

## VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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### Regular Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.

**February 20, 2006**

**Members: 25**

**Apologies: 5**

**Guests: 3**

<b>Moment of Silence</b>	A moment of silence was observed to honour the late Henri Jeanpierre. Dan Greco noted that flowers were sent on behalf of the association.
<b>VISL Discipline Co-Chair</b> Scott Metson	A summary of the presentation that Scott made is attached.
<b>Education</b> Jason Austin	
<b>Minutes</b>	Reviewed & Accepted. Moved, Andrew Foster; seconded, Al MacDonald
<b>Correspondence</b> Rick Firestone	Nil
<b>Registrar</b> Rick Firestone	No change.
<b>Treasurer</b> Sergiu Surdu	CSRA ADM costs: Social - \$162.24; Reception - \$136.00; Lunch - TBA
<b>Ways and Means</b>	A blue short-sleeve referee jersey (w black pin-stripes) is the raffle prize is held over for future meeting.
<b>Mentorship</b> Herb Harzan	There has not been much enthusiasm from assessors. People are too busy. Herb asks that members who have not had a check approach him if they would like one. Also let him know when you have a suitable game.
<b>Assessments</b> Herb Harzan	Let Herb know if you want an assessment and have sent your fee in. Also let Herb know of changes to field assignments when you expect an assessment.
<b>Library</b> Philippe Ménard	New resources are arriving. Thanks to Jason Austin for the FIFA Development Video.
<b>BCSRA</b> Larry Cade	<p>Elvio Chies forwarded the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) CSRA Secretary Eric Evans sent sincere thanks from the CSRA Executive for a job well done on the CSRA AGM in January.</li> <li>2) BCSRA AGM will be held in May in Vancouver Area. Target date is May 6<sup>th</sup> but cannot be confirmed until the first week of March. The Long &amp; Meritorious Service Award will be presented to Len Bridgeman. The John Nielsen Referee Education Award will be officially unveiled.</li> <li>3) Flag and Whistle Newsletter is in lay-out process. Should be released shortly.</li> <li>4) Upcoming Internationals in Victoria that may involve support to referees:              March 4<sup>th</sup> - Women - Canada vs Netherlands              May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Men's U20 - Canada vs Brazil</li> <li>5) World Cup Pool - appears to be sufficient interest. Options being assessed. Expect ticket sales at beginning of April.</li> <li>6) Compliments to VISRA R&amp;R Officer, Phil Ménard. Keep up good work and see if liaison with North and Central VI is possible.</li> <li>7) Malcolm Cowie, VISRA North &amp; National Assessor, is now at home recuperating after hospitalization.</li> </ol>
<b>LIWSA &amp; VISL</b> Dan Greco	Referee reports are being submitted late. VISRA has agreed with VISL and LIWSA intentions to withhold game fees for second offences. LIWSA cards are to be checked.
<b>LISA</b> Mike Seal	Soccer Night with the Salmon Kings \$12 tickets.
<b>BCSA Ref Coordinator</b> Mike Seal	<p><u>Clinics</u></p> <p>Class 4 - Jun 2, 3, 4 - Gordon Head Fieldhouse, Tyndall Park              Class 3 - May 12, 13, 14 - Bays United at Henderson Rd. Must register 1 month before (April 12<sup>th</sup>)              Class 2 - Apr 28, 29, 30 - Gorge at Hampton Park              Register Online (still down) or by email or by telephone. Fee must be at BC Soccer at least</p>

	<p>1 week prior to clinic. A minimum of 15 are required for the clinic to go ahead. Also there may be a need for billeting for up-island referees.</p> <p>Class 3 referees should take advantage of this opportunity - it costs a lot more to go to the mainland for clinics.</p> <p><u>Fitness Test Dates</u></p> <p>Wednesday - May 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Oak Bay High  Wednesday - Jun 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Oak Bay High  Saturday - Aug 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Oak Bay High  Wednesday - Sep 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - Oak Bay High</p> <p><u>Refresher Clinics</u></p> <p>Expect mass refresher clinics in Victoria again - dates TBA  Sooke - Sep 10<sup>th</sup>  Salt Spring - Sep 16<sup>th</sup>  Duncan - Sep 24<sup>th</sup></p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><u>CSRA AGM Preps</u></p> <p>The event was well attended. BCSRA has expressed its thanks to VISRA for hosting this success.</p> <p><u>Beep Flags</u></p> <p>still tabled.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p><u>Ed Hipsey Award</u> - Andrew Foster</p> <p>Andrew displayed the permanent award that has been created. Nominations of worth youth referees are being solicited. Andrew will contact the youth association referee coordinators.</p> <p><u>Y League Referee Program</u> - Andrew Foster</p> <p>Andrew will again coordinate the Y League referee program including scheduling, mentorship, training, and fitness. Tiberio de Frias will assist.</p> <p>The program will be advertised on the LISA website.</p> <p>It is intended to raise the standards in this second year of the program.</p> <p>There will be a selection process for the 20 referees required for the program.</p> <p>Last year referees were sent to games on the mainland as well as to the Y League finals in Florica.</p> <p>Herb Harzan enquired about funding saying that VISRA shouldn't be paying for travel to the Y League finals.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved by Cam Neish; seconded by Boris Glazar

**Meeting Adjourned:** 20:45 pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 20th 2006**

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Rick Firestone***

## Presentation by VISL Discipline Co-Chair Scott Metson

### Game Reports

Game and Discipline Reports are not always being submitted within 48 hours of the game. This causes problems with the discipline process and ensuring that it is completed in a timely manner.

In accord with BC Soccer regulations, VISL is implementing the following sanctions: the first time that a report is late the referee will receive a warning; the second time VISL will withhold the game fee. This problem is most significant with Div 1 and Div 2 games.

### Report Writing

Not enough information is being provided in Game and Discipline Reports. This is especially the case with Send-Off Reports (red cards). For the discipline process to work properly it is very important that the information be specific, detailed, and precise. Write a book, if necessary. Include every thing that you possibly can put into the report. Scott or Vince will call for additional information if they require it.

Report every thing. Recently there was a brawl in a game with punches thrown but VISL could not do anything about it because the referee did not report anything.

### Caution Reports

Often reports include the player number but not the name. Make sure that the player's name and number are both reported in the reports.

Tiberio de Frias suggested that referees ensure that they record the name and number of the offender(s) when giving the card, then check the information against the team list at half time or at full time. Any discrepancies can be checked then with team management.

### Team Lists

Check the team lists when they are submitted. Check players being reported against the team lists to ensure that names and numbers match and report if they are not correct. VISL will fine teams if lists are not correct.

### Player Permits

Permits must be submitted for 'called up' players. These permits must be submitted on the proper forms. Report on this to VISL as well.

Brian Burger enquired whether VISL has considered giving fines as well as suspensions as discipline for cards.

Scott replied that this has been discussed and is probable for next year. There will be a fee instituted next year to appeal suspensions.

Christian Hauer suggested that teams lists should be required to be submitted before the game, not just by half time.

### Feed-back from VISL Members

Scott said that VISL has been getting feedback from its members that not enough cards are being given for bad tackling and nasty fouls, especially tackles from behind. This year the discipline chairs have really increased the amount of suspension games given for offences.

The VISL would like to see more cards being given.

Recently a referee was pushed during a game. The player has been given a 2 year suspension that BC Soccer will uphold.

ID cards will only be in place this year for Provincial Cup games.

Herb Harzan said that referees have frequently reported problems with fields, with teams not having anchors for goals, with players jewellery.

Scott replied that he agreed that VISL has been lax in ensuring that teams are aware of the VISL's own rules.