



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7:00pm

MNP Tournament Room 1, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **June 13, 2024 Motion #1139**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Stuart Wright, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Present: Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present: Adam Terhegge Keri Afonso Melissa Wandt Stefane Morin
Bob Hackman Megan Purnell Nolan Belanger Steve Steed

Total Votes = 8

Regrets: Curtis Morcom (Bookkeeper), Al Ryder (Referees), Matt Smith (Discipline)

Welcome Adam and Keri, first time in person.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the March 14, 2024 regular board meeting.

April 11, 2024 Motion #1138 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. Carried by unanimous consent.

CHAIR REPORT – Been busy getting ready for season. ITP (Independent Third Party) deals with issues for BCSA. Takes it off us. Ensure Bylaws are up to date: outdated ones leave room for problems. Make sure they line up with BCSA. Build Bylaws, then policies/regulations. LCYSA's Ice Breaker Tournament went well. Sit on TOYSL Board; been busy with scheduling and ineligible players in both Districts. Nolan, Stuart and Admins met about U18s; Boys 7v7 no offside; Girls 11v11 once a week drop in game. Ref courses going strong.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT – Invoices going out soon and are due upon receipt.

REFEREE REPORT – Written report.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – Nothing to report.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

Player pickup (from March) – Can't miss own game to be picked up. Up a level, not across. Limit 3 times to go up. TOYSL doesn't have rules. Admin will tidy up old documents and send out.

Provincial hosting 2026 or beyond (from March) – Interest or not? Will need commitment from all. B level, get extra berth for hosting. Could do both boys and girls or just one. Most seem in favor.

Penticton teams / travelling – Email from a team that doesn't want to go to Penticton; it's just once. When PFC team is listed first, game in Penticton. In most divisions, a team goes once; others are on Westside. General consensus: once is not unreasonable. Melissa will handle.

TOYSL team qualifying - Who qualifies and steps to qualify? Some feel quality of TOYSL is diminishing with so many teams. Should help that U11/12 come back to COYSA next year. Shouldn't there be qualifications to be at that level? Robs kids out of house. How would we manage it? Qualifying tournament? Maybe 1 team per Club with a possible second team? There's competition between Clubs for the same players. If a player tries out at one Club and doesn't make it, can go to another and try out there. Maybe be at a certain level to qualify? Maybe set our own standard. Needs to be discussed at Clubs before decision made at this table. Topic of discussion. Maybe U13-18 have one team per Club and if want a second team, an evaluation process? Don't know what it could look like. What about a maximum number of players per team? BCSA say recommended.

Megan has tried to get in touch with someone at BCSA but has hit a wall – can't get any answers.

CLUB REPORTS:

- KUFC – Dome in Mission is down; a huge undertaking. U18 sorted out. Equipment out this weekend, name change next season: Okanagan United Football Club. Will have new gear, one logo for all, including TOFC.
- OFC – Business as usual. All teams were at the coast for tournaments and a bunch more planned.
- WYSA – Just hired a new TD onboarding May 1: David Hannah.

- PFC - Going well, started season, lots of kids, new Board. Looking forward to season.
- KYSA – Ice Breaker was good, registration down 150 from last year. Getting ready for the season.
- LCYSA – Busy couple of weeks with Ice Breaker, Club Opening Jamboree, uniforms, pictures. Lost Chair and Vice-Chair; looking for replacements. Registration up from last year.
- RYSA – Finalizing getting ready for season, coach meeting/equipment hand out. For coaching courses, not enough in small Clubs: can we work together? Discussed last month Melissa is spearheading that.
- KCITY – Written report. Excited to be part of the league.

Heard some Clubs having player/team selection at U7/8/9 grassroots level. Not allowed to select/tier at this level. KYSA TD has advised they will not be fielding teams in games where Clubs are tiering. Last year U10 was frustrating so now trying a Development division. Don't know the answer, it's new to all of us. Need to find creative ways to deal with it. Modify the game as opposed to not showing up. Maybe adjust schedule after so many games to balance league. How do Clubs handle it if they have one team but 30 kids want the one team? First come, first served.

We, as a board, need to talk together about these types of things. Better to solve than let it build up.

ADJOURNMENT 8:19pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 09, 2024