

Lakeland District Soccer Association  
Fall Planning Meeting  
St Paul  
September 24, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:15

1. In Attendance: Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA), Joy Tremblay (LDSA/St Paul), Steve Cupit (LDSA), Allan Bohrson (LDSA/ Vegreville), Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), Mike Pomerleau (LDSA/Bonnyville), Wayne Raoch (Vermilion), Jose Teixeira (LDSA), Allan Robertson (Lac La Biche), Richard Smyl (LDSA/St Paul)
2. Approval of Agenda: **MOTION: To approve agenda with addition of 6.1 – Ft. MacMurray Tier II U16 Girls.** Moved by Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), second by Al Robertson (LLB). **MOTION CARRIED**
3. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Spring Operational Meeting as circulated.** Moved by Al Bohrson (Vegreville), second by Al Robertson (LLB). **MOTION CARRIED**
4. Presentation by John Club, ASA Grass Roots Coordinator. Resources for this program are available of the ASA website. The provincial vision is to have unified and engaged provincial soccer communities, with cooperation among all stakeholders. There was discussion following the presentation concerning the difficulty in implementing the grassroots/Fundamentals program with limited volunteer base. It was suggested communities may generate excitement for GRASSROOTS by hosting a presentation by John Clubb. The purpose and format of the Mini Stars program was also presented. This is offered for players with aspirations to play higher levels. It is a 10 week program offering premier coaching experience. Information available on the LDSA website. Mike Pomerleau to coordinate.
5. Unfinished Business.
  - a. Lakeland Cup Reports – no concerns brought forward. There was only one incident in need of discipline (coach ejected from U16 boys game – dealt with by discipline committee).
  - b. Provincial Championships – our teams performed well at both Tier IV and III levels. Results and final standings on ASA website.
  - c. Senior Provincials – Cold Lake entered a men's team in the Tier III category as well as a Master (premier) division. Both represented the District well. It hoped communities will promote senior soccer with a desire to have more teams in the senior league next year.
  - d. DRA – there was a 5 % decrease in referee this outdoor season. Winter sessions are being planned with dates for indoor conversion and Futsal to be announced. Jose will forward dates to local Referee Coordinators once known.
  - e. DHC – Coaching clinics are being coordinated with the communities. Two Soccer for Life clinics are to be set for Vegreville, Cold Lake, and Lac La Biche. Dates to be determined.
6. New Business
  - a. Player Registration and proposed due dates:

Lakeland league declaration:	October 20, 2017
LDSA Tier III declaration:	December 1, 2017
Lakeland Cup Declaration:	January 1, 2018

Provincial Declaration: January 1, 2018  
LDSA Player Registration/League Play Fees: November 17, 2017  
Roster changes: December 31, 2017

**\*\*Please use the same form sent to communities for outdoor season. Please contact Kristy if your community registrar needs a copy. Incomplete forms will be returned to the community\*\***

- b. 2017 -18 League play information – please sent the following information to LDSA executive director:
- Number of teams in each age/gender (list coach name in association with team)
  - Blackout dates per team. Polar and Slush Cups are automatic. Practice and game times for each team, especially if sharing fields.
  - Field dates/times available for scheduling
  - Name and phone number of designated volunteer in case of scheduling difficulties
- c. League play start date – tentative date is November 4, 2017
- d. ASA Provincial Roster change – February 26, 2018. Provincial Rural date – March 16-18, 2018 Senior Provincial date – March 23-25. Locations to be determined.
- e. Futsal – request for information as to which communities will be playing Futsal.
- f. U10 league – Discussion as to format for U10 games. Agreement that teams may play 5v5 up to 7v7 for this age group. Teams must play equal number aside as determined prior to the game. Host community is responsible for payment to referees. U10 Teams entering into league play will be charged the LDSA league fee (\$4 / player).
- g. Indoor Lakeland Cup – discussion concerning conflicting dates as ASA has scheduled a planning meeting for February 23-25, 2018. This would have been the usual date for indoor LLC. It was agreed to have LLC February 9-11, 2018. Communities to confirm availability of indoor facilities.
- h. Financial Statements – presented by Executive director for information and discussion. The 2018 budget will be presented for approval at the 2017 AGM
- i. Centralized Rural provincials – Discussion surrounding the 2017 outdoor provincial championship, with all age group and both genders held in Camrose. The following concerns were raised and are to Addressed with ASA at the next provincial meeting:
- Not enough ASA presence; often difficult to find the ASA representative to answer questions with many incorrect entry of statistics
  - Unfair distribution of referees – Lakeland was only asked to provide 4 referees, but it was noted there were many referees from Calgary and Edmonton
  - Accommodation and services were overwhelmed – not enough hotels and restaurants to meet the demands of so many visitors

- j. Rural Selects – 29 players participated in this program. Teams played well, but there was apparently a discrepancy in the age group. The advertised birth years for player inclusion were 2005 - 2006, but some teams presented with players born in 2004. Several District players were recognised for their excellence. It was suggested that more age groups would benefit from this program. It was noted that Ft MacMurray Soccer had expressed concerns about the rural selects, apparently feeling they were excluded, but this was a District rather than a Zone team.
  - k. Age Group Change – Lethbridge is apparently presenting a white paper at the November 4, 2107 ASA meeting proposing a change to odd years across all soccer tiers. This would see the end of youth soccer at the U17 age group and exclude a large number of players from playing in their grade 12 year. Lakeland would like to propose U19 for the rural areas. Clarification was requested as to which age group would progress to full eleven aside soccer. Would U11 be 8v8 on the smaller field?
  - l. Ft. MacMurray Tier II U16 girls – several players in the district were hoping to play at a higher level, forming a tier II team with Ft MacMurray to play in tournaments. They were planning to train two weekends per month. There was extended discussion concerning this issue, with a consensus that the District cannot stop players from tryout for Tier II. Our focus is grassroots soccer, but want to encourage excellence and advancement for player who aspire to playing at a higher level.
7. Next meeting – Fall Operational meeting October 22, 2017 in St Paul
8. Adjournment – **MOTION: Meeting be adjourned at 1400.** Moved by Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), Second Al Robertson (LLB). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by Joy Tremblay