

VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.,
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Members: 38

Guests: 0

Apologies: 6

Education Tony Troughton	Video - Esfandiar Baharmast, US Soccer, Presentation to BCSA National Referee/Assessor Symposium
Minutes	Reviewed and Accepted
Correspondence Rick Firestone	Letter of Resignation - Andrea Mattson LISA Vision for the Future BCSA 2004 Fitness Dates
Registrar Rick Firestone	No change in membership Herb Harzan - A review of VISRA vs BCSA registration shows that a number of VISRA members are not shown as being registered with BC Soccer. Any referee, can join VISRA; however, to be active a referee must register with BC Soccer in order to get game assignments. We are attempting to speak to each VISRA member, not on the BCSA list, individually. Some could be administrative problems. Any one not registered with BCSA should get registered now. VISRA Life Members do not pay VISRA membership fees but should still pay BCSRA/CSRA fees to be members in good standing.
Treasurer Darin Shimell	Total on hand \$1,394.16
VISRA Scheduler Herb Harzan for Paul Almeida	February Schedule has been prepared but is not yet distributed. Mike Seal - Yesterday there were 4 games scheduled for Carnarvon and it is obvious that they could not all be played there and would require re-scheduling. Can the Referee Scheduler please check into situations like this and address similar situations in advance. Herb Harzan said that the scheduler tried to address the situation but most of the difficulties result from the way that LIWSA does it scheduling by division and club.
Standardization Tony Troughton	All VISRA assessors have been emailed a document on positioning.
Assessments Tiberio de Frias	Everything is on track. There are outstanding requests from 7 different referees, some with multiple requests. Talk to the schedulers to ensure that you are assigned to games appropriate for assessment.
Library Andrew Foster	Andrew will be cataloguing the VISRA library to have a list available and also posted on the website: www.visra.org
BCSRA Darin Shimell for Dan Greco	<u>Game Fees</u> BCSA did approve an increase in the Referee Game fee to \$50 and \$25 for Assistant Referee fee. This will be in effect next season as it was not included in budgets for the current season.
CSRA Tony Troughton	Hector Vergara did not attend the CSRA AGM as he was assigned to a tournament in Qatar. Simon Fearn, Alex Milne and William Hoyle made presentations in the education segment of the meeting. BCSRA hosted the CSRA AGM with VISRA as the local Referee Association. Tony suggested that VISRA pay \$80 for hosting Simon Fearn and his wife to dinner. Moved by Christian Hauer, seconded by Danny Hood - Carried Herb Harzan said that the meeting went really well, there were several comments from attendees from out of town that Victoria was the best site ever. A big vote of thanks to Tony Troughton and Andrew Foster for all the work that they did on our behalf and to Simon Fearn as Guest Speaker.

VISL Danny Hood	Cup play is starting. In the Round Robin portion play is 2x45s - a tie is a tie. For Jackson Cup and Challenge Cup a result is required - add 2x15 (Golden Goal) and then Kicks from the Penalty Mark
LISA Mike Seal	LISA Vision for the Future has been produced. It is a discussion paper to see if it will work. It is posted on the LISA website (www.lowerislandsoccer.com) and you can go there to check it out for yourself. There will be changes. It is an effort to get everyone together to work for the good of the sport.
BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord Mike Seal	Mike reported that he was in Vancouver last weekend to attend a Referee Coordinator Meeting. BCSA's new sportswear sponsor is Diadora. BCSA has received \$50,000 from BC Lotteries to be used exclusively for Referee programs. Some of it will be used to help higher level officials mentor up-and-comers. All registration, for clinics and for referees, is to be done on line. It requires less administrative overhead. Referees can pay their fee either online or by cheque but must do a refresher clinic before registering. Class 4 clinic is an ongoing process - call LISA who is taking names. Class 3 clinic is planned for the end of April or the beginning of May.
Old Business	<u>Legends Fund Raiser</u> Andrea Mattson has resigned. This project will need a new sponsor if it is to go ahead. <u>Education Proposal</u> - Herb Harzan Nothing new. It is expected to schedule dates in February.
New Business	<u>Promotions</u> Darren Clark and Dan Greco have been promoted to Class 1 Rex Craig promoted to Class 2. Simon Ablitt, Douglas Cassels, