

Lakeland District Soccer Association
Spring Operational Meeting Minutes
FCSS building
St Paul, Alberta
April 14, 2019 10:00 am

- **Call to Order:** 10:04 am

Roll Call: Those in attendance: Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA Executive Director, BV), Wayne Roach (LDSA President, Vermillion), Allan Robertson (LDSA 1st VP, LLB), Allen Bohrson (LDSA 2nd VP, Veg), Darlene Larocque (LDSA Secretary, BV), Shelley Berry (Veg), Kristin Ward (VSA), Kika Mukuninwa (LDSA District Head Coach, LLB), Wayne Zayac (LDSA District Head Coach, Verm), Maurice Brousseau (St. Paul), Nicolas Lampron (St. Paul), Richard Smyl (St. Paul), Ron Rustad (Cold Lake)

- **Motion to approve agenda:** motion to approve by LLB, seconded by St. Paul, all in favour.
- **Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** Addendum: Kelly Daulton (Verm) & Kristin Ward (Verm) were in attendance at the Spring Planning Session however were not included on the roll call listing.

Motion to approve by St. Paul, seconded by LLB, all in favour.

- **Unfinished/Ongoing Business/Reports:**
 - **Referee Courses/Education:**
 - **Courses:** Referee directors to contact St. Paul so he can share the referee room codes. (email is good)
 - April 5 - St. Paul - Refresher
 - April 12 - Vermillion - Refresher
 - April 26 - Bonnyville - Refresher
 - April 27 - Bonnyville - Entry Course
 - April 27 - Vegreville - Refresher
 - April 30 - Cold Lake - Refresher

May 4 - Vermillion - Refresher

May 5 - Bonnyville - Refresher

- **Technical Courses/Coach Education:** 7 registered so far. LLB is looking at coaching this, though may forward to St. Paul if they don't have one.

St. Paul - Soccer For Life - May 11 - 12

Vegreville - Soccer For Life - May 4 & 5

- **Competitions: *Please bring trophies back to Kristi***

- **Outdoor League Play**

- **U11:** 3 Girls teams (Verm St. P, Veg) & 8 Boy Teams (St. P (2), Verm, LLB, Veg, CL (3))

- **U13:** 6 Girl teams & 6 Boy Teams (1 of each for the following: BV, CL, LLB, Verm, Veg, St. P)

- **U15:** 5 Girl Teams (BV, CL, LLB, StP, Veg, Verm) & 6 Boy Teams (BV, CL, LLB, St. P, Veg, Verm)

- **U17:** 4 Girl Teams (BV, CL, LLB, St. P) & 2 Boy Teams (BV Verm)

- **U19:** 3 Girl Teams (Veg, BV, Verm) & 1 Boy Team (St. P)

- ***possibility of U17 & U19 exhibition games***

- **League Schedule:** Look at exam schedules for U19 re: league schedule and Lakeland Cup. Pass blackout dates to Kristy ASAP.

- **U11s:** BV doesn't have a travel team, Vegreville has 2 travel teams: 1 boy/1 girl, Cold Lake has 3 travel teams (mixed), St. Paul has 3 travel teams: 2 boys/1 girl, Lac La Biche has 1 travel team (boys), Vermillion has 2 travel teams (1 boy/1 girl).

Decided that U11s will have 3 league games without Lakeland Cup. Vegreville may possibly offer a 1 day tournament. There are currently 3 possible tournaments for this level, without Lakeland Cup.

- **Discussion:** Declining registration numbers, especially with the U17 & U19s and why this is happening. Possible causes that were noted: the declining economy, the age range changes, when the players are at the age where they can drive and start working, an increased focus on the higher tiers with

grassroots falling behind. Vegreville noted they're losing players to Sherwood Park & Edmonton in addition to the economy is hitting them hard. Both Vegreville and Vermillion note the kids don't like the festival play format. St. Paul noted the festival program is positively received, the kids know what to do with the ball. The ASA meeting is in October, let the LDSA President and Executive Director know of any ideas or if your noticing anything, ASA may be able to help: St. Paul's idea, offer scholarships to post-secondary players to come back and mentor the minors.

Outdoor Lakeland Cup:

- June 14 - 16 - U13 & U17 - Cold Lake
- June 21 - 23 - U15 & U19 - Vegreville
- **Provincials:** *provincial dates have not been announced yet, as venues are chosen ASA will make the announcements on thier website.*
 - Outdoor: Tier IV Rural = July 5-7. Vermillion has put a request in to host U15 group
 - Tier II & III = Aug 9-11
 - Senior Soccer Fest = Aug 30 - Sept 2
- **Tournaments:** Register on community websites
 - Bonnyville - Mini-Wetlands - U7-U11 - June 8
 - Cold Lake - U13- U17 - June 8-9
 - St. Paul - U7 - U11 - June 1
 - Vermillion - U7&U9 - May 25
 - Vermillion U11 - May 26
- **New Business:**
 - **Tier 3:** Presidents agreed on central tryouts again this year: St. Paul June 9th (girls U13 - U19 1:30 - 3:00, boys U13 - U19 3:30 - 5:00).
 - Richard has confirmed that U17 girls roster and head coach have been selected. There are a couple of spots left open on the team for those that didn't make it to tryouts; contact Richard for more information.
 - Send your resume to Krisit if you'd like to coach; see LDSA site for sheet with all relevant information.

- Lac La Biche has a family who have players who want to play with St. Paul's T3 team. St. Paul has explained the rules re: playing with another community and at a higher tier team, other than that they will defer the decision and discussion between Lac La Biche and the board. **Ruling:** players need to play in their own community in order to play on a higher level or want to go to another community.
- Cold Lake also has a TIII U 15 Girl team.
- **Fort Mac Players:** There are approximately 6 players from Fort Mac that do not have a team to play on in their own community but wish to play on the U17 girl's Tier II team. They cannot commit to league play but would love to play the Lakeland Cup and are interested in the Camrose tournament. They are registered for insurance purchases, Ft. Mac has fully released them.
- **DHC position:** This position has been split: North (all other communities) and South (includes: Vegreville, Vermillion, St. Paul). Kika Mukuniwa will represent the North and Wayne Zayac will represent the South.
 - noted: Wainwright hasn't registered with LDSA for 2 years, would like to see them come back.
 - Kristi will send out to both DHCs the list of communities who are and are not (but can be) registered with LDSA along with the district map with boundaries.
 - **Medals:** Decision to discontinue League Play medals.
 - Vegreville proposed the funds previously assigned to the League Play medal to be put into the District Head Coach budget.
 - **Criminal Record Check discussion:** Criminal record check not showing current convictions. Vulnerable Sector Report shows all items.
 - ASA requires one for provincial competitions and one for everything else (which is vetted through the communities & LDSA possibly)
 - Assault and driving convictions: communities can decide for Lakeland Cup however if they win provincials then ASA will now need to be brought in.
 - Question raised: what happens to our insurance if we have a coach with a conviction?

- **Outdoor Administration:**
 - League Start = May 6th (weather permitting)
 - May 15 - deadline for player registration forms & fees (sent to Kristi)
 - May 31 - New player registrations
 - May 31 - Lakeland Cup Declarations
 - May 31 - Adult Provincials declarations
 - May 31 - Tier IV Provincial declaration
 - June 24 - Tier IV Rosters
 - June 17 - Tier III Provincial declarations
 - July 27 - Tier II & III Rosters
 - August 20 - Adult Provincial Rosters

Next Meeting: Mid-September - Location TBD

Adjournment: motion to adjourn @ 12:00 by Vegreville, seconded by Cold Lake, all in favour.