

Central Alberta Soccer Association
CASA BOARD VIDEO CONFERENCE MINUTES
April 29, 2020
7:00 pm

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Present

Bashaw - Michelle Hilderman
Camrose – Chad Mitchell
Clive – Angela Gessleman
Innisfail – Courtney Ukrainetz
Lacombe – Jaymen Hand, Todd Green
Rimbey – Laurel Barton
Ponoka – Robbin Nikiforuk
Spruce View – Rolf Van Benthem
Stettler – Teresa Walker, Nadine Lang
Sylvan Lake – Brandyn Leveque
Wetaskiwin – Tad Kircher, Les Sherrer

Executive:

President – Tracy Everett
1st Vice President – Wayne Murphy (represented Blackfalds)
2nd Vice President- Jon Mulder
Treasurer – Darla Preston (represented Rocky Mt. House)
Executive Director – Tammy Olson
Technical Director – Jason Blake

A PowerPoint Presentation was given by Executive Director (T. Olson)

On-Line Training Courses

Referees

- **Refresher** – This course is currently On-Line
 - a. 17 District Referees from CASA have completed.
 - b. DRA (P. Ignacio) and President (T. Everett) will be creating a Video Meeting for Referees who need assistance in the course
 - c. All returning Youth and District Referee Registration Fees have been paid by CASA. In usual circumstances each Association is responsible for reimbursing 50% of the cost for each their Referees to CASA.
 - d. This is a good time for Referees to do their Online Refresher because there have been so many changes
 - e. Any referee who does not wish to participate in a Refresher who is registered, must let CASA know. We must request a refund for in writing for these referees. Each Association received a list of their registered Referees.
- **Entry Level, Mini** – these courses should be going online (the original date was April 25) the date has now been postponed. I will keep everyone apprised of the situation

Coaches

- All Community Level Coach Certification courses will be online. On field Training will be set up once bans are lifted.
- **Coach Certification will be FREE of charge**
- Course sign up for the new system will be sent out within a few days

Outdoor Programs

- (Non-Traditional) – July and August (possibility)
 - a. Small sided games
 - b. Limited travel
 - c. Small Tournaments – CASA District ONLY (end of Summer possibility)
- Current Field Closures
 - a. September (Calgary and Airdrie).
 - b. Edmonton reopening for individual use (under 15 people) – May 1st
 - c. CASA – June 30th for large % of CASA Communities
 - d. Sylvan Lake – All Summer Activities Canceled
- CASA encourages any Member Association to Refund current Registration Fees to any player they wish (or all). Some communities have already done this. If your Association wishes to participate in any program we may offer, a registration can be done at that time. There will be reduced Fees

Financial

- Implications – Zero Outdoor Revenue, Minimal Outdoor Revenue
 - a. Reduced Administration of CASA
 - Must ensure that the District does not completely shut down. Approximately \$5,000.00 a month (with current contracts and monthly expenses) is required to “Keep the Lights On”
 - Affects Indoor going forward for those who participate. Without Administrative Revenue to rebuild our financial cushion, we do not have a way to run the office through the Winter
 - Implications predicted to affect seasons for the next two years minimum
 - Recommendations
 - ✚ Search Out Grants - Links provided by Innisfail (C. Ukrainetz) and Camrose (C. Mitchell). Innisfail also offered information that one expense (G Suite) is Free for Non-Profits – Executive Director (T. Olson) will investigate these possibilities
 - ✚ CASA 2nd Vice President (J. Mulder) recommended Member Associations with Healthy Finances (who now have no expenses) contribute to keeping the District “open”. These funds would be reimbursed in upcoming Seasons in the way of reduced Fees. Sylvan Lake (B. Leveque) stated their Association would certainly consider this option
 - ✚ CASA 1st Vice President (W. Murphy) recommends a reduction in Contracts for reduced work hours. The contractors Executive Director and Technical Director can then apply for Government of Canada Programs for Loss of income. This program allows for additional earnings of up to \$1,000 a month. Rimbey (L. Barton) agrees with this recommendation.
 - ✚ A Survey will be created for Associations to voice their opinion.

Additional Comments and Information

- Executive Director (T. Olson) and Technical Director (J. Blake) are attending Video Conferences with Alberta Soccer, every other Monday. Committees are in place at that level investigating possible revenue sources through Canada Soccer, FIFA and Alberta Government
- Executive Director (T. Olson) has been appointed by Alberta Soccer to a District Working Committee to explore avenues of keeping our Districts operational during this time – and going forward.
- Alberta Government will hopefully consider some regions “low risk” in the next couple of months, so that small recreational activities could be allowed

- CASA Treasurer (D. Preston) says officials estimate that the Minimum number allowed could be 50 by the end of June.
- Sylvan Lake has cancelled all Soccer
- Blackfalds has cancelled U5 to U9. Have kept contact information for U11 and up so they can be easily contacted if a Season starts
- Rimbey (L. Barton) asks who Alberta Soccer is taking their advice from, as some sports are more aggressive by implementing Total Shutdowns. – T. Olson – advised all Health and Government guidelines are being followed, ASA and their Districts are trying to stay optimistic but there is no surety they will be able to implement programs
- City of Wetaskiwin and City of Camrose have closed all fields at this time
- Wetaskiwin Soccer has created virtual events for kids who want to participate
- B. Leveque recommends everyone keep in touch with their own Town or City Councils so that you are kept abreast of field closings or openings

Thanks to all for attending. Information will continue to be sent out to all CASA Associations

Adjourned: 7:38 pm