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To: Upper Island Soccer Member Clubs

Re: Carl Neibel will stand for re-election to the UISA board

I am happy to take this chance to share my background and my commitment to youth soccer with UISA clubs, and to let you all know that I will stand for re-election to the UISA board.

Soccer has been a part of my life for almost as long as I can remember – I was a player from age 7 to age 45, and once I stopped playing, I took on more of a coaching role.

Like many parents, my coaching experience began with grassroots youth programs. I coached for 8 years for Nanaimo/HCF, mentoring children and youth from U8-U13 as a house team coach, and for three of those years as a DDC program coach as well. More recently, I have been a head coach in VIPL for 7 years, while also coaching in the Oceanside Academy and the Wellington School Soccer Program. Over the years, coaching has become a truly unselfish volunteer activity for me, first as I was asked to take on teams that did not include my own children and then as my kids aged out of youth soccer.

During the same time, I was also gaining governance experience. I was a member of the board of Nanaimo Youth Soccer/HCF for 9 years. I spent much of that time as the Mini coordinator, and remain dedicated to grassroots development to this day. For the last 6 years I have served on the UISA board, where I have taken on the roles of technical chair and co-chair of the Storm Steering Committee. As UISA technical director, I initiated meetings of club TDs and head coaches in the district, a unique initiative that BC Soccer noticed and asked to be a part of, and which I hope will help foster strong coach development in our district. I also worked with Sean Arbour in establishing the Tier 3 steering committee which I now co-chair and the new district Pacific Development Cup for Tier 3. I was truly honored three years ago when my expertise and my dedication to soccer development was recognized by BC Soccer, when they invited me to sit as a member of the Provincial Grassroots Committee.

Over the past 15 years, I estimate that I have volunteered 500-1000 hours a year to youth soccer. I am committed to serving one more term on the Upper Island board, and I ask for your consideration and your support at our AGM.

Sincerely

Carl Neibel