



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2019 7:00pm

COYSA Boardroom, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **December 12, 2019 Motion #1067**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Jon McClenaghan, Acting COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

Voting Members Present:

Adil Rajwani (for Jon M)
April Steed
Bill Hicks
Carrie Smith
Curtis Johnson Morrison (for Scott)
Jason Scott
Jon Basaraba (for Dan Rae)
Marcy Dabiri
Niki Siddall
Shauna Whitney
Stephanie Gudbranson
Stuart Wright (for Winston)

Total Votes = 12

Regrets: Dan Rae, Scott Percival, Winston Morgan, Bruce Clark (Discipline)

Guest: Dan Rodgers

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the September 12, 2019 regular board meeting

October 10, 2019 Motion #1060 It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 regular board meeting as presented. Carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT – written report. Lots of money saved this year to the Clubs for mini soccer ref fees that wasn't charged back. Don't know where the two seasons is going but would base assessments on this year's actuals, then figure it out the following year. With similar registration, assumed 2,000 for fall; Cost per player would break out: \$69 in spring, \$56 in the fall. Still have to pay some ref, fields and BCSA fees. Second point is about the reserve accounts that we have held for quite a few years. The facilities is about \$25,000 below original budget. If we reorganize it will allow us to go after gaming.

October 10, 2019 Motion #1061 It was moved and seconded to approve the 2019/20 Budget as presented; that includes raising the club assessment fee from \$74 per player to \$82 per player to cover the costs related to the small-sided referee fees that used to be paid by the individual clubs but are now centralized under COYSA. Carried unanimously.

October 10, 2019 Motion #1062 It was moved and seconded to approve the changes in the internal restricted reserve accounts as presented. Carried unanimously.

Curtis left at 7:19pm

CHAIR REPORT – stepping in as Acting Chair until the AGM. Don't intend to run for Chair in 2020 but support Stuart Wright in that role. Spoke with BCSA to get up to speed. New OMYSA rep, Curtis, we received written notice from OMYSA. BCSA were hesitant to have COYSA weigh in saying it should be up to the Club. Everyone should check their Constitution as it's a very gray space.

REFEREE REPORT - written report. Hopefully we will have a ref for every Kelowna Cup game. A lot of the kids are playing soccer and other sports. This year has been more severe than ever seen. A number of refs have done over 100 games. Will be difficult to have mentor or senior ref as Field Marshal at one field. If you're interested, please contact Al.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – written report. Have drilled into coaching staff and parents to try and take care of the refs; need to protect them. Ref abuse has been better the last couple of years. Last year it was more minis, did more mentoring this year and haven't heard from any referees. There's a lot of 16 year old refs that have part time jobs which pay more overall and they don't get beaked at. They might ref through spring, but we have nothing in summer so they get a job

and then don't come back in fall. There is a lack of knowledge by coaches on rules of games. Need to educate them better.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – written report. Indoor numbers as of 5:30pm 970 with 9 on waitlist. Just over 1,000 last year. Where are we low? Numbers read out loud.

CLUB REPORTS:

KUFC – written report

KYSA – written report

LCYSA – written report. Registration platform? Was GotSoccer. SportsEngine comes with website, store. Works with referee site. Super friendly and the upfront cost depends on how much you transfer. LCYSA has a tech guy and looked at personal security. Super low annual costs.

OMYSA – written report. Mini Jamboree was really good. 2200 kids over two days. LCYSA is the host next year.

RYSA – Had a pizza party last Thursday for the U5/6s that went well. Talked about seasonal trying to figure things out. Thanks to OMYSA for putting out a good weekend. Have been using KU for technical direction and possibly looking elsewhere next year.

WYSA – written report. Indoor starts January first, providing the dome is ready to go. Whole project involves more housing and a couple more fields. Liked the equipment pick up at the Mini Jamboree; all is returned and right to storage. Trying to set up a low rec, co-ed indoor adult league. Have to set up an Associate Membership with BCSA. Got \$32,000 out of \$62,000 for gaming as they classed us as select when we put academy teams. Reworded and resent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anything anyone have to report? Final tiering report will go to Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

-COYSA Chair resignation

-Super-8 Soccerfest and Kelowna Cup schedules - put on Facebook so people can attend. Kids played all year for this.

Super-8 Soccerfest for U11/12 October 19/20 at Beasley (Sat: BU12, GU11 / Sun: BU11, GU12)

Kelowna Cup U14s October 19/20 at Rutland (Sat: Boys / Sun: Girls); U16s at Parkinson (Sat: Girls / Sun: Boys)

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

Indoor – Thanks to Shauna for picking up the Timbits equipment. Need bodies to put the equipment together, blow up balls etc. Pick a date and let everyone know. Desperate for younger age coaches. Can we run indoor rotate between Clubs instead of COYSA that would reduce needing coaches?? Why would coach issue go away? Would promote better. Should be promoting now.

