



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019 7:00pm

COYSA Boardroom, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): **October 10, 2019 Motion #1060**

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Jenn Bernier, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

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

Voting Members Present:

April Steed
Carrie Smith
Cindi Kukler (for Winston)
Dan Rae
John Brennan (for Jason)
Jon McClenaghan
Marcy Dabiri
Niki Siddall
Scott Percival
Bill Hicks (for Shane Green who has resigned)
Shauna Whitney
Stephanie Gudbranson

Total Votes = 12

Guest: Jon Basaraba (OMYSA Vice-Chair)

Regrets: Bruce Clark (Discipline), Jason Scott, Winston Morgan

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the June 13, 2019 and August 08, 2019 regular board meetings

September 12, 2019 Motion #1057 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2019 regular board meeting as presented. Carried unanimously.

September 12, 2019 Motion #1058 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 08, 2019 regular board meeting as presented. Carried unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT - written report. Do we still have problems with the neighbor? City says no bylaw issue; School District No. 23 are on the same page as us. Originally thought the main problem was with adults but have now heard that the school program has been affected. Working with SD23.

TREASURER REPORT – written report. Should be able to absorb the mini referee charges this year. Next year's assessment will increase to include those. About \$8 per player. The light blue column is draft budget for next year. COYSA was carrying forward some reserves. Spent the majority of the \$485,000 facility fund and with most of the field costs in, we finished below projected budget. Proposing we re-establish a field fund so we'll have some money for future expenses. If we clean this up, will enable COYSA to go after gaming grants. Q: do we have to do anything about irrigation? Looking at it and there will be some additional costs around irrigation and higher fencing. Need Board approval next meeting to do our financial statements. Curtis is recommending option B. Bring back to Clubs.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – written report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – written report. How do indoor numbers look? Trending about \$5,000 less comparing to same date last year. Is there any update on the rugby proposal? Haven't heard anything. Is Ben Lee because of that? Pretty sure it's because of Rutland Centennial.

CLUB REPORTS:

KUFC – written report.

KYSA – written report. COYSA fees are paying for fields, refs, office and so on. If Clubs want more from COYSA like coaching development or whatever, just need to know so we can reassess fees. Regarding the exposure for KYSA on Facebook (FB) where another Club had quite a few promotions; Kelowna Cup wasn't promoted to invite other teams (clarified Kelowna Cup is our playoffs and Canada Day is the tournament run by RYSA). Things are shared off Club FB

pages, and there's not much currently on KYSA's. Is there a process? Currently COYSA Chair is doing it; send things to her or send to Administrator. Not all Clubs are active on FB. One Club is possibly going to add info on registration to get more people to look. Gary from OMYSA will help anyone with FB. OMYSA and KU share consistently. What are the concerns budget-wise? More about are the Clubs all paying the same? Everyone pays the same. Gets divvied by player except KU pays their own ref fees. Quarterly assessments question. 1-3 are based on last year's actuals and then 4 is based on this year's actual. We can always make changes to what is being done and then fees are adjusted.

LCYSA – written report.

OMYSA – In charge of the Mini Jamboree and getting things finalized on that. Wound up U5. Looking at season thing. How did the Friday night drop in go? Heard some good feedback but would like to see it more centralized. It was a partnership with the City. Q: Would you do U5 soccer in the fall? Quite possibly. Q: How was the Russia thing? Fun, amazing. OMYSA's Carl was coach. Played Poland, Israel, Russia. Q: No picture day feedback? Negative feedback was very little. Most coaches were happy not to have to do it and so often not everyone shows up. WhatsApp is a free download and can share pictures etc. Saved \$12,000 and put it into development.

RYSA – Canada Day Tournament went very well. Hope to get more local teams next year. Talked about season change. Don't want to always play the same teams that you play in the league. Same situation for Ice Breaker in Lake Country. Maybe give COYSA Clubs a discount rate.

WYSA – written report. Q: Been inside bubble? No. Program will run Jan-Mar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Competitions (Niki) – OMYSA has picked up Mini Jamboree medals. Kelowna Cup medals are done and AI is looking after Field Marshals. Waiting on Super-8 Soccerfest medals.

Facility (Jenn) – Little bit of problems with the neighbor. Need to look at the balls going over the fence. Neighbor says he has 100 balls and Urban Rec says they are down 35. Looked into netting but birds nest inside it so environmentally not a good idea but need to find a solution. One complained about the light noise but had it all officially tested and the equivalent is 5 tea lights. Our rental with Urban Rec is until the end of October but we can rent after that until there's snow. Neighbor is never going to be happy; complained about music playing. Same neighbor used to turn sprinklers on the path 20 years ago.

Regarding the letter in correspondence: Kelowna developers don't pay a fee that goes into parks and sport facilities. It's something the City has in their control.

Indoor – Jon has stepped down. If there is anybody else that is available to help, that would be incredible. U6 and U8 uniforms should be delivered in next two weeks.

