

# VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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## Regular Meeting Minutes Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C. April 10, 2006

**Members: 28      Apologies: 3      Guests: 2**

<b>Education</b> Jason Austin	
<b>Minutes</b>	Reviewed & Accepted. Moved, Scott Bakker; seconded, Simon Fearn
<b>Correspondence</b> Rick Firestone	BCSRA Invitation to Spring Council and Annual General Meeting, including Agenda
<b>Registrar</b> Rick Firestone	Total membership is 63. This includes 54 active referees, 6 Life Members, and 3 Associates.
<b>Treasurer</b> Sergiu Surdu	We are still under budget and are awaiting money that VISL has committed to support the Mentorship program. Alex Milne is to review VISRA's books prior to the next meeting.
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Nil.
<b>Mentorship</b> Herb Harzan	Have done none recently as the focus has been on BCSA Assessments.
<b>Assessments</b> Herb Harzan	There has been a rash of assessments completed recently and this has cleared quite a bit of a back-log created by poor weather earlier. There are still 10 due, mostly up-island.
<b>Library</b> Philippe Ménard	No new materials. Please return outstanding material to Phil.
<b>BCSRA</b> Larry Cade	Provincial Executive Report - attached.
<b>VISL</b> Dan Greco	ID cards are mandatory for all Provincial Cup games. Get reports in with-in 48 hours of the match. Phone the score in right away.
<b>LIWSA</b> Dan Greco	Nil.
<b>LISA</b> Mike Seal	The first Y League Referee meeting was held today.
<b>BCSA Ref Coordinator</b> Mike Seal	<u>Fitness Tests</u> The first Fitness Test is to be held May 10 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Old Business</b>	<u>Beep Flags</u> This was discussed at the last executive meeting. It may be possible to get some financial assistance from the Y League. Cost ranges from \$400 to \$1200. Executive is to report at the next meeting.
<b>New Business</b>	<u>May Meeting</u> Dan Greco moved, seconded by Mike Seal to cancel the May meeting. Motion carried. Next Regular meeting will be August 21 <sup>st</sup> and will include the 2006-2007 budget.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved by Phil Frias; seconded by Larry Cade

**Meeting Adjourned:** 20:30 pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 21st 2006,  
 Gorge Soccer Clubhouse, Hampton Park**

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Rick Firestone**

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## PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR APRIL 2006 VANCOUVER ISLAND AREA MEETING

Dear Vancouver Island Area-affiliated members of the BCSRA,

Some important announcements I'd like to make:

### 1) **BCSRA SPRING COUNCIL/AGM TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup> AT RICHMOND SECONDARY**

The event will be hosted by the Vancouver Area. Call to order is at 915am and a light lunch will be provided followed by the Jack Tinnion Memorial Shield match on the new turf field. Please RSVP with your Area Assn exec. It will be held at the Richmond Secondary School (7171 Minoru Blvd). The meeting has been arranged so people can walk-on the 3pm ferry for home. If people need a pickup at the ferry terminal in Tsawassen we'll need to know for rides of course.

It's doubly important because:

- a) Len Bridgeman will be receiving his Long and Meritorious Service award (a VISRA-sponsored motion).
- b) We hope to be able to present John Nielsen with his special award and unveil the John Nielsen Referee Education Award (another VISRA-sponsored motion).

An agenda has been sent out, or will be very shortly, by provincial secretary Richard Brownie. A proposed budget will follow to Area Assn Execs next week.

### 2) **RECRUITING PEOPLE INTO REFEREEING**

A recent sobering statistic: by 2015 there will be more people over 65 than under 15. Does this mean those of us in middle age could find ourselves refereeing longer than we want? To stem the tide we need to recruit more people to take up the whistle now. We are trying to get permission to distribute brochures to spectators to get people interested in becoming a referee at both the upcoming Canada-Brazil matches and Whitecaps games. Discussions are in preliminary stages. By doing so, we can guide these recruits through the process and in turn they may be look upon us more favourably to the point they may wish to join. Please be ready to assist in this venture.

### 3) **WHITECAPS PENALTY-KICK WORLD CUP**

The Whitecaps will be conducting a charity Penalty-Kick World Cup competition at half-time of their men's games this season. We have been asked to schedule this competition. Because it is for charity we would not get paid but members would receive a ticket for the match they participate in. Two PK's are being conducted each half-time so six officials are needed each game. Member Marc Bowley has agreed to schedule once all details have been worked out. VISRA members may help if they find themselves in Vancouver on the night of a Whitecaps match. Be prepared we are "on parade" and as such slouches will not be tolerated!

### 4) **CONGRATS TO MEMBER BEING SELECTED FOR MSL**

Congratulations to Mauricio Navarro who has been selected for the list of referees for the upcoming MLS season in the states and due to receive his first appointment soon. Mauricio was appointed to the recent 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the CONCACAF Champions Cup Semi-final on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> between Club America (Mexico) and Alajuelense (Costa Rica), a match that we have on video.

### 5) **UMBRO REF KIT DEAL IN THE WORKS**

Through a foray by the Vancouver Area, all members of the Referees Association will be able to participate in a referee kit deal which would see huge savings in gear for each member, allow us to be consistent and professional in appearance, allow each area to use the vehicle as a small fundraiser, and allow the RA some exposure (savings available only to RA members). A brochure is being created once logistics are ironed out. Stay tuned!

### 6) **WORLD CUP POOL UPDATE**

An application has been submitted but we have not heard back yet which is of concern. If accepted everyone will be asked to start selling later this month.

7) **REFEREE NEWS ON besoccerweb.com**

The Referees Association has reached an agreement to supply general information on an ongoing basis to this website. Anyone who has information to share please pass the info to me for the time being.

8) **WEBMASTER OPENING**

Amanda Pinchbeck, our current webmaster, has stepped down due to time conflicts with her schooling. Currently news is being updated by myself as no replacement. Anyone who is interested should contact myself for the time being.

9) **DIRECTORY AND HANDBOOK**

We need a team of members to re-visit this document to ensure it's current. Please contact provincial secretary Richard Brownie if you have some word processing skills you can contribute or have some ideas – anyone with material or ideas for including in this document should be prepared to help! This year's update will have to wait until after the World Cup to benefit from any items that arise from the tournament.

10) **MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP MOTION AT BC SOCCER AGM UPDATE**

I have asked both our liaison with the motion's sponsor and the sponsor himself for the exact wording of the motion. It is hoped that this motion would be presented at the BC Soccer AGM on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, due to the sale of the BC Soccer building, Executive Director opening, and Election of Officers, it be tabled as a Notice of Motion for the 2007 BCSA Semi-Annual meeting.

There are other ventures being worked on but not enough news to report on at the moment. Hopefully, more news will be available at Spring Council.

In closing, with Coastal Provincial Cup matches starting I would like to congratulate all members who have been selected. Please remember that appointments to Provincial Cup take priority over league matches. Good luck in your games and be proud to fly the flag of the Referees Association!

Respectfully submitted,

Elvio Chies  
President