



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 07, 2020 7:00pm

COYSA Boardroom, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **December 10, 2020 Motion #1086**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Stuart Wright, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present: Curtis Morcom (Treasurer), Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present:

Dan Rae	Hayley Elliot	Jason Scott
Marcy Dabiri	Scott Jacobsen	Jon McClenaghan
Sauna Whitney	Vince Reddekopp	Nolan Belanger (for Carl)

Total Votes = 9

Regrets: Carl Withler, April Steed, Matt Stoltz, Al Ryder (Referees), Bruce Clark (Discipline)

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

This is the last meeting of this Board. It's been strange for Chair's first year, willing to come back if elected.

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the September 10, 2020 regular board meeting.

October 07, 2020 Motion #1082 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2020 regular board meeting as presented.

CHAIR REPORT – Attended a Special General Meeting of BCSA last week. Zoom. Different platform for voting. Took an hour and a half to vote to say AGM would be online. A couple of bylaw wording changes. Other meetings have been with some Thompson Okanagan areas about a super district. Lots of differences in opinions, some don't like change.

REFEREE REPORT – Obviously no games in 2020. Had requests from TOFC but couldn't provide any officials. Been in tons of Zoom sessions. This fall courses are online Zoom with 2 instructors; one speaking and one running computer stuff. With a Zoom refresher, there is no fitness test. Biggest concern is we have zero Small Sided officials. Of the 20 from indoor last year, only heard from 8. Al is the new League Coordinator at CNC for soccer and hockey. Need to figure a way and plan to recruit. Using electronic whistles. Don't know if sound will carry well enough for outdoor. None of the other leagues had games but Mens have a tournament Saturday. Be aware of the CNC rules: mask from front door to field, only one spectator per athlete, no seats, 15 mins between events. In 5 mins early and out 5 mins after. Glass does not get wiped down. No siblings. Have booked indoor refreshers. Al left at 7:15pm

TREASURER REPORT – Working on year end (Oct 31) and will likely have a bit of a loss. Been accessing Canadian subsidies for wages. Applying for BCSA/viaSport fund.

CLUB REPORTS:

KUFC – Started in the fall following guidelines, numbers look similar to last year. Were able to financially limp through COVID for this fiscal year and heading into next year.

KYSA – Fall league going well, over half of Club in it.

LCYSA – Opened registration, no finances.

OMYSA – Talked about registration and next year.

RYSA – Wants to get a winter program up and running. Is COYSA interested in purchasing Zoom to share with everyone? Couple people volunteered to provide RYSA with access to theirs.

WYSA – Fall going well. Stuart: was out a couple of weeks ago; it was nice to be back on the field with the kids.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Indoor – April is spearheading. Thanks to April, Hayley, Sheryl who came out with Stuart to go through storage locker clean it up. Indoor is condensed. Balls are in lockup with refs bringing out and sanitizing. Coaches will get 2 sets of gloves as there's no sharing at a game. Was some confusion about Phase 1 and Phase 2. Have to stick within soccer cohort in Phase 2. If in Phase 1 (supplemental training) you can do both.

CORRESPONDENCE

Personal thank you from Ryan Hesketh, this year's recipient of our bursary.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

List of AGMs / COYSA AGM format – Everyone was to go back and talk about only sending 2 reps with the supporting votes by proxy for physical distancing purposes. Yes, all Clubs are good.

October 07, 2020 Motion #1083 It was moved and seconded that the 2020 COYSA AGM will be attended by two reps from each Club carrying proxies for a total of 5 votes per Club. This is an exception due to the ongoing COVID Pandemic and the need to physical distance. Carried unanimously.

Inclusion / Bylaws – Been involved in lots of meetings the last 3 or 4 months. At the last BCSA AGM, vote did not go through that Clubs need an Inclusion Policy so everyone would be on the same path, same rules. Conflict was for-profit issue. Part of the same umbrella was boundaries. There's concerns that KU is the only Club that can play at select level. On the reverse, they can't play house. Under Inclusion Policy, if it passes, those Bylaws are out of date, no boundaries and Clubs will be competing for players. Q: How would someone challenge our Bylaws? A: If passed, BCSA has given a timeline to have Bylaws changed. If Clubs want to go into select, only restriction would be any Bylaw we put in. Inclusion was for bringing in for-profit groups. Would mean a dissolution of our Bylaws and then starting from scratch. Boundaries were a separate issue that typically hasn't been enforced across our District but outside our District, had to apply to play in a different one. CSA wants to see a business type of model. If re-elected as Chair, proposal would be to abandon Bylaws, get BCSA to help with the bones, spearhead a committee. It's a good time to change our governance. Would like to see COYSA set up with a smaller Board that's independent; 4 or 5 people not related to Clubs. COYSA would be about governance and would stay away from Club affairs. Basically a body that ensures everyone is complying with the same laws. Sounds like it takes the vote away from Clubs on how it's run. Opens up for possible corruption. Needs to be a solid ironclad system. Committee would have one rep from each Club. See the Clubs competing for players, a house program without Div A and then TOYSL but can't speak for them. Some sort of play where you can have this many teams in an age group and then ask for applications. Facilities, coaching, etc all has to be looked at. Would like to see that the Bylaws protect average house player and it's not only about select players. Maybe everyone has to have house teams. Would likely prevent someone from coming in just to run select. One or two Clubs might want to merge, maybe they won't. Hopefully there's lots of opportunity to offer a strong program. Kids play for different reasons and whatever they want, should have a place to go. Whichever Club is doing what works for them. Give people the freedom to choose but can't take the development out of it as then it's just to make money. Want to make sure house league continues. See a little confusion going forward with people wondering where do kids go. Maybe part for new Clubs is they need a certain number of players that don't come from other areas; totally new players. Make sure there are levels for players. If a Club has a super competitive team, someone from another area could now go to that team. We have an opportunity to provide something strong. Make sure we move the sport forward and kids are playing. If we have more Clubs taking house players, then each Club may have fewer teams. In essence, there's a lot of work to be done before anything changes. Can the programs coming out of that process, be better? Fear the climate right now that it's hard to come to agreement so there would have to be some mechanism to keep everyone on the same page. Kamloops and Merritt expressed interest in possibly joining us. In Chair's opinion, difference between a Club for-profit and a Club that is not is the underlying principle; one is about money and the other is about the player. The bulk of our players are in house and only want to play for fun. When we write the new Bylaws, need to protect them. Kids will quit if they don't like the environment. If it meets their needs, whatever level, then they'll keep going. Need a pathway that protects both sides. Can't have people doing whatever whether private or not. Need to say what they can / cannot do. Rules have to apply for all Clubs and be enforceable. At the moment, OFC can play in tournaments but not in sanctioned leagues. It's a minimal fee for Associate Members and then \$15 per player for tournaments. They are expensive to join as they have a paid coaching system. Q: What's the advantage to join us? Why would they want house? Why would we want to play them? Hardest part in joining COYSA is they would have to follow our rules. Would have to check TOYSL rules. Just want to open the door as think this is coming. In terms of discussion from Committee level, there is representation and technical. We need to see all sides: Club involvement, legal parts and technical pieces to make sure we are protected. Thanks to everyone for a great year. Thanks to everyone for their work, hope you come back. We could build a really good foundation; everyone has something good to offer. Proud of our Clubs.

For official documentation purposes:

June 26, 2020 Motion #1081 EMAIL VOTE It was moved and seconded to keep the indoor time. 11 voters, 10 responses received. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT 8:13pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

- COYSA AGM Thursday, November 26, 2020 7:00pm
- New COYSA Board Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:00pm COYSA office