Promotional (April) – Do we still want to plan an event for the COYSA field? Yes. Regarding Facebook, will help administer. Will promote the Mini Jamboree, Kelowna Cup and Super-8 Soccerfest to the media.

Seasonal – Under Business

7:58pm AI arrived.

Tiering (Jon) – There is no A division specifically and if you start off in it, doesn't mean you'll stay there. Try not to have byes, aiming for competitive games. Try to think of A / B / C if you have enough players.

REFEREE REPORT – written report – Don't have enough refs. Managed to get everything divisional covered, but not Small Sided. Especially short on the Westside. Schools used to put the academy kids through the ref course. There are 25 people that took the course that haven't done a single game. Traditionally we lose 15% every year. On Mon/Wed/Sat we used every single available referee. There aren't fewer games, there are more. Clubs need to get more active and promote. Maybe a reward. Clubs have access to those potential refs. Then we have to keep them. Hopefully all the mentoring this year will help. 185 mentoring sessions this year between COYSA and adult leagues. Sent an email to BCSCA as we teach the kids about rules but not how to deal when someone yells at them. Not being taught the mental side of things. KU used someone years ago a sports psychologist. Maybe do it for refs. Asked BCSCA to start Candidates Program again. Lucia at the university has offered us some classroom time for ref courses and gym time when available. Have had some Mens league players ask about becoming refs. Some refs have done in excess of 180 games. CSA rules are that an unregistered ref can only call balls out of bounds. Telling the Small Sided Schedulers to change as last weekend had more U7/8 covered than U11/12. Told them to schedule in order of 12, 11, 10 etc. Today received 12 cancellations for the weekend. At the CDT, Nigel mentored the refs and it was like a community. What about doing similar at the MJ, Super-8 and KC? Tough as during the MJ there are U11-16 regular games and we may need mentors to ref. BCSP is going on so we lose top refs to that. University is short as well. Trying to get a community feel overall and working towards that. Most refs also play. Indoor revamped the rules and will carry a slightly larger roster of refs. Will only be one ref on field unless mentoring.

CORRESPONDENCE (circulated)

COBSS Bursary thank you
Letter of support for more fields

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

City of Kelowna Recreation Guide (Winter 2020). - Only outdoor registration. Better to target Facebook. No to the guide. Season Change – copy of proposal in handout. Not about decreasing the amount of soccer. It's about increasing and giving people choice. Taking fall soccer out was not the intention. There will be growing pains as we implement something new. Had a meeting with OMYSA, met with WYSA. Want to re-iterate, we are not voting on what we are going to work best for our Clubs. Our parents told us loud and clear, same as 5 years ago. That's our job at this board to listen our membership, which is the 4800 kids and their families, and what they are looking for and not what is most convenient for boards. Everything is not totally concrete. Once the decision is made either way we can all get together and see how we can make it the best program out there.

September 12, 2019 Motion #1059 It was moved and seconded that we eliminate the league we have right now and replace it with the proposal of two seasons laid out to be effective 2020. Motion Passed.

Discussion

Think it's a great idea for 2021, not enough consultation for now. A little too fast. All in agreement that it sounds good and yes there was opportunity to have some say. If we are going to push in 2021 then people have to be engaged. People choosing not to show up to meetings and then coming now and saying not enough has been done. If we decide it can go for 2021 then people will get involved and make it work. Need to be better prepared and planned. In order to ensure everyone is aware of the change more time is needed, then everyone knows. Talked to Got Soccer and they haven't figured if they can do it. Maybe not have both registrations at same time. What is COYSA charging for assessments? Would like to see black and white how it looks. Different lengths of seasons. Everyone budgets differently. Someone playing only fall gets charged \$82? In the first year no change. Would it be the same just joining indoor? Some don't feel there's enough preparedness. Trying to figure out how to make it work. What about 2 motions? One to proposal, one to year effective? How can we make a commitment for 2 boards from now? Scary now just going on the premise that this group will carry forward to next year. How many are low for fall? U14-16 one team this past weekend officially forfeited. At least three teams around the table were affected with low numbers. Boards are all volunteers and its so much work to start a league and then ask them again to do it again in the summer isn't easy. Concern over not going to have enough coaches for fall. No need to do ballots. Not afraid to say how I feel. Everyone appeared fine with a regular vote. The issue that always come up is the people forget they are to represent soccer, the Canadian game, BC Soccer game, COYSA game. At no point here should you think about the different areas, it's about the District. Your people have said they would like a change. Proposal says okay to the 49 that want a spring only. But then let's go with a fall for those that want. What is best for your membership and what's best for the District. There is confusion that we forget that we are for the District. At the Club have no vote and the people here do what is best for everyone. Problem is the people that don't do the work want the change. Need 7 to pass (50% plus 1). Seasonal will meet shortly. LCYSA has someone willing to run a May tournament.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:54pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, October 10 (last one of this Board)

Thursday, November 28 (COYSA AGM)