



Lakeland District Soccer Association
Fall Operational Meeting Minutes
Zoom
September 20, 2020 9:30 am

1. Call to Order: 9:30 am

Roll Call: Those in attendance: Wayne Roach (LDSA President, Vermillion), Cheri Wolgien (LDSA 1st VP, BV), Allan Robertson (LDSA 2nd VP, LLB), Darlene Larocque (LDSA Secretary, BV), Jose Teixeira (LDSA DRA, BV President), Tim Urlacher (Cold Lake President), Shelley Berry (Vegreville Registrar/Communications), Kristin Ward (Vermillion President), Glenda Bouvier (LLB Secretary), Josh Pillips (BV, Mini Coaches Director)

2. Agenda: Addition to the agenda; zoning issues/concerns

3. New Business:

a. COVID protocol:

- Revised Return to Play document was sent out on September 15th.
- Highlights include:
 - o Gatherings of maximum participants are up to the communities to manage
 - o No change to Sports cohorts (50) – changes expected when Stage 3 reached
 - o All participants must be registered
 - o Contact tracing is the responsibility of the community, need to provide should an outbreak occur
- Response plans to be created (BV will share their ERP from the outdoor season)
- Individuals can still only participate in 1 cohort
 - o *Discussion: Kristin noted that a letter was received from the school indicating they could play in more than 1 sport. i.e. 1 school sport + 1 outdoor sport). Tim agreed with that note. Cheri will reach out to ASA to confirm*
 - o **UPDATE: Cheri received reply back from Tammy McNutt, Exec. Dir for ASA, noting the AHS guidelines 'allows a player to participate in both a school sport and an Alberta Soccer Cohort'**

- One of the requirements within the return to play questionnaire indicates the community to have district support.
 - o For tracking, all communities are asked to email the LDSA group noting their desire to start a modified indoor season and that all precautions and requirements noted by ASA are being met as these are the community's responsibility. LDSA supports all communities looking to have a modified indoor season if this is being met.

b. Insurance

- Each community registrar is to complete the registration spreadsheet identifying all players being registered, forwarding to the Executive Director email address
- Kristy will advise of the fees once they have been determined by ASA. Unsure at this time if any changes will be made to those fees from ASA.
- The portion of the registration fees for LDSA's Lakeland Cup and Executive Director are being reviewed to determine if they will still apply or not.

c. Executive Director

- Not replacing at this time due to uncertainty of the soccer play
- What does it look like today?
 - o As a group we support each other
 - o Cheri, Wayne, & Darlene sharing the workload
 - Need to communicate if it becomes too much

Discussion Points:

Tim: we all need to step-up to share the load – we'll find a way to step-up

Kristin: gun-shy to take on any tasks as they are unsure of what their next steps are (re: health zone)

Joe: suggested sending an invite to the board to see who can help if needed

d. League Play/Inter-Community Play

- CL started their registration a couple of weeks ago; numbers are very low. Waiting to see if they'll get more numbers over the weekend
- LLB has received 39 registrations to-date and is planning on keeping registration open until the 1st.
 - o They plan on having combined groups if needed.
 - o Majority of their numbers are for the U11 group and down
 - o Will start grass roots training initially within the community and reassess at a later date for potential inter-community activity
- BV has approximately 70 registrants at this time.

- Open to inter-community play
- CL suggested a 'mini stars' type format for kids within other communities to allow play when numbers are not viable for a community team
- Cheri noted: players can be with another community if the opportunity to play within their own community is not present
- A meeting has been scheduled for October 4th @ 9:30 for the communities to go over their final registration numbers and what league play could look like this year.

e. Referees

- Noted that this has been a tough and challenging year.
- There are 4 actively registered within the Lakeland
- Doubtful in-class courses will be available
 - ASA ref centre to offer online courses
 - Conversion course slated for the 1st or 2nd week of October
- Cohort: Referees are to maintain a 2 meter distance otherwise they are to be considered part of the cohort
- Each game has to have an adult referee (18+) present at all times.

f. Lakeland FC

- There is an opportunity for higher level play this year
 - Possibly 12 – 14 games, every other Saturday
- If this is to go ahead this year, due to COVID cohort restrictions, players would only be able to play with Lakeland FC and not with both their community and Lakeland FC
- Lakeland FC would need to have confirmation that they have enough interested players by September 30th
- At this time U15/U17 possibility for a team (manager and coach available)
- Cheri will send the framework for fielding a Lakeland FC team as other team categories will need to identify both coaches and a manager
- Communities voted on whether to go ahead with District try-outs and play - majority agreement – motion passed
 - Cheri to move forward with U15/U17 option

Discussion Points:

- Vegreville noted they have sent players to other districts
 - Not open to district teams as it would hurt community teams
- Vermillion noted they are unsure on how to direct people.
 - They do not have an indoor facility
 - CL suggested offering the opportunity to play with other communities

- LLB noted they have an excel program for adults
 - o Supportive of district team and releasing players in order to participate
 - o Community first then district
 - This is a special year due to COVID – open to district play in order to maximize opportunities for kids to play
- CL in agreement with LLB

g. ASA Fees

- Insurance fees have been sent out to the communities by Cheri
- Provide rosters to the Executive Director email address
- Noted: ensure COVID release forms are completed by all communities and complete the readiness questionnaire (link available in the Return to Modified Play documentation)
- Darlene to forward the Emergency Response Plan document BSA used for their outdoor season
- Updated fees to go out after the October 4th meeting

h. Zoning Issues/Concerns

- Indoor concerns specific to Vergreville and Vermillion, being in a different Health Zone, have been answered
- Questions remain for the upcoming outdoor season
 - o Cheri noted: is there something else that is creating the disconnect other than the communicated Health Zone?
 - o Wayne noted: try to plan as you normally would do and if COVID restrictions tighten then we'll go from there.
 - o Cheri suggested the communities send LDSA their requests and LDSA would reach out to ASA and see how we can best support you with those requests

i. AGM

- LDSA is typically held within October
- What does this year's AGM look like? Open to public in person? Virtual?
- Normally we would need media release
- Identify positions needing to be filled at the AGM
 - o Wayne noted he is open to leaving his name in as president
- Allan noted they are holding LLB's AGM in November and that he is looking to step-down as LLB President at that time
 - o Include Glenda in all emails going forward

Next Meeting: October 4th, 2020 @ 9:30 am. Zoom invite to follow