

TECHNICAL-PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

Virtual

February 11, 2021

PRESENT:

Bashaw- Michelle Hilderman
Clive : Angela Gessleman
Lacombe : Jaymen Hand, Chris Dunlap
Ponoka : Lonny Behm
Rimbey : Laurel Barton
SC Central – Jason Blake
Sylvan Lake – Brandyn Leveque
Wetaskiwin : Tad Kircher, Alison Sherrer

EXECUTIVE:

Tracy Everett – President
Jon Mulder – 2nd Vice President
Les Sherrer - Secretary
Tammy Olson – Executive Director

ABSENT:

Bentley
Blackfalds
Camrose
Central Alberta Men's League
Innisfail
Penhold
Rocky Mountain House
Stettler
Darla Preston- Treasurer
Wayne Murphy – 1st Vice President

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05

Roll Call taken – 8 of 16 Current Members Present

1. Executive Director (T. Olson) updated membership on Alberta Town Hall Meeting
 - Meeting was held at 4:00 pm today (February 11)
 - No actual updates were given. Meeting was to clarify the AHS restrictions that were updated on February 8, 2021.
 - Youth players + two coaches can participate in training.
 - a) Six meters between participants.
 - b) May share soccer ball ONLY.
 - The answered few questions, they stated that they would NOT be discussing the future only the present situation.
 - Further reopening scheduled for approximately 3 weeks from now.
 - Recording of these meetings are posted on the Alberta Government Site
 - Tammy will continue to attend these meetings as they come up.
2. Review of minutes of April 29, 2020
 - No Errors/Omissions
 - o No Business arising.
3. **Financial**
 - 2021 Price list presented (will be distributed to membership) to assist in planning.
 - a) If a U11-U19 League is run, the per Team Fee will be \$350.00. May be adjusted down dependant on the type of activities we will be allowed to offer.

- b) Indoor Teams will be receiving a substantial reduction in the fees owed. Alberta Soccer will not be charging a Fee. There will still be CASA administrative and development fees. There will also be a small per team fee for those who were registered, to cover the costs of field rentals and referee fees for the day we played. Invoices will be adjusted accordingly. Insurance for registered players carries through until the end of March. Adult players not allowed on the field at this time.

4. Outdoor Programming

- Possible scenarios – there is no guarantee at this time that we can play.
 - a) Traditional League with Playoffs included
 - b) Non-traditional Cohort Leagues with Playoffs
 - This was how Indoor was set up. Cohorts consisted of four teams of 11 players. It would have worked well if we had been able to continue. The Men’s League played for a month with the same set up with success.
 - Referees were not part of cohorts they officiated from the sidelines as per ASA Regulations set up for this scenario.
 - Coaches could be separate from the cohorts if they were masked and distanced from the team.
 - Cohort teams could also be smaller with larger teams, with a break of 11 days the team cohorts can then be changed to enable the teams to play others. The cities did this in the Summer when things opened.
 - c) Player Development
- **Summer 2020** - three communities hosted Player Development – Camrose, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin
 - a) Groups of 50 were allowed – Coaches were included, Referees were separate.
 - b) Ponoka combined U9 and U11, U11 and U13 (two groups). All mixed
 - c) Wetaskiwin combined U11-U13 and U15 to U18. Mixed. Sometimes the genders split for parts of training.
 - They programmed it following the Canada Soccer / Alberta Soccer development levels of coaching – Fundamentals, Learn to Train and Soccer for Life Groups.

5. Coaches

- Community Stream courses are currently FREE. This is an opportune time to take your certifications, they will not always be Free of charge. Three CASA Coaches have completed their on-line training.
 - a) Active Start
 - b) Fundamentals
 - c) Learn to Train.
 - d) Soccer for Life
 - e) Making Ethical Decisions is Not Free but a part of Full Certification.
 - d) On field portion has not yet been implemented because of the restrictions. Information will be sent out regarding this as soon as it is available.
- C License – There are two upcoming courses.
 - a) Deadline for first course February 12, 2021 – Jason Blake will be the instructor on this course since receiving his Coach Education Certification from Canada Soccer.
 - b) Next course May 14th registration deadline
 - c) C License is not Free.
 - d) Practical being delivered virtually.
 - e) This course is highly recommended for any Coach wishing to develop their skills further, makes them eligible for Summer Games Coach positions or any level of Soccer. Community Stream courses not required as pre-requisites. Jason is available for mentoring.

6. Referees

- Executive Director (T. Olson) attended virtual meeting with Alberta Soccer Head of Referee Development
- Referee Registration - No update yet from Alberta Soccer received as to when this will be available.
- **Outdoor Refresher**
These will all be hosted by Alberta Soccer online through Ref Centre and Webinar sessions. **Districts and clubs will not be required to host any Outdoor Refreshers in 2021.**
- **Mini Referee Courses** **These will run the same as previous years, with in-person training.**
 - a) Length of course – 6 hours. Can be held on weekends or multiple evenings. The course includes Mini + AR Training.
- **Entry Level Referee Courses** The format is changing for 2021 and beyond, with more details to be shared in the coming weeks.
Alberta Soccer are in the process of converting the system to online.

7. CASA Website Change

- Alberta Soccer is switching to the RAMP Website system this creates a unique opportunity for us to receive substantial savings as a Member of the Alberta Soccer Association. Our clubs would also be eligible for possible savings, we can integrate everyone into the system as a Club of CASA. CASA Clubs are NOT REQUIRED to switch to RAMP they will have the ability to have their own login to our system to upload their registrations in Excel format.
- League and Tournament schedules standings results etc. can all be created in the system. These would-be extra Fees within in our current website (which is why we do not have them)
- Referee Assigning system is also included – similar to Arbitor will be an easy transition.
- Will streamline our entire Program, with automatic statistics including Red and Yellow cards, scores as well as Player Scoring stats
- Upgraded team Apps available for teams similar to Team Snap.
- Smaller Members
 - o If CASA goes on RAMP your smaller members will get sites with limited functionality and if they agree to come on board and pay the \$1.25 per player per season, they will be able to get the whole system. (Does not include the merchant fee if you choose online payment as well) Rimbey (L. Barton) is integrating this fee into their registration up front, it is a small amount but allows parent to pay with Credit Card.
- **Fees charged by RAMP.**
 - a) Website \$0 – ASA District Websites are included as part of the RAMP – ASA Provincial Agreement ***domain transfers (\$25) and renewals not included (\$25 per year) ***
 - b) Official Assigning \$0 - Official Assigning Setup Fee \$15 - per official paid annually in advance - Official Assigning Licensing, Hosting, Maintenance, Training & Support Fee. (blanket coverage also available) Website: \$25.00 per year + Referee Assigning System: \$2,400.00
Total - \$2,425.00. A savings of \$609.00 over our current contracts of \$3,034.00

Executive Director will continue to send out information for all Associations as the changes take place.

8. New Business

- The Dome is currently planning the restart of their Grassroots program. Go the Dome Website to register. The Dome Grassroots program is a supplemental training to add. It is not meant to take over from your actual Clubs. Fourteen Week co-ed program 4 years old and up.
- Reminder that if groups run the 8-player practice or any other practices a t this time, there must always be Two Coaches (gender specific if mixed teams). There are currently no parents allowed so that protects everyone involved.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:31 pm