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To: Upper Island Soccer Member Clubs

Re: Shawn Fiddick will stand for election to the UISA board

I have been involved in soccer for over 40 years as a player and coach! and I am now putting my name forward for the UISA Executive, where I have been serving as an interim director since January.

In 2003 I joined the Nanaimo Youth Soccer club as a board member and boys coach (coached from U11 to U14). I moved on to become the technical director and then the Executive Director for the club. I held the position as the ED for 5 years, until I stepped down to pursue other opportunities when the infrastructure had been set up for the club to move away from paying for administrative positions and focus more on paying for a full time head coach, and I remained very involved in the club for a couple of more years after that.

During my time as ED I was responsible for all aspects of running the day to day operations of the club including on and off field training for coaches, volunteers, and working closely with the board, B.C. Soccer, the city of Nanaimo and the School district, and UISA to bring programs to the community and to help brand the club throughout the community and the island. I also spent time working very closely with the board to build a 5 year strategic plan.

I have also stayed very involved in coaching at many levels through the years, including a Metro girls team that went on to win the Coastal Cup and fell one goal short of winning Provincials, a program out of Victoria called Super Y for elite players that played throughout B.C., the Mid Isle Highlanders, the Merriman Academy in Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Port Alberni, the U16 girls Provincial program, the University of Montana Div 1 school with their summer elite program for girls, the Woodlands Secondary Academy program (now at NDSS) and most recently 3 seasons coaching with VIPL, in both Storm and Riptide programs.

During 2016/17 I took on the role of RDO (regional director) for B.C. Soccer for referees in the Upper Island and was responsible for training refs, assessments and helping clubs with referee development. So I am very familiar with the ins and outs of all soccer across all communities on the island including Powell River.

I've never had kids in the game -I love to give back to make the game better, and also to hopefully make an impact in a player's life that makes them want to play well into adulthood and hopefully making them contributing members to our community through sport. I also really hope to build bridges across our soccer community for the betterment of the game and for the players. It takes a lot of work to run programs and I am committed to helping us all work together, honouring our different opinions, but working towards one goal, and that's to make the game the best we can within our communities.

Shawn Fiddick