

VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.

Aug 16, 2004

Members: 24

Guests: 2

Apologies: 4

Education Andrew Foster	Referee Decisions
Opening Remarks Dan Greco	There are some changing responsibilities as we head into the new season. Education – Darren Clark; Ways & Means - Darrin Shimell; Assessments & Standardization – Herb Harzan; Library – Christian Hauer; BCSRA – TBA; CSRA – Tony Troughton; VISL – Sal Johal
Minutes	Reviewed and Accepted Moved by Larry Cade; Seconded Mark McNally-Dawes
Correspondence Rick Firestone	Nil
Registrar Rick Firestone	2004-5 registrations - 21. Question: What is correct fee for Associate Membership? \$40
Treasurer Dan Greco for Darin Shimell	\$8842.31 Dan Greco said that he thinks that VISRA does not need to be holding to so much money. It is proper to hold some funds but this is too much. We should have a plan for the money.
Ways & Means Darin Shimell	Sal Johal said that he has an opportunity to obtain apparel and other items from Shennanigans, suggests toques and other items with VISRA logo, will investigate and obtain samples. Will be order only basis.
Standardization Herb Harzan	Dan Greco reported that leagues are very interested in the VISRA standardization program and they will be approached to provide funds to Standardization on a matching basis. The fee paid to the assessors is to be raised to \$40. Herb said that it is important to obtain a firm commitment from all assessors in VISRA to support this program, his acceptance to administer this program is dependant on this commitment. Christian Hauer suggested making the standards check more formal and sending the results to BCSA as an assessment. Herb pointed out that this would be counter to the idea of the program that does not include marks, beyond that BCSA requires payment up front for all assessments.
Assessments Herb Harzan	Tiberio de Frias will be Ref Coordinator for Lakehill Soccer and is giving up this duty. He said that the last outstanding assessment request was completed on Sunday. Neil Ellett of the BCSA Assessment Committee has approved Herb's appointment.
Library Christian Hauer	Dan Greco said that he thinks there is a lack of training material. We need to obtain more material mainly videos and DVDs. Mike Seal suggested contacting BCSA to see if we could obtain materials through them. They should be able to obtain a bulk rate on materials. Andrew Foster said that last year instructors were given sets of videos.
BCSRA Dan Greco	BCSRA has a 35th anniversary commemorative vest available for ordering – see BCSRA Website http://www.bcsra.com
CSRA Tony Troughton	Tony sent his regrets and a written report: Denise Robinson, FIFA referee, Ontario, will be the guest speaker at the CSRA AGM 22 Jan 05. <u>Rec Cup</u> Unfortunately on 7 assessors were available and only 34 games were assessed (out of 42) In accordance with BCSA policy some officials were not included in assignments to the Rec Cup because of heavy involvement in unaffiliated soccer. BCSA did not pay for 4th officials for round robin games, but LIWSA picked up part of this cost.
LIWSA Tony Troughton	Dan Greco said that Tony is to be liaison to LIWSA. There has been a series of questions and answers so far and the dialogue continues.
VISL Sal Johal	The season will begin 10, 11, 12 September - the week-end following Labour Day.

BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord Mike Seal	Mike displayed a list of refresher clinics, listings are available on the VISRA, LISA, BCSA websites. Bring pen, paper, law book, running shoes. After completing the clinic go on the BCSA website and register. Registration must be done online and will only be accepted after the refresher is completed. There will be one more clinic – in Cowichan.
BCSA - continued	Class 4 referees will register at the refresher clinics and LISA will pay their registration fees. There will be a Class 4 clinic at Lochside Sep 10-12, a Class 5 clinic August 29th at Peninsula, and September 11th at Gorge. Go online to register for these clinics. There are 2 Fitness Test dates remaining: 25 August and 15 September, 6:30pm at Oak Bay High Dan Greco said that there will be at least one member of the VISRA executive attending each Refresher Clinic to present information on VISRA to the sessions. Bob Hope has been elected BC Soccer Vice-President for Youth. He reported on developments – there is Competitions committee that wants to make changes including fees; Referee Development – encourage all referees to be involved with their local Youth Soccer Associations; Registration – a waiver is required in order for BC Soccer to provide personal information to others – you must agree to waiver in order to have your name & info included on Ref Lists. Bob wished everyone good luck in the new season and said “ Don’t hesitate to call”
Old Business	<u>Titan Club Card</u> - Dan Greco This card, given to registered VISRA members provides 15% discount off all non-sale items.
New Business	<u>Scheduling</u> – Dan Greco Danny Hood will be scheduling referees for all leagues for the coming year – except for UVic men who are staying with Paul Almeida. <u>Ask A Ref</u> – Dan Greco Because of concerns with ‘Ref Bashing’ on the VISL website, VISRA will cooperate with VISL and moderate an ‘Ask the Ref’ section. Ryan Perkins has volunteered to do this. Ethics require referees not to comment directly on any games – so don’t comment either on your own games – or on others. <u>Budget</u> – Dan Greco Dan circulated and explained the proposed budget for the coming year. It is broken into fixed expenditures, does not include frills but has added funding for education and the library. The forecast is based on a smaller registration, that will result in less revenue. Forecast income includes funds from VISL and LIWSA to support standardization and education. A Referee Symposium is proposed for the Christmas Break, high profile instructors will be brought in and paid. Andrew Foster questioned that amount proposed for travel, suggested we will still need \$200 to support travel to BCSRA Council meetings. Herb Harzan supported this idea <u>Motion</u> Andrew Foster moved, seconded by Herb Harzan to increase the amount allocated for travel to \$200 – motion carried. Herb Harzan asked a question about commercial versus volunteer hosting for the VISRA website. The website is a tangible and positive component of VISRA and it important. Ryan Perkins indicated that the amount allocated in the budget is sufficient for commercial hosting. <u>Motion</u> Dan Greco moved, seconded by Larry Cade that the amended budget be approved. Motion carried. It was observed that a resolution passed at the BCSRA Spring Council meeting to forego membership fees for members who sit on BCSA boards. Does this apply to VISRA. Herb Harzan indicated that this is a fact. VISRA will not collect membership fees from Bob Hope.
Adjournment	Moved by Al McDonald; seconded by Tiberio de Frias

Meeting Adjourned: 8:44 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, Sep 20h 2004, Gorge Soccer Clubhouse, Hampton Park

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Firestone

VISRA 2004-05 Budget

Part 1: Fixed Expenses

Forecast Expenditure

Admin/Office	\$ 100.00
Travel	\$ 100.00
Council Meeting	\$ 200.00
Education and Materials	\$ 400.00
Website	\$ 100.00
Executive Perogative	\$ 200.00

Forecast Revenue

Class 3's and Lower- 50x20	\$ 1,000.00
Class 4's	\$ 75.00
Ways and Means	\$ 225.00

Total \$ ~~1,100.00~~
1,200.00

Total \$ 1,300.00

Expected Surplus of \$200

Part 2: Discretionary Expenses

Forecast Expenditures

Standardization (25x20)	\$ 500.00
Course Re-imburement	\$ 500.00
Referee Symposium	\$ 500.00

Forecast Income

Leagues Contribution to Stand....	\$ 500.00
2004-05 Surplus	\$ 200.00
Referee Admission to Symposium	\$ 350.00
Game Fees Account	\$ 450.00

Total \$ 1,500.00
1,600.00

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Current Account Balances as of Aug 16, 2004

Chequing	\$ 492.44
Game Fees Account	\$ 582.32
Savings	\$ 5,767.55
GIC	\$ 2,000.00

Total \$ 8,842.31