

Lakeland District Soccer Association
Spring Planning Meeting
St Paul
March 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:00

1. In Attendance: Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA), Joy Tremblay (LDSA/St Paul), Steve Cupit (LDSA), Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), Mike Pomerleau (LDSA/Bonnyville), Wayne Roach (Vermilion), Allan Robertson (Lac La Biche), Nicholas Lampron (St Paul), Maurice Brousseau (St Paul), Richard Smyl (LDSA), Allan Bohrson (Vegreville), Darcy Pidwerbeski (Vegreville), Shelly Berry (Vegreville), Kristen Ward (Vermilion), Dan Hampson (Elk Point), Jose Teixeira (LDSA/DRA), Darlene Larocque (Bonnyville)
2. Approval of Agenda: **MOTION: To approve agenda as circulated.** Moved by Al Robertson (LLB), second by Nick Lampron (St Paul). **MOTION CARRIED** (white paper from Lac La Biche concerning Tier III to be discussed under 5 viii of agenda)
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: **MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Fall Operational Meeting as circulated.** Moved by Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake), second by Wayne Roach (Vermilion). **MOTION CARRIED**
4. Unfinished Business.
 - a. Administration i.

Outstanding invoices: CLMSA invoices # 074, 075, 079, 082 are still in need on payment. Request to submit payment

 - ii. Bookkeeping: all accounts up to date February 28, 2018. Balance sheet provided to those present. Further information available from executive director.
 - b. Referee courses/ education: Jose reported on success of indoor season. Outdoor courses have been scheduled in LLB and Vermilion. Please direct interested individuals to the ASA referee website to register and to search for courses. There will be a referee meeting for community referee directors March 24 from 6 – 7:30. Location TBD, but those not able to attend in person may attend via telephone or video conference.
 - c. Technical: Mike Pomerleau reported on the Mini Stars program which ran throughout the winter. 17 players attended, with 4 to attend the Showcase in Edmonton. A technical meeting was held in January of this year, with John Clubb (ASA Grass-roots director) presenting to the community technical representatives. Mike was elected by that group as the district head coach. He is now registered as an NCCP instructor

Bonnyville will host a Mini Festival event and course May 12 – information on the website – open to the District “C” License
course dates have been announced. Please see the ASA website for information and to register. Coaching course dates are listed on both the ASA and LDSA websites. Please direct interested individuals to the ASA website to register.
The need for coaches to have the new coaching courses at the appropriate level was emphasized. ASA will no longer recognize the old levels (Mini, Youth, Senior). **Coaches must have the correct designation to attend provincial competition.**
 - d. **Competitions:** i

Referee Scheduling: Community referee directors will continue to schedule games held in their communities. Please contact the local referee director to assign referees for neutral games.
New Format: There was discussion surrounding the number of league games realistically possible in the tier IV outdoor season. **MOTION: To limit outdoor league play to a maximum of five games and eliminate outdoor league play medals.** Moved by Wayne Roach (Vermilion), Second by Al Robertson (LLB). **CARRIED**

MOTION: Teams must honour their league play commitments in order to qualify for Lakeland Cup Moved by Nicolas Lampron (St Paul), SECOND Mike Pomerleau (B'ville) **CARRIED**

ii Outdoor Lakeland Cup – Vermilion will host U15/U19 June 15-17; St Paul will host U13/U17 June 22-24. Host community will provide a referee coordinator for the weekend. The schedule should be available from the executive director by June 5, 2018.

ROSTERS: It was decided by consensus that coaches will complete an ASA roster sheet for their teams to be forwarded to the executive director. An e-mail will be sent to the coaches 14 days prior to the age appropriate Lakeland Cup providing them with a one week notice to submit a correct / accurate roster.

