



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, August 08, 2019 6:00pm

COYSA Boardroom, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **September 12, 2019 Motion #1058**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Jenn Bernier, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Present: Al Ryder (Referees), Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present:

April Steed
Carrie Smith
Cindi Kukler (for Winston)
Dan Rae
Jason Scott
Jon McClenaghan
Marcy Dabiri
Niki Siddall
Shauna Whitney

Total Votes = 9

Regrets: Winston Morgan

Absent: Scott Percival, Shane Green, Stephanie Gudbranson

Regrets: Bruce Clark (Discipline), Curtis Morcom (Treasurer)

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

Thanks for coming in the summer.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

Positive Space in Sport - <https://www.viasport.ca/inclusion/lgbtqi2s>

- Should COYSA to be a Positive Space in Sport and display the button on our website and Facebook page and send out to the admins to have as a resource?

August 08, 2019 Motion #1055 It was moved and seconded that COYSA be a Positive Space in Sport, display it on our website and Facebook page and send to Clubs as a resource. Carried unanimously.

Responsible Coaching Movement <https://www.coach.ca/responsible-coaching-movement-s17179>

- To reduce risk in sport, the RCM focuses on Rule of Two, Background Screen and Ethics and Respect Training.
- Should COYSA officially take the Pledge?

August 08, 2019 Motion #1056 It was moved and seconded that COYSA take the Responsible Coaching Movement pledge. Carried unanimously.

Chair will sign on behalf of District but individual Clubs may also sign.

Note: Links for both the above pieces were sent out to the Board for review a week before the meeting.

Seasonal Committee

Put this document together to have something to go to Clubs. Reminder of survey results: Overall 65% of our membership wanted spring only or two leagues. Almost 80% of our members are doing other activities in the fall. Proposing 10 week Spring Season with all three tournaments (Mini Jamboree, Super-8 Soccerfest and Kelowna Cup) only held in Spring. The fall would have a short season of 6 weeks. Spring would be competitive; fall would be recreational. Within the Club system and the Clubs to make even teams. What about doing a COYSA run fall session? Talked about keeping it local in the Club areas. Working in the system they are already in. For the format: U6 Club discretion still; U7-12 keep similar-one practice and Saturday game. U14+ maybe turning it an FA style bracket. Won't know game location until after game result in. Makes it hard for Referees if they don't know where they are playing then they can't commit to reffing. What about field consistency-One age group at same location all the time? We don't have that. What about using practice fields for games in falls? Should be two teams per field for practice so displaces one team. Is there any other Club that has a similar model? Penticton and Kamloops both have fall sessions but not as structured with

teams/games. Breaking it apart too much can make it fall apart. How does this work for KU? Players not returning to KU would be able to play in the fall league. From an Admin side, registration will have 3 packages. Spring / Fall / Spring-Fall combined. What do we need to do next? Take back to Clubs. Is someone from the Committee going to the Clubs going to explain it? Can Clubs make decisions on two seasons and then the fall format be decided later? The Committee was formed and based this on what membership is looking for. Don't want to devalue the work the Committee put in. Decision to be made in September as the Clubs need enough time to get registration etc done. U5/6 to U10 maybe continue as is? Primarily that's the age group that doesn't want fall. Three months of soccer doesn't develop players. Will we lose refs because they aren't getting games? Don't see it impacting refs in fall. Biggest concern for refs is the Kelowna Cup in the Spring. Would rather see just finals on that weekend. Aren't they getting less than 10 weeks if Kelowna Cup is on that weekend? Don't get caught up on the percentage as it's not 65% of our members but 65% of the survey. As Board members we are charged with doing what is best for the game and our members. If this is going to help the mass majority, then we should do it. Why not a gradual introduction? Maybe Kelowna Cup same weekend as Super-8? Refs are tough then. Maybe split semis one week and finals next week or maybe semis weeknights. The idea is more soccer. If they are playing spring and fall, getting more games. Morale in fall is down when players don't show up. Reality is the parents don't care about the commitment. Even if it's 1500 kids, at least those are getting a great experience.

AI left at 6:55pm

Clubs are just getting an answer back on yes or no for two seasons and the details will be worked out. Next meeting September 12. For most of the Clubs, it's going to be more expensive if they want to play both. Acceptance depends on how we go back, communication is key. Other sports have two seasons. What's the drop dead date to get this done? Can we do October? Can we get everyone together from the Clubs for a meeting? As COYSA Board have discussed and this is what we decided on. As COYSA board members it's your responsibility to go to your Clubs. We are acting on behalf of our members. Supposed to be voting on the betterment of soccer. Supposed to go back to Clubs and explain and present. If we decide, why go back to Boards for opinions? Committee Chair took it on and then left without anything doing. Good to include Clubs. That was the purpose to have a member from each Club on the Committee. Difficult when Clubs don't send a rep. Families are wanting that when we submitted the survey. Was done similarly 5 years ago. People want change but kind of get stuck in a whirlpool talking about doing things, nothing gets done and it gets passed on. We only have September and October meetings of this Board. Not entirely looking for a whole bunch of feedback because those at the meetings had the opportunities to talk about it at their Club level. Understand stuff to be ironed out. Whatever we decide as a spring season, it's going to look the same. As far as Clubs saying this is or isn't going to work, what we have now is not working. The onus is on us to make it better. Vote is going to be secret ballot. Each Club has two votes. No proxies at regular meetings. Been going on for five years. Everyone is scared of change.

ADJOURNMENT 7:14pm

NEXT MEETINGS: Regular Board meetings:

Thursday, September 12 and Thursday, October 10