Seasonal – Never seen such a division in the Board and Clubs - everyone needs to come back together. 6/6 split vote probably isn't best for Clubs. Clubs have to do same as now. In summer? Half people away. Survey sent and people want change. WYSA and OMYSA never came to table. Motion has been passed. How are you going to proceed? This is supposed to be for the benefit of the players. Don't understand why OMYSA was so angered at the last meeting; where were they up to that point? Where's the frustration from? Don't have the manpower. Not going to ask the volunteer base to start from scratch and do it over the summer. Open to discussion but doesn't like a spring league and a separate fall league with new coaches. Going to have a lot of same teams and coaches. Make registration at the same time. Getting kids to come after the July long weekend. Q: are you willing to try it out for a year? How is it going to run? That's the Board's opinion but how does the membership feel? Saw a Facebook post it wasn't about if they support two leagues. Whole summer thing isn't accurate. Do it all in the spring. Can do at exact same time. Don't think anyone is opposed to the two seasons but feel it was rammed through. Just found out the numbers from Treasurer and it's not \$82, but \$130. Need to make sure we have all our ducks in a row. Agree two season is a good idea. Can't run a season with people backing out. It's all about numbers. Thinking about those that drop off, not keeping the ones we have. Tiering will be affected. The Committee has been looking at things and could've used the voices around the table to speak up with these opinions and concerns and help come up with a plan. Committee came up with what they thought would work. Change doesn't happen without growing pains. These numbers are just estimated.

Stephanie left at 8:14pm

WYSA has always been for a fall season. Not in favor of two but if that's the best way, will support that and apologize for the missing person. We could hold on for a season, get some meat on the bones. Talked about that but then it's for two boards from now. The anger / frustration after the vote was shocking. OMYSA apologizes for not participating and want to do better and realized too late they dropped the ball. Every Club has cost concerns. This subject is very time consuming and all these people get worked up and no one has the right answer because everyone's opinion is different.

The reason for a Committee is because it's so time consuming and people take separate time for meetings and discussion. Too much for COYSA Board. Why not Administrators on the Committee? They are not Board members or volunteers. Maybe put energy towards how to fix, not how to stop. Why was there a special meeting called without all Clubs invited? We are all adults. Everyone was willing to make their vote known and then had to set up a secret meeting. Makes one not want to volunteer. We are here for the kids, not for the individual Clubs. Has to work and make sense. Way it was rolled out wasn't proper. There are some people that won't join until fall. It is disappointing to hear Clubs say we think it's a good thing to have the motion carried forward and then see back door dealings on stopping it rather than seeing how it could work. Felt like it was being pushed and not thought how it will impact the volunteers/Boards. First time tonight hearing that registration would be done in spring. Lots of misunderstanding and will take some time to digest and look at opportunities. We are at an impasse. Can't change everyone's opinion. Need to think about what is best for the members and best for Clubs. The members that want their voice heard, spoke. Perhaps a decision like this is more suited for an AGM. Been here 17 years, heard lots of it, backroom chair meetings and always results in this type of upset. Ones who didn't have committee members are most upset. Should be about the kids. Find a way to make it work as opposed to sitting around and complaining. What's the harm in postponing? This group would be making the decision for two boards form now. Willing to come up with a plan to go to boards. Think what some of the Clubs are saying they would support it if it got delayed one year. Someone can put a motion forward.

If we don't deal with it tonight, not worth putting in a ton more hours. This is what happens when politics go on, a very fractured table and hard feelings. Does anyone want to make a motion to make a 2021 start? Or make a motion to squash the whole thing? Need to make sure everyone is going to be ready. A whole year to figure it out. Up to us to make a change. Make it look positive.

October 10, 2019 Motion #1063 It was moved and seconded to postpone the seasonal change on Motion #1059 to start with the 2021 season. 7 for; 5 against. Motion carried.

Strongly encourage this to become a priority for the new board to stay on top so we don't run out of time. Talk to your Clubs and get it resolved. Another key part is keeping our Ref-in-Chief in the loop.

Seems to still be some confusion in how the COYSA board works. Here from Clubs bringing information back and forth but are to look at what's best for the District and all kids and not just a Club. Supposed to be non voting members of Clubs to reduce conflict. Need a good board that are doing it for the right reasons. Just need all the information to get back and forth. Too old to play in COYSA but all can referee.

Sponsors - How much for a team sponsor? \$450. \$350. \$500 for a sleeve. \$1000 for front for an age group. Some have blanket sponsorship. Shorts \$200/team.

2020 COYSA Board – maybe change to having Club Chair or Vice Chair and one other rep? It used to be that way and nothing got done. Chair is responsible to their Club so found it difficult to come to the COYSA Board and be neutral. There was a “secret” meeting before regular meeting to decide what they would push through. It wasn't very positive and that's why the change was made. Quality people are needed – these are two important positions. Idea behind having non-voting members of each club is they could represent the district but bring concerns/ideas to home club and bring back information from Clubs.

ADJOURNMENT 9:07pm

NEXT MEETING: COYSA AGM Thursday, November 28 @ 7:00pm