There will be no provincial tournament for U 11 age group, but there is a proposal for a Rural Challenge Cup. It was agreed to hold a Lakeland Cup Play-down for this age group. See 5d later in agenda.

iii. Provincials – St Paul has offered to host outdoor provincials for U13 or U15 boy and girls, but no hosts announced by ASA Indoor: Lakeland Cup successful, with no red cards issued over the weekend. The following teams attending indoor provincial championships: Tier IV: LLB U12 boys and girls; LLB U14 boys; Cold Lake U14 girls; Cold Lake U16 boys and girls; Bonnyville U18 boys; Vegreville U18 girls. Tier III: Bonnyville U14 boys; LLB U16 girls. Good luck to all teams!

- e. **Tournaments:** Sanctioning must be obtained through the executive director. Reminder to teams wishing to play out of province, an ASA travel permit is required. Mini tournaments will be listed on the Lakeland Website as well as on the host community websites. Out of district tournaments are listed on the ASA website.
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| | Vermilion |
| (mini) May 26(u7-u9) | St Paul (mini) June 2 |
| (u9-u11) | B'ville (mini) June 9-10 |
| (u9-u11) | |

5. New Business

- a. **New age groups** – member associations provided with birth year corresponding to new age groups. Changes made to correspond to national championships.
- b. **Mini Rules - the following numbers are suggested by ASA.**

U5 3v3 – NO KEEPER

U7

5V5 INCLUDING KEEPER

U9 7V7 INCLUDING KEEPER

U11 8V8 INCLUDING KEEPER

Mini rules discussed with consensus to use the following guidelines for mini soccer (u7 and U9):

- **15 yard arc to be marked – keeper can use their hands in this area**
- **Goal can be scored from anywhere on the field**
- **Retreat line rule in effect, using the half way line for U7 and U9**
- **All free kicks are indirect**
- **Throw in for ball out of play on the touchline, goal and corner kicks for ball out of play over goal line**
- **No offside rule in effect**

It was agreed to use the old U12 rules for the U11 age group.

Communities are to use existing goals and fields for the mini age groups, rather than go to the expense of buying or fabricating new equipment. Please make coaches aware there will be a range of net and field sizes throughout the District at the mini age groups

- c. Youth provincial age groups – Championships will be held for Tier I to IV for ages U13 to U19. This will be 11v11 on the large field.
- d. U11 – There was discussion and consensus that wherever possible, this age groups should be gender specific. There will be no league play, but mini-tournament style play to be held on weekends was suggested. ASA will not hold provincial championships at this age group but a Rural Challenge Cup was proposed. Date planned to hold the tournament is July 13-15. It was suggested Bonnyville host play-downs for those teams interested in vying for a berth at the Rural Challenge Cup during their Mini Wetlands tournament June 9-10. May 24 is the deadline to register for the play-downs. Fee will be \$100 per team. **MOTION: Mandatory play-down for U11 teams interested in attending Rural Challenge Cup will be held in Bonnyville June 9/10.** Moved by Maurice Brousseau (St Paul), Second Mike Pomerleau (B'ville) **CARRIED**
- e. CRC and NCCP – Compliance with including this information is much greater since change to the central registration system. Please ensure managers are also included on the coach's page.
- f. 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.

- g. Tier III – The white paper from LLB Tier III girls was discussed at length. **MOTION: There is an ongoing requirement for players to honour Tier IV commitments prior to playing Tier III.** Moved by Allan Bohrson (Vegreville), second by Allan Robertson (LLB). **CARRIED**
- h. **Alberta Summer Games** – Try out dates for U13 players wishing to attend Alberta Summer Games are listed the Lakeland Website. May 5 – Ft McMurray; May 12 - Lakeland (location TBD); June 2-3 in Ft McMurray by invitation only. Players must attend one of the first two camps if they are to obtain an invitation to the June camp. It was noted that in the future, the coach selection committee will not include a coach vying for a coaching position.

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

- 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

6. Next meeting – Spring Operational– date TBD

7. Adjournment – **MOTION: Meeting be adjourned at 2:30.** Moved by Nick Lampron (St Paul), Second Maurice Brousseau (St Paul). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by Joy Tremblay