordie Sorenson (CRYSA), Carl Neibel (UISA Director), Kevin Smith (GYSA)
Guests: Christine Carson (UISA Administrator), Sam White (UISA Director), Brad Nixon (UISA Director)
Absent: Warren Cudney (UISA Director)

Notes:

- 1) **2016-17 UISA league season:** Boys Pacific Development Jamboree planned as a two-day event for March 4/5, where players are mixed up into new teams for the event, rather than playing on club-based teams. Teams will have 4 games each. There will be online signup available next week for players and coaches. Because players sign up individually, teams can still participate even if some players will be absent. Saturday first game times will be set to accommodate travel from PR. **Girls** – will have a one-day Year-end Jamboree on Saturday March 4, hosted at CVUSC. The club would like to program shorter games and have three games per team. Players will be mixed into new teams for the day at the start of the morning. Again, teams can participate even if some of their players are missing and start time will accommodate the PR ferry. Email invitations to all Super 8 teams will be sent out for this event.
- 2) **Super8 Format for U13s in the Province – Carl** – now sitting on Provincial BC soccer Grassroots committee at the request of BC soccer. Trying to harmonize grassroots initiatives across Provinces. In BC, BCSA and all other districts now looking at our Super 8 program for U13s. Lots of feedback from other districts about field size being too big for 12 year olds, and lots of struggle over player loss starting at U13. In contrast, U12/13 numbers in UISA have been going up. Lower Island interested in this format and pushing for BCSPL to move to Super8 format for U13s. Carl happy to bring feedback from clubs to the Grassroots committee.
- 3) **Planning for 2017-18: Pacific Development Cup** – Teams like having the home and away rather than a one-off match. Discuss strengths of format and possible limitations for weak teams. Try to juggle the league schedule around PDC pairings more in the future, so total number of games against any one competitor in the course of the season does not get too high, including cup play.
- 4) **Planning for 2017-18: Island Invitational for U13s Tony and Jeff**– difficult to put together league teams and feel comfortable competing against Lower Island in competitive

situation at the end of the year. Would question whether we should participate. **Carl** – should we play Super8 format in Island Invite for next year? **Tony and Michael** – stress over final against Lower Island, not over UISA playdowns. Not willing to compromise year-long development program for a stand-alone game. Feel strongly that their club should be able to mix any kids currently in UISA super8 to form an Island Invitational playdown team. **Carl** – discuss previous experience with jamborees/tournaments **Marc** – review Super 8 team composition for last two years, would like clubs to have freedom to form teams as they see fit **Carl**- there is also call to revamp the entire Island Invitational format for all age groups **Conclusion** – next year UISA will host U13 Island Invitational finals in a Super8 format. UISA should consider an FA-style playdown throughout the fall months for this age group next year. **Action:** Tier 3 SC reps to discuss this topic and these conclusions with their club and provide feedback to next Tier 3 meeting.

- 5) **Policy Planning:** CRC/VSC follow ups at UISA member clubs – to be discussed at GM
- 6) **Spring Tier 3 meeting:** **Michael** – Propose April – supported by MI, GY, CR, CV. Request attendance be opened to TDs and club administrators as well as Tier 3 reps for that meeting, to provide more expertise when planning the season.