



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: January 12, 2023, 7:00pm

CNC, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **March 09, 2023 Motion #1123**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Stuart Wright, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Present: Al Ryder (Referees), Andy Hyatt (Discipline), Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present:

Dan Bourbonniere

Eli Gilbert

Kiera Kneller (for JB)

Kris Killick

Lindsay Rainbird

Megan Purnell

Total Votes = 6

Regrets: Bruce Clark (Discipline), Jon Basaraba, Steve Steed, Curtis Morcom (Bookkeeper)

Welcome and introductions around the table. COYSA is a district and under it all the Clubs from Lake Country to Penticton. We are the link between BCSA, though there's lots of BCSA-Club direct contact. Our responsibility to look after both leagues, COYSA and TOYSL which we share with TOYDA, neighbors to the north. We run an indoor program at CNC 7 days a week all winter. We have an outdoor field we manage and book. Al looks after reffing. Bruce / Andy deal with discipline.

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the October 13, 2022 regular board meeting.

January 12, 2023 Motion #1121 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2022 regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

CHAIR REPORT – Been working with TOYSL on select play that has hired Chris Murphy / E11even Management to run. Working on rules, website, game play, provincials. Then to BCSA for approval. Then Clubs say which teams want in. Penticton is our newest Club. Going there next Wednesday. Had another Club application go to Committee but it was unsuccessful. Indoor going well. April (Steed) is running and willing to continue.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT – written report in handout.

REFEREE REPORT – written report. Can't figure out how to register as BCSA re-did their website. Typically run 5 or 6 Small Sided, 1 Entry Level. If a Club wants one, minimum 12 and Club pays costs. Send everyone to COYSA website to be on contact list. 10% completing course never do a game. Lose 60% Small Sided each year. High school students get credits. Courses only in spring; experimented in summer but a month of reffing doesn't pay for course. Clubs need to push courses. Question about additional compensation to refs going to Lake Country; shouldn't it be the same for refs coming to town? Traditionally Lake Country and Westside are short officials which is why we pay extra.

Proposed ref fees for next season. Adult leagues have approved. Any questions/objections/concerns with proposal? Have a system on how to deal with coaches but hard to teach a 12 year old how to deescalate an adult. Best thing we can have is a mentor at field but don't have enough available as we need them for officiating. Lost 120 senior, experienced refs through COVID. Once we build our numbers, we can have mentors. What we can do to support? Why can't we put onus on coaches? That is on Clubs who should have a Code of Conduct. In the past Clubs held coaches meetings at start of the season and Al and Bruce both offered to attend. Zero tolerance. It's a big pitch, they are kids and are going to miss calls. Need to remind people: this is youth soccer.

January 12, 2023 Motion #1122 It was moved and seconded to accept the ref fee increase proposal as submitted. Carried by unanimous consent.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Attended City fields meeting. Tentative opening April 14. May end up with Kettle Valley still; temporary closure of Parkinson delayed; Glenmore in next phase, survey looking for input, will send to Board and Clubs. KMSL and KMSL are in talks to add lights there. City working with School District No. 23 for more partnerships. Kinsmen fieldhouse not going to be torn down.

COYSA field – For spring, an email will go out at end of January with available times. Urban Rec are a good, consistent renter and don't want to lose that.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – written report in handout. Someone should jump in to intervene and assist a ref. Need to push at the Clubs to educate everyone.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

Board meetings – in handout. Typically every month but some months little to talk about, like to respect everyone's time. Any objections to not meeting in February? None. Will meet March, April, May. Will look at June later.

U13/14 for 2024 – in handout. We currently have U13/14 together for house but CSA says U13 to be small sided 9v9 game. After this season won't be a BCSPL U13 league and they're eliminating U18 due to low numbers. Problem with U13 is what fields to use.

Super-8 Soccerfest (U11-12) and Mini Jamboree (U7-10) – Last fall discussion about to continue or not. The original 5 house Clubs take turns hosting/running MJ. Getting more difficult to get volunteers. Both events have 2 games on one day for each team. RYSA is next host for MJ on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Super-8 and U14-16 Kelowna Cup is the weekend after Thanksgiving. Have paid a team to run Super-8 including field set up, field marshalling, parking etc. MJ has historically provided a meal for all participants; approximately 2300 over two days with overall cost \$25,000. What about end of June? Still won't get volunteers. Why don't we play in summer? Numerous surveys one, have had conversation 3 or 4 times but no winners. Kids love events. What if we don't feed them? Everyone in agreement, keep running events but no meal provided. Hosting Clubs may arrange food trucks for families to purchase if they wish.

Glenmore Recreation Park – in handout. Covered in Administrator Report.

Ref fees proposal – in handout. Covered in Ref Report.

Higher level/academy teams in house league – Last year had a couple of OFC teams playing in house and moved them up and coaches were very respectful. Wasn't ideal. Unless Clubs have similar developing teams, going to hope to have teams in TOYSL.

Penticton – As one of our Clubs have teams that want to play in our league and they are entitled to do that. Some parents are going to want to travel and will try and manage to minimize. Is travel an issue? Last year had WYSA/LCYSA teams not wanting to travel each other. Other sports travel. Make sure Clubs know they have to travel.

BCSA 2023 Provincial Championships Calendar – in handout

Contact List – in handout

Elections:

Vice Chair - Steve (Steed) has expressed interest. Anyone else/any objections? None. Steve is Vice Chair.

Treasurer – Doesn't have to do much but works with Curtis. Lindsay will do it.

Discipline – This person supports Discipline Chair. Jon would likely do this.

CLUB REPORTS:

OFC – Planning to attend tournaments, talking of hosting one.

OMYSA – KU/OMYSA are going to merge. Upcoming season will remain separate but merge following season. Both Boards get dissolved at next AGM and new one formed.

LCYSA – Registration-wise having a banner year and looking to becoming an academy Club. Stuart responded to an email a few weeks ago, including LCYSA Chair, but hasn't heard back - needs contacts.

KYSA – Opened registration January 1st and are about 60%. Anticipate will be well over last year. Outdoor practice schedule has been determined.

WYSA – Flipped over half the Board. Moved meeting to week after COYSA. Indoor league going well.

KU – Lost Lorrie and Prab (aka Parry) is finding his footing. New website. New Chair. Partnership with England team Peterborough and a couple of teams going over to train.

ADJOURNMENT 8:24pm

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2023