



Lakeland District Soccer Association
Fall Operational Meeting Minutes
Technip FMC 5609 52 Ave
Bonnyville, Alberta
October 6, 2019 10:00 am

1. Call to Order: 10:20 am

Roll Call: Those in attendance: Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA Executive Director, BV), Allan Robertson (LDSA 1st VP, LLB), Tim Urlacher (CL President), Darlene Larocque (LDSA Secretary, BV), Cheri Wolgien (BV Tournament Director), Jose Teixeira (LDSA DRA, BV President), Allan Bohrson (Lakeland 2nd VP; Veg President), Wayne Roach (LDSA President, Vermillion), Kristin Ward (Vermillion President), Wayne Zayac (LDSA DHC-South), Shelley Berry (Vegreville Registrar/Communications)

2. Motion to approve agenda: Addition to the agenda; under Unfinished Ongoing Business, add (f) DHC-North report. Correction; under New Business, section (a) should read: Rural Selects – U13 Boys attended.

Motion to approve by Lac La Biche, seconded by Bonnyville, all in favour.

3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion to approve by Lac La Biche, seconded by Bonnyville, all in favour.

4. Unfinished Ongoing Business:

a. Lakeland Cup Hosting Reports:

- i. Cold Lake hosted U15 & U19:** Everything went really well. There were no red cards reported, there were some serious delays due to the weather however the shortened game times seemed to have went over well in order to accommodate the number of games needing to be played. A note for future events: having additional food concessions or food trucks available would be great especially when inclement weather causes delays.
- ii. Vegreville hosted U13 & 117:** The event was successful. There were a couple of red cards issued and minimal damage to the fields (mainly the location of the AR paths). Noted that the concession didn't do really well however this is partly due to the poor weather.

It was noted that both events were well supported by volunteers.

Discussion: That the hosting of the Lakeland Cup to be a shared venture amongst the communities. With that, if Lac La Biche and/or Bonnyville requested to host next summer's Lakeland Cup they would get first option.

Executive Director reminded the communities that the field costs are covered by LDSA for Lakeland Cup events.

b. Provincial Hosting Report: Vermillion hosted the U15 provincials.

The event went well. There were concerns regarding the gopher holes on the fields, one official complaint went to ASA, however the group worked diligently the week leading up to the event and during the whole event to fill in all the holes as they appeared. Thank you to the DRA for his help, and that of the refs, with filling in gofer holes as well. The location was given the go ahead from ASA to host the event. There was a lot of positive feedback from the players, participants, and attendees.

c. Provincials - Stats:

i. Tier IV

U13B – silver (Vermillion)

U12G – 6th (St. Paul)

U15B – Gold (Vermillion) Bronze (Bonnyville)

U15G – 5th (St. Paul)

U17B – Silver (Bonnyville)

U17G – Silver (Lac La Biche)

U19B – 6th (St. Paul)

U19G – Bronze (Bonnyville)

ii. Tier III – Lakeland FC

U13B – Gold (Noah Teixeira – Bonnyville)

U15B – Gold (Nic Lampron – St. Paul)

U15G -8th (Ron Rustad – Cold Lake)

d. Senior Provincials – Stats:

Tier III – 7th

Masters – 4th

Cold Lake noted: Next year it may be beneficial to have a selection rather than a league play due to the large decrease in numbers from registration time to the time of the event. This year they had 40 registered with only 18 able to play at the event. They will commit to sending one team.

Discussion re: Letter received re: LLB TII team

A letter was received detailing concerns/issues regarding the non-participation of some of the TII players with their TIV team practices/meetings, the disrespect shown when present at the practices/games. The executive director had asked the DHC-South for a report from the manager of that team, the LLB president has the report and will pass it on today. This official complaint will be reviewed by the disciplinary committee.

All present were in agreement with LDSA's previous communication that all TIII or higher players **must** register and participate with their community's TIV league to be eligible to play for that higher team. Disrespect will not be tolerated.

CL noted that the higher level Tier teams should be overseen by the DHCs to ensure fairness of selection. Agreement around the table regarding the need for additional support from LDSA and be more involved with the process.

BV noted we need to be cautious to not have the issues with one TII team deter or reflect poorly on the Lakeland FC program as a whole.

President noted that the DHC roles, which are still in the development stage but is in place going forward. Their primary role is to support the TIV level however will need to take on the additional tiers as well.

e. DRA – Referee Update – outdoor summary & indoor courses

There were 48 District Referees and 26 mini referees, which is down from 30.

