

VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Regular Meeting Minutes Vantreights Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C., January 21, 2002

Members: 30

Guests: 2

Apologies: 6

Education Tony Troughton / Bob Hope	Dissent - Article in BCSRA Handbook by Graham Anderson.
Call to Order	8:25 p.m.
Recognition of Guests	Al Docherty, Fraser Valley Soccer Referees Association
Adoption of Minutes	Moved: Herb Harzan; Seconded: Roy Pugh
Correspondence	Minutes of BCSRA Winter Council Meeting Letter from VISRA to U Vic re: Referee Scheduling Letter from Roy Pugh requesting re-imburement on passing Class 2 exam Brochure on All Sport Insurance / BCSA Insurance Program See Bob Hope below:
Treasurer Mike Wignall	Pay checks are available, please check and advise of any errors or omissions. No current bank statement
Ways & Means Andy Foster	New VISRA & BCSRA badges available. VISRA Golf Shirts are available at \$30
BCSRA Randy Stenner	Winter Council meeting was held January 6 th VISRA: - Minutes Attached Ed Hipsey, VISRA, & Hans Clodius received Long & Meritorious Service Awards Proposal to increase Game Fees is moving ahead Proposal to move to an annual BCSRA Badge with date was tabled, there is discussion ongoing about BCSA/BCSRA badges. Expect further prior to Spring Council Secretary position continues vacant and volunteers are sought Proposal to seek Full Member status in BCSA was tabled
BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord - Bob Hope	BCSA has developed a Discipline Tracking Website at http://discipline.publicnetworks.com/ This website allows Game and Discipline reports to be filed online for Youth games only. It ensures that the report will get to the correct person. It is not coupled to the Game Fee payment system for VISRA Please take a moment to visit the site and check it out. You are required to log in. username is your BCSA Registration Number; password for first use is your Postal Code (no spaces) - it must then be changed A Referee Feedback Form is available on this home page to permit anyone (coach, player, manager, family member, spectator) to make Observations on the performance of any referee in any game The All Sport Insurance / BCSA Insurance program was mentioned. You can view the brochure on line at: http://www.soccerbc.com/pdf/27748%20AllSport-Soccer.PDF BCSA is in the process of changing the registration date for Referees so that referees register just prior to the start of the season but it is not yet official. Refresher training will also be done in August / September to work together with Registration. (see: BCSRA Website at: http://www.bcsra.com/index.html)

Referee Scheduler Paul Almeida	Schedules have not yet been completed beyond the end of January due to the missed games recently. Expect a schedule from Paul by email, phone, fax or other means. Primary contact for Paul at this time is phone 479-0636 or Fax 381-6131
Old Business Updates Werner Schwan	<u>Fitness:</u> Fitness Tests will be conducted at 6:30 pm at Oak Bay High School on the following dates: 8 May, 26 June, 28 August, and 18 September. <u>Standardization Committee:</u> Has still not gotten going. Some funds will be not be expended. Still important to getting running, certainly for next year. <u>Membership Committee:</u> The Membership Committee is to meet next week to look at ways to improve VISRA's profile with Senior Class 4s and other newer referees. <u>Metro Contract:</u> Has still not been signed. Communication is still difficult as LISA appears to have other priorities. <u>Letter to Vantreights:</u> A letter is to be drafted on behalf of VISRA to thank Vantreights for the use of the hall for meetings.
NEW BUSINESS:	<u>Ed - Hipsey Recognition:</u> There has been discussion of a desire to do something on a continuing basis to recognize Ed Hipsey for his referee efforts since he achieved Class 3 in England in 1946. After discussion it was decided to create an award in the form of a plaque to be presented annually to the most outstanding/accomplished Class 4 referee. Youth associations will each nominate one of their referees. These referees will then be assessed to evaluate them and one selected for the award each year. <u>New Class 1:</u> Larry Cade (absent) has obtained Class 1. This is to be presented to him at the next meeting which he attends. <u>Refresher Dates:</u> Will be announced when determined. <u>Unruly Crowds:</u> There are reports of Assistant Referees (and Referees) being given a hard time by unruly crowds. Referees are to support their assistants. Offenders are to be reported by name. <u>Spring Council:</u> Date TBA <u>Annual Badges:</u> It is the consensus of VISRA, following discussion, that annual BCSRA badges are not supported. There is significant concern over the cost of such a program. <u>Constitution:</u> A draft constitution dividing VISRA into chapters has been prepared. More work is still needed to get it correct. It is to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting so there are 3 months to get it done. A copy is attached. Motion: The presented draft Constitution be accepted as having been given First Reading. Moved: Bob Hope; Seconded: Tony Troughton Note: Tony Troughton was elected First Vice President of the Canadian Soccer Referees Association at its recent meeting.
Adjournment	Moved: Danny Hood; Seconded: Jim Onischuk

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 19th, 2002

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Firestone

Attached:
BCSRA Winter Council Meeting Minutes