

Lakeland District Soccer Association  
Spring Operational Meeting  
St Paul  
April 22, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:15

1. **In Attendance:** Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA), Joy Tremblay (LDSA/St Paul), Steve Cupit (LDSA), Frank Mayer (Cold Lake), Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake, Wayne Roach (Vermilion), Allan Robertson (Lac La Biche), Nicholas Lampron (St Paul), Allan Bohrsen (Vegreville), Shelly Berry (Vegreville), Kristen Ward (Vermilion), Darlene Larocque (Bonnyville)
2. **Approval of Agenda: MOTION: To approve agenda as circulated.** Moved by Al Robertson (LLB), second Tim Urlacher Cold Lake). **MOTION CARRIED**
3. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting: MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Spring Planning Meeting as circulated.** Moved by Allan Bohrsen (Vegreville), second by Darlene Larocque (Bville). **MOTION CARRIED**
4. **Unfinished Business.**
  - a. **Referee courses / education:** Jose send regrets as he is instructing an entry level course in St Paul. Joy Tremblay reported on his behalf. A meeting with community referee directors and the DRA was held March 24. The new lightening policy was discussed and will be enforced this outdoor season. There are excellent videos on the ASA website should anyone have questions. Several courses have been completed in Cold Lake, LLB, and St Paul. Bonnyville refreshed is set for April 27, Mini April 29, and entry level May 5-6.
  - b. **Technical courses/education:** Soccer for life was held in Bonnyville April 14-15, with Vegreville hosting April 21-22. Learn to Train is scheduled for Veg April 28-29 and Fundamentals in St Paul April 29, but both required further registrations to proceed. Lack of registrations caused the LLB Active Start to be cancelled.
  - c. **Competitions:**
    - i **Outdoor League Play** – teams declared to date include:
      - U13 boys – BV, CL x2, Veg, LLB, SP, Verm
      - U13 girls – BV, CL, Veg, LLB, SP, Verm
      - U15 boys – CL, Veg, LLB, SP, Verm x2
      - U15 girls – CL, Veg, LLB, SP, Verm
      - U17 boys – CL, Verm
      - U17 girls – BV, CL, SP
      - U19 boys – CL, SP
      - U19 girls – BV, CL, VEG, LLB, SP, Verm

Several communities combined at age groups to make teams. There was discussion surround the U17 boys from Vermilion wishing to declare as tier 2 – further discussion was to take place with Lakeland president and vermilion following the meeting.

The new lightening policy form CSA/ASA was discussed. There was discussion as to the potential impact on games in the area, as the fields must be evacuated if thunder is heard. Games are not restarted until 30 minutes after the last sound is heard. It was agreed the policy must be followed, but feedback would be provided to ASA at the end of the outdoor season. Also presented was the Air Index policy. Referees and coaches must be aware of this policy.

There was discussion about the length of the season, with the suggestion to schedule league games after LLC. It was agreed to leave the option of playing rescheduled games or exhibition games to the discretion of coaches. Further discussion surrounding the benefit of asking ASA to move the date of

rural provincials back one to two weeks to allow for a longer outdoor tier IV season. Steve to discuss with rural counterparts to see if there would be consensus to take this to ASA for consideration.

- ii **Outdoor Lakeland Cup:** June 15-17 Vermilion U15 and U19  
June 22-24 St Paul U 13 and U17
- iii **Provincials:** Tier IV Rural July 6-8 locations TBD  
Tier III August 10-12  
Senior Fest August 31 – Sept 3  
Alberta Summer Games July 19 – 22 Grande Prairie
- iv **Tournaments:** Vermilion (mini) May 26 (u7-u9) U11 May 27  
St Paul (mini) June 2 (u9-u11)  
B'ville (mini) June 9-10 (u9-u11)  
Cold Lake – U11 May 27

