



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, October 09, 2024, 7:00pm

MNP Tournament Room 1, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): January 16, 2025 Motion #1152

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Stuart Wright, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

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

Voting Members Present:

Amie Olnar	Bob Hackman	Melissa Wandt	Stefane Morin
Adam Vallis (zoom)	Megan Purnell	Nolan Belanger	Steve Steed

Total Votes = 8

Regrets: Matt Smith (Discipline)

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the September 12, 2024 regular Board meeting

October 09, 2024 Motion #1142 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2024 regular Board meeting as presented. Carried by unanimous consent.

CHAIR REPORT – Successful Mini Jamboree last weekend. Thanks KYSA for hosting. Super-8 and COYSA Cup weekend after next. Hiccup with Girls U14 schedule; confusing for 4th and 5th so, to be fair, scheduled a playoff game. What if one can't field a team? They'd forfeit, other team would go through. Admin read explanation sent to Admins and all GU14 coaches – everyone understood. Boys U15 OFC team is at Nationals. Won first game. On hosting Provincials: met with City, Tourism, submitted application, followed up, no response. Then they said September meeting. Still didn't hear, followed up. Was told had to re-submit. Frustrating; said not doing again. Stuart and Steve both going to BCSA AGM in November and will ask. BCSA not supportive at all: asked them to be at PFC AGM due to the recent problems; no one showed or let us know. Have 4 votes at AGM, need two proxies. Bob and Amie will. Admin will send proxy link. Jon McClenaghan stepped down from TOYSL; will need someone. Two from COYSA, two from TOYDA.

Al arrived 7:18pm

BOOKKEEPER REPORT – written report. Update on budget. Bit of deficit. Turf rental goes into field fund. Did scenarios keeping season same or changing. Issue projecting TOYSL, 5,000 COYSA, only 800 TOYSL. Mismatch this year. Big BCSA increase coming. Are fields booked for next year? Yes. Budget presented at AGM.

Melissa arrived at 7:24pm

REFEREE REPORT – written report. Booking courses. Looking at alternate scheduling programs. Can concentrate on mentoring again. Suggesting Small Sided Head Referee for March-June. Would be the go-to for 300-400 officials. Had GU7 coach insisting players with new piercings can tape and play. Ref said no; coach made ref call Al. Coach said they were LCYSA board member. Bullying ref; not acceptable. Proud of ref for standing her ground. Are we doing kits and paying for courses next year? Does it help retention? Don't know yet, this was first year. Good incentive. Will ask to return kit if no longer reffing. Would love new refs in a different kit for easy identification. Cost was about \$12,000 and is in budget. Just brand new refs.

Administrator asked to leave room for discussion. Invited back and thanked for the work over the year.

October 09, 2024 Motion #1143 It was moved and seconded to give the Administrator a 4% wage increase. Carried by unanimous consent.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – written report.

CLUB REPORTS:

- KYSA – Jamboree happened, went well. Girls and Boys U18 are in adult indoor. Having games between Clubs. AGM Wed Nov 06.
- LCYSA – AGM Nov 06. In favor of shorter season.
- RYSA – AGM Nov 07, following Coach Appreciation dinner.
- WYSA – Indoor starts next month. Booking games for academy teams Nov-Jan; looking for opponents.
- KU/OMYSA – Nothing new to report.
- OFC – Supporting team at Nationals. Had some friendlies, going to Thanksgiving tournaments. Moving indoor end of month. Propose that active COYSA Board members may use COYSA field when not booked. COYSA

registered kids only. Additional security benefit if our Board is out there. Would do a general tidy/clean there. Everyone agrees.

- PFC – Pleased to announce new Board in place and bylaws adopted. Big thanks to interim Board that stepped in. Did a few informal mini World Cups in summer. Winter program underway. Manny is TD but contract expires soon; last Board was receiving applications.
- KCITY – Written report. Going to Coast for tournaments. Great first season in COYSA.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

Indoor update – numbers are slightly down. April and Jess doing a great job.

Proposed Bylaw changes

- Past Chair

Intent: Adding Past Chair role as part of the COYSA Board of Directors:

Rationale: Enables easier transition, better/more open communication, acknowledges history from one Board to the next.

Under PART 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1) a) **New wording added:**

vi) Past Chair (non-voting)

- Currently don't have Past Chair role. It's good for support but shouldn't be voting.

- Voting structure change under PART 5: MEETINGS 4) Voting at Annual Meeting of the Members:

Current: At Meetings of the Members, an Active Member shall have 1 (one) vote. No Member shall have more than 1 (one) vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Change to: At meetings of the Members, an Active Member shall have 1 (one) vote for every 1,000 (one thousand), or part thereof, registered players. Second vote at 2,000. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Rationale: Same format/in line with our governing body.

Doesn't mean Board agrees, it's not decided here; it's an AGM vote.

Proposed Program changes (in handout) – If we are doing it, need to know; Clubs are planning / opening registration soon. Can make decision now; fine tune later. Proposal is to end COYSA grassroots in June. At TOYSL meeting TOYDA still wants U11/12 in TOYSL. Why don't we want that? It's so huge we can't cope with volume for hosting the two game Jamboree, fields, set ups, referees. BCSA say shouldn't be travelling that distance.

October 09, 2024 Motion #1144 It was moved and seconded to have the grassroots program in Spring only, finishing at the end of June. Carried by unanimous consent.

Curtis left at 8:02pm

What about tournaments at end of season? Don't want to interfere with RYSA's Canada Day or Mini World Cup. Details to be worked out. Fall for higher level only – not grassroots.

U11/12 and TOYSL. High development level within COYSA only. One game (2x30) a week in Spring, usually Sundays.

Longer game, better referee, no travelling. In fall, can play Saturdays. Work it out later about possibly paring down / who is going competitive. COYSA and TOYDA both sign off TOYSL.

October 09, 2024 Motion #1145 It was moved and seconded to take U11/12 from TOYSL; to be in COYSA only. Carried by unanimous consent.

Too late now to make changes for U13 and up. Proposals are good but warrant further discussion. More Club involvement and have in place by the spring before.

Have gone through quite a bit tonight. Might be an idea to bring in TDs and Chairs for discussion or they all meet on how a restructure may work.

ADJOURNMENT 8:34pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Thursday, November 28, 7:00pm MNP - COYSA AGM (one voter per Club which may or may not be you; Club decision)
- Thursday, December 12, 7:00pm MNP (first meeting of next COYSA Board)