The organizers at both Lakeland Cup events greatly supported the referees. The Provincials held in Vermillion had 100% Lakeland referee coverage.

- The question was raised: What do we do to attract more refs? Some points brought up that may affect participation: mileage paid & fees. President noted this is a very important aspect of our sport, we need to invest in them.
 - o Possible actions: increase mileage, allowance cost, flat fee for referee passengers when carpooling, per/hour wage.
- DRA noted concerns regarding referee safety; at the Lakeland Cup event this past summer a referee had to be escorted to their vehicle under threat from a few players. There was discussion regarding the clarification and clear communication regarding 'red card' protocol to clubs, coaches, manager, and players. When a red card is issued, the player must leave the playing fields. During the summer months this is to be interpreted as 'the parking lot'. The ejected player cannot stay on the fields or sit with the spectators.
 - o This clarification will be incorporated into each club's emergency plans, and coach's packages going forward.

Note: Indoor course dates were not communicated at this time.

f. DHC – North Report:

There will be a 'C' License coach's course offered out of Lac La Biche on Nov. 16/17 and Nov 23/24. An ASA representative will lead the session. There are 30 spaces available only and registration is now open. The cost is approximately \$500 per registrant; this information will be confirmed by the DHC-North and will be emailed to all communities by the Executive Director.

5. New Business:

a. **Rural Selects – U13 Boys attended:** Received great feedback, players had fun and received T-shirt jerseys. This event will change from having one event per year having a provincial team to having multiple events throughout the year without a provincial team.

b. **Lakeland FC U15 Boys Tier II:** The Lakeland FC group this year will be participating in the ESA (non-boarded) however there will not be a provincial game this year as this is only available with the TI group. There will not be any interruption with the Lakeland TIV league plays or practices.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding the allotment of funds from LDSA to the Lakeland FC group. Clarification was provided regarding the origins of the funds (part of the savings from change of the Lakeland Cup Player gifts) and that this funding is for the Lakeland FC program and not for a specific team within that program.

c. **Player Registration & Proposed due dates:** Below are the number of teams per group for each of the CL, LLB, and BV communities noted today:

3 U13B, 1 U13G (BV),

3 U15B, 2 U15G (CL, LLB),

1 U17B (CL), 1 U17G (CL),

2 U19B (LLC, BV), 1 U19G (BV)

Executive Director requested the Facility Dates from all communities ASAP in order to complete the league schedule. League start date is tentatively set for November 9th weekend.

i. Lakeland League Declaration: **October 21, 2019**

ii. Lakeland Cup Declaration: **January 1, 2020**

iii. Provincial Declarations: **December 31, 2019**

iv. LDSA Player Registration & League Play Fees: **November 5, 2019**

v. New Lakeland Spreadsheet – **Please use the new format/spreadsheet**

vi. Roster Changes: **December 31, 2019 **absolutely no changes after this dates****

d. **2019-20 Indoor League Play – required info:**

e. **League Play Start Date:** earliest weekend available, aiming for **November 9th**.

- f. **ASA Provincial Roster Changes: February 24, 2020**
- g. **U11 League:** There are potentially 3 U11 teams committed to a League Play ending with a Lakeland Cup tournament. (CL, BV, LLB). Vegreville will bring communicate this option and benefit to the U11 parents/players and will confirm afterwards.
- h. **Lakeland Cup: February 21-23, 2020** CL will confirm these dates will work for their facility and get back to the Executive Director.
- i. **ASA Fall Meeting:** Attending: Kristy (ED), Wayne (Pres.), Jose (DRA), & Wayne (DHC – North)
- j. **ASA Indoor Provincial Dates:** ASA will finalize and communicate the weekend of Oct. 18-20. Once communicated, the Executive Director will update LDSAs website with these dates.
- k. **Lakeland Rules:** Draft proposal was reviewed with a motion to approve as presented by Lac La Biche, and seconded by Cold Lake. All in favour.
- l. **Lakeland Budget Proposal:** Proposal was reviewed with a motion to approve as presented by Lac La Biche, seconded by Bonnyville. All in favour.
- m. **Bylaws – Update:** Update was reviewed with a motion to approve as presented by Lac La Biche and seconded by Bonnyville. All in favour.

Next Meeting: TBD.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn @ 11:04 by Vegreville, seconded by Cold Lake, all in favour.