



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021 7:00pm

Zoom ID: 869 7599 1381, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **February 11, 2021 Motion #1089**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Due to COVID restrictions, this meeting was held via Zoom.

Stuart Wright, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

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

Voting Members Present:

April Steed	Carl Withler	Scott Jacobsen	Vince Reddekopp
Jason Scott	Jason Freh	Leslie Bryant	Tim Read
Andy Hyatt	Niki Siddall		

Total Votes = 10

Regrets: Bruce Clark (Discipline), Hayley Elliot

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the December 10, 2020 regular board meeting

January 14, 2021 Motion #1088 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2020 regular board meeting as presented. No objections; motion passed by unanimous consent.

CHAIR REPORT – Sent in a letter of support for City’s bid to host BC Summer Games. Bylaw meeting changed to next week. Working on Return to Play Plan. Going to be disappointing if we can’t run soccer of some kind. Even if vaccines aren’t out, virus died down in the summer. Regarding futsal, we need to know what he wants.

TREASURER REPORT - Applied for additional loan grant and got it. Still waiting to hear on viaSport funding application; \$7500 max. Have applied for wage and rent subsidies. Waiting to hear what we’re doing about indoor.

CLUB REPORTS:

KUFC – All teams practicing in the first phase of no contact. Interesting to figure out what you can do with grids etc. If anyone wants info on that, just ask. Parent feedback? Everyone understands and has been supportive. Everyone just wants to go back to normal.

KYSA – Trying to go forward as best we can. Ran two programs last year. Registration going on, not charging full fees; just reserving a spot. 640. Some parents are waiting. Any age groups with a strange anomaly? Older kids are very slow.

LCYSA – Numbers are okay for pre-registration. Possible preseason program. Doesn’t seem like Ice Breaker can happen.

OMYSA – Changed registration system and opened today. A nominal fee to see what numbers are like.

Club Reports continued after presentation.

PRESENTATION – Kevin Wilde from Kelowna Futsal joined at 7:28pm. As his kids developed, looked at ways to help them improve. Couldn’t find futsal so worked with City to get a program running: no league; just kids getting together.

Wondered why it isn’t more prominent as a development tool in BC. Ian in Vernon is doing something similar. Would like a Kelowna league and then an inter-district league. An alternative to indoor soccer or could be complimentary. Hoping to run Oct to March starting this fall. Start on a trial basis with certain age groups with COYSA Clubs each sending in a team. Working on getting gym or field space to play, have some options. Indoor program is a rec league. Good attendance. Not best development but kids getting touches on the ball, running around and having fun. Some Clubs do some development over the winter. Have seen futsal leagues run as a separate entity. Why part of COYSA? To be sanctioned through FIFA. Other option is AMF (futsal) route. Would Clubs do all the registration and just submit a team? Could do like indoor model or put in a team. Would set fee based on team or individual. Futsal could assemble teams. Thinking to be a Club or a league or something else? Don’t want to be a Club. Maybe a hybrid model where COYSA does registration and futsal does coaches and teams. Want kids playing and will do whatever. We are a volunteer

organization with one paid employee so are cautious about taking on more. Futsal can be a good supplement, just don't know how it would work. Typically at the end of fall, Clubs shut down. Right now we are working on changing bylaws based on BCSA's new laws and don't have an application process. If COYSA says yes then BCSA would rubber stamp and then could move forward. Suggest recreation and competitive. Kevin left at 8:03pm.

Futsal is great for development. What does he need the Clubs for? They've no home base or anything. Seems like they want us to take it all on ourselves. Difficult enough to get volunteers for COYSA indoor and it's a lot of work. Don't see how it can run concurrently with indoor? Could be different days. Is it worth it for us to take more on? If he only needs our rubber stamp, is there a downside? Nervous about rubber stamping something and then down the road it all falls on us. Dividing rec and competitive play is important. Between KU teams, OFC teams and most Club teams there is a massive discrepancy. He comes into CNC and all are wearing OFC kits. Wise thing is get him to present a written plan and business proposal. Right now it sounds like he is relying solely on Clubs. Why don't we do it on our own and develop the way we want? A great idea but someone has to do it. Don't think COYSA has the capacity or the resources right now. We need to know the liability too. Any issue with money or coaches or an injury. Would have to apply with bonds, etc and be run how BCSA wants. Why couldn't he get affiliated through the other option? Sounds like he wants to rely on us to promote and provide players. He mentioned the facility; where are they playing? Not sure but the Sunplex has futsal and most gyms are marked for it. That would need to be part of his plan. Don't want to put more onus on COYSA but the more we can influence the direction of soccer, the better. With WYSA now having their dome, what are the advantages of futsal compared to indoor? It's a different game; ball skills develop, learn how to create space, make decisions. All directly translatable to soccer. CSA is really pushing for use of futsal for training and is a requirement for their high performance programs. Where would their technical direction come from? If it is a growing sport, is going to get bigger; would COYSA want to be in charge as a potential revenue piece? What would we need him for? Maybe we just fully commit and take it on ourselves. For the time being we ask him to put a business plan together and see where we go.

CLUB REPORTS continued:

RYSA – Met Tuesday, will work on the recent email info right away.

WYSA – Registration looking good at 585.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indoor (April) – Can't play right now and don't know if we can finish the season (ending February 28). Do we officially cancel and refund? In registration process put if cancelled prior to Dec 31, would refund \$90. Cancelled Dec 03 (now extended to Feb 05. No objections to cancelling.

CORRESPONDENCE – nothing received

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT 8:31pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 11, 2021