## 5. New Business

- a. **Tier III** – agreement on central try-outs again this year. June 10 in St Paul. Details to be confirmed, but suggested girls would attend from 2-4 and boys 5-7. Please contact Kristy if there are questions about criteria for Tier III.
- b. **Alberta Summer Games Update** – try-out dates are listed on the Lakeland web-page; May 5 in Ft. mac, May 12 in LLB with at third try-out by invitation only. Interested players are encouraged to attend both try-outs.
- c. **U11 Challenge Cup** - Lakeland and CASA have committed to the Rural U 11 Challenge Cup. Other districts have expressed an interest, but have not agreed to participate to date. Details are to be determined. As per the motion put forth at the Spring Planning meeting, Bonnyville will host play downs for teams interested in declaring for participation in the Challenge Cup. This is to take place during the Wetlands Mini tournament June 9-10. Deadline for registration is May 24, with a fee of \$450.00. Contact Kristy for details.
- d. **ASA Meeting** – Jose, Steve, and Kristy the most recent ASA meeting, held in Edmonton February 23-25, 2018. Steve had forwarded an update to community presidents and Board members. The need to ensure coaches have the appropriate qualifications to attend provincial championships was once again stressed. Tier I and II – coach must have a C license; Tier III – IV U15 to U19 must have Soccer for Life (SFL) and Making Ethical Decisions (MED); Tier III – IV U13 must have a minimum of Learn to Train (or SFL) and MED. Coaches must apply for an exemption if they do not have the appropriate course. They will be required to complete modules and will receive an exemption for that season only. There will then be a 4 month grace period to attend the appropriate coaching course.

There was discussion at this time concerning the Technical Director/Head coach position. It was suggested a job description be developed to facilitate improved communication and development of soccer within the Lakeland.

- e. **District Head Coach** – a special executive meeting was held April 11, 2018 via teleconference to discuss concerns from Vegreville regarding the DHC position. It was felt the focus on District wide, Tier IV coach and player development had been seriously neglected. Repeated attempts to have a SFL course scheduled in Vegreville went ignored. It was felt Mike Pomerleau was more focused on his Tier III team, ASG team, and his own community and was unable to carry out his role as DHC. After extensive discussion it was agreed to relieve Mike of this position. Steve Cupit presented the concerns of the executive to Mike, and he resigned his position. The question as to his role as ASG coach was raised. The need for change in the selection process of the ASG coaches was discussed, as it was at the Spring Operational meeting. Mike essentially selected himself for the position without consultation with the

Lakeland president, Executive Director, or executive. Steve Cupit was to contact ASA to determine if a change in ASG coach was possible at this stage. Richard Smyl was to contact Ft Mac Murray Soccer to see if another qualified coach would be available should a change take place. Upon discussion with ASA a change in ASG coach is not possible without sufficient reason, so Mike will remain as ASG coach. Both Joy Tremblay and Richard Smyl have submitted letters of resignation from the Executive of Lakeland District Soccer due to the handling of the situation and the suggestion that the request for Mike's removal as DHC was motivated by bias and "a sour taste in the mouths of St Paul people". Al Bohrsen had previously resigned his position when he had made the complaints, but now agreed to stay on the Board as second VP. The need to fill vacant positions on the board was identified.

**MOTION:** To accept Al Robertson as First VP AND Darlene Larocque as Secretary on an interim basis until the Next AGM. Moved by Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), Second Al Bohrsen (Veg). **CARRIED**

Steve is to schedule a meeting of the new executive to develop a job description for the DHC or potentially the Coach/Player development Director. Once this is agreed upon, the information will be forwarded to community president to solicit resumes of potential candidates.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS: see attached**

6. Date of next Meeting – Fall Planning –TBD
7. Adjournment – **MOTION: Meeting be adjourned at 12:45.** Moved by Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), Second Al Robertson (LLB). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by Joy Tremblay

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### OUTDOOR ADMINISTRATION:

- Player registration fees to Kristy by May 15
- Play registration forms COMPLETE and to Kristy by May 15
- New player registrations – May 31 – NO NEW PLAYERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE
- Adult provincial declarations June 1
- Tier IV Provincial declaration – June 11
- Tier IV Rosters June Tier III provincial Declarations June 25
- Tier II Rosters July 27
- Adult Provincial Rosters August 1

### OUTDOOR LEAGUE PLAY

- League play registration April 15 – include the number of teams participating at each age group and gender; field location and name, night of play, practice nights and times (all games start at 7 pm); BLACK OUT DATES; any information you feel necessary to complete the schedule
- League start date is May 7 – weather permitting

### OUTDOOR LAKELAND CUP

Jun 15-17 Vermilion U15 & U19

Jun 22-24 St. Paul U13 & U17

- Lakeland CUP Registration and fees to Kristy May 15
- Roster changes (including coaching staff) to Kristy 7 days prior to age appropriate Lakeland Cup

### OUTDOOR PROVINCIALS

- Tier IV Roster to Kristy June 25
- ASA Provincials Tier IV July 6-8
- ASA Provincials Tier III August 10-12
- Senior Soccer Fest August 31- Sept 3
- Alberta Summer Games – July 19-22