



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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

MNP Tournament Room 1 (formerly CNC) Kelowna, BC

DRAFT MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): March 14, 2024 Motion #1136

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Stuart Wright, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Present: Curtis Morcom (Bookkeeper), Al Ryder (Referees), Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present:

Jill Chisholm (zoom)	Jill Afonso (zoom)	Megan Purnell	Melissa Wandt
Nolan Belanger	Stefane Morin	Steve Steed	

Total Votes = 7

Regrets: Dan Bourbonniere

Introductions around the table.

Jill arrived at 7:08pm

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the October 12, 2023 regular board meeting.

January 11, 2024 Motion #1132 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2023 regular board meeting as presented. Carried by unanimous consent.

CHAIR REPORT – Working on TOYSL for select play, governance has gone to BC Soccer. Governing TOYSL is two reps from COYSA and two from TOYDA. Chad from Salmon Arm is scheduling. Looking at U13 new rules and groups with odd number of teams. Penticton's AGM January 24. Several BCSA meetings coming up.

REFEREE REPORT – written report. Looking for increases to schedule and ref fees.

Al left the room.

Do we have a contract? List of duties? What's our expectations? Clubs want monthly ref support and more regular mentorship.

January 11, 2024 Motion #1133 It was moved and seconded to accept the ref fee pay increase as presented. Carried by unanimous consent.

Clubs can have a Field Marshal per team or location to support refs.

What about the Head Referee position? Pay hasn't changed since Al started over 10 years ago.

January 11, 2024 Motion #1134 It was moved and seconded to increase Ref Scheduling and Head Ref fees by 15%.

Carried by unanimous consent.

Note that Curtis has had no wage increase since starting (2009).

Al returned, was advised of motions, the hope for mentoring program return and maybe an activity to increase retention. Mentorship is more beneficial than a social. Still short on referees so using mentors means games with no ref. Maybe older or retired refs? Lots of older refs do 4 weeknights and then don't want weekends. What's the criteria to be a Mentor? Be a ref and take course. Al is trained instructor. Protecting refs is key to retention. Hurdle for 16-18 year old refs is they are usually playing in higher level games. LCYSA refs need to block if they don't want other areas. LCYSA has largest increase in refs but not many games.

BCSA asked Al to schedule B Provincials refs in Kamloops July 4-7.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – in handout.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT – in handout. Update on indoor. Should end up with a surplus.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

- Current contact list - in handout
- Community Sport Hero Awards - Wednesday, February 07 (5:15pm-8:00pm). Congratulations to Stuart.
- COBSS Bursary (March 25 to 28) – Have COBSS do it.
- Local Sports Reporting - email in handout. Directly reach out if interested.
- Discipline Chair appointment - Two very good applicants but one is very experienced with being a ref, headed up CNC's indoor soccer discipline and done discipline for over 45s.

- **January 11, 2024 Motion #1135**

It was moved and seconded to have Matt Smith step into the role as our Discipline Chair. Carried by unanimous consent.

- U10 Development program – To confirm: for players with additional interest, will run on Saturdays. There's to be no advertising as superior, nor a selection process.
- Committee to form policy on fees and fields - Comes about as game field allocation from the City comes through us and is challenging with profit and non profit. Profit Clubs are charged higher rate. New Clubs have to come with their own fields for training. An anomaly going on where we charge same assessment for Clubs. Maybe Kelowna based Clubs as it's the City of Kelowna? Megan, Stefan, Steve, Nolan all stepped up. Steve will lead.
- COYSA Soccer Facility field allocation – in handout. It's our all weather 8v8 field 8v8. How do we want to handle the allocation? Multiple clubs want same time.
- Director appointments – required director positions for bylaws. Melissa will be Treasurer. Nolan will be Discipline. Steve will be Vice-Chair.

CLUB REPORTS:

- KYSA – Talking how to retain refs; registration ongoing; looking to be up.
- LCYSA – Registration up for time of year. Ice Breaker end of March is almost sold out. Changing jerseys: orange and black. Black is an issue for refs and can tell teams to wear pinnies.
- RYSA – Registration open. Question for others on U8: are parents dropping kids or waiting? Rules or expectations? Volunteer coaches, not babysitters. Up to Club.
- KU – Officially started merger. Picked colors. Looking at changing name in future to reflect what we are. House will be KU. TOFC still TOFC. Figuring out how it's going to work. Good mix of board members. Tom is TD, Dante on sabbatical. For U16/18s any ideas where we are sitting? Most struggling at this age. Likely to have one team in each. Declaration early March. How are we trying to get players? Why are we losing? Numbers gradually growing, City growing. We push so many to select even when not that level. When's the last time we won provincials? If we had 2 teams instead of 5, potentially could be stronger. TOYSL was a stress ref-wise last year; not enough qualified available officials. We're top heavy. Adult egos. People are focussed on building their Club and not what's best for the District. Can we limit number of teams per Club? Possibly but has to be agreed upon before season start. TOYSL could limit. District so divided. Open for conversation.
- OFC – Academy is going right now, full based on field time, done some tournaments and a few more ahead.
- PFC – AGM Jan 24. Looks like some turnover. Numbers are up. Growing grassroots and development. Find travel to Kelowna not bad. It's good for PFC to be in COYSA.
- KCFC – Winter is going great. 250 training. 200 for COYSA. Excited to be involved as part of this group and see how it all works.
- WYSA – no rep, no report.

AI away March 15-April 04. Will schedule IB from India. Done this before.

Clarification on B provincial berths: go to BCSA website.

COYSA fees are same no matter what age. Calculating based on ages would mean similar amount for Club overall. Younger would be less but older would be more. TOYSL fees and refs are higher with fewer kids to divvy up the fees.

ADJOURNMENT 8:49pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

- No scheduled in-person meeting for February
- Thursday, March 14, 2024