

VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Gordon Head Soccer Association Fieldhouse, Victoria, B.C.

February 15, 2007

Members: 25

Apologies: 7

Guests: 2

VISL Presentation Vince Greco	Vince presented information in his capacity as VISL Discipline Chair Remarks attached.
Minutes	Reviewed & Accepted. Moved, Mark McNally-Dawes; seconded, Boris Glazar
Correspondence Rick Firestone	BCSRA - CSRA AGM Information
Registrar Rick Firestone	Membership for 2006-07 including registration this evening is 65.
Treasurer Sergiu Surdu	Expenses have been paid to members for their travel to the CSRA AGM. <u>VISL and LIWSA Rebate of VISRA Registration Fees</u> VISRA has received funds from the VISL and the LIWSA to pay VISRA members a 50% rebate of their membership dues. Sergiu suggested that members consider donating this rebate back to VISRA to be used for education purposes.
Ways and Means Aaron Thompson	50 / 50 tonight. Golf shirts @ \$20, toques @ \$12, badges @ \$8. So far have contributed \$115 in revenue.
Mentorship Tony Troughton	Tony Troughton - regrets
Assessments Herb Harzan	Nil.
Library Boris Glazar	Anyone who knows of any good referee education material (books, videos) please advise Boris so that he can purchase the material with the budgeted funds.
BCSRA Larry Cade	From BCSRA President (and CSRA 2 nd Vice-President) Elvio Chies: Thank you to VISRA members who attended the recent CSRA AGM in North Vancouver. Congratulations to Simon Fearn who will be at the CONCACAF U20 qualifying tournament in Mexico this week. Larry spoke of a recent incident that underscored the necessity for referees to think alike as a team.
CSRA Tony Troughton	Tony reported the results of the elections: New President is Joe Locandro of Ontario, Larry Eloy of Manitoba remains Treasurer, with Rich Carman of Ontario confirmed as Secretary. Tony returns as First Vice-President and BSRA President Elvio Chies was elected Second Vice-President. Alex Milne reported that the meeting went well with each province submitting annual reports. Six VISRA members were in attendance in addition to Tony. It is of concern that only BC, Ontario and Manitoba are represented and really active. The Maritimes, Québec, Saskatchewan, and Alberta were not represented. The afternoon presentation by Hector Vergara, World Club Championship Finals, Olympic and two-time World Cup Assistant Referee from Winnipeg was well attended. Hectors passion for and dedication to soccer were evident and he stated his new goal of officiating at the 2010 World Cup. Hector spoke of his recent experiences leading up to and at the 2006 World Cup where he did 5 games. Lessons for young referees include that if you want to move up and be the best you have to put in the time and make the effort. You have to be prepared at all times to go when called and always put in your best effort and performance.
VISL Dan Greco	
LIWSA Dan Greco	
LISA Mike Seal	Mike send his regrets - he is in Mexico.
BCSA Ref Coordinator	Phil Ménard reported that he has been pestering José Branco at BS Soccer to get a Class

Mike Seal	1 Clinic to be run this spring.
Old Business	<u>U20 World Cup Tickets</u> - Rick Firestone VISRA has 19 Bronze tickets packages remaining. Cost is \$122 each. These tickets must be sold to meet our commitment to the Victoria Site Organizing Committee.
New Business	<u>AGM</u> - Dan Greco There is only one more meeting prior to the AGM. Positions to be elected this year are President, Treasurer and Director 1. Dan indicated that he will not be returning as President.
50 / 50	\$10 pot won by Cam Neish.
Adjournment	Moved by Tiberio de Frias; seconded by Gus Uriegas

Meeting Adjourned: 20:45 pm

**Next Meeting: 7:15 pm, Monday, March 19th 2007,
Gordon Head Fieldhouse, Tyndall Park**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Firestone

Presentation to VISRA February Meeting
Vince Greco, VISL Discipline Director
19 February 2007

Late Discipline Reports

Vince said that he had come to the meeting to vent on the serious situation of Discipline Reports being submitted late.

This is a serious matter because late reports affect the timeliness of suspensions. The whole discipline process only works when the reports are submitted in time. Up to now he has been fairly relaxed on giving warnings and taking away game fees as the BCSA rules allow. In the past week 2 discipline reports were submitted late that were the third caution reports on the players. If reports aren't submitted on time the VISL Discipline Page can not be updated if reports are not in on time. BC Soccer requires reports to be submitted within 48 hours of the match. There will be no leeway from here on. Referees will receive warnings and risk forfeiting their match fees.

Violent Conduct

There has been a lot of Violent Conduct recently including head butts for example. Suspensions are being administered by the book.

Abuse and Language

Abuse of officials is not being tolerated. Three game suspensions will be handed out for verbal abuse. The intent is to clear this situation up for the players. Most want to go out and play without this nonsense. Clarity in Reports is vital. It is very important that referees are explicit in their reporting. Quote exactly what a player says and the appropriate sanction will be applied. The language and how loud it is are important. If everyone in the park can hear it then there is no latitude. Referees must deal with it.

Play-offs

Accumulation of cards carries over from league play into play-offs. This may be different in BC provincial play.

VISRA

The VISL board has discussed using only VISRA members for their matches. It is mandatory that referees officiating matches for the VISL be registered with BC Soccer.

Permits

If a player who is the subject of a Discipline Report is playing on a permit this must be recorded in the report and also in the Game Report.

Details

Make sure that you get the name of both the player and the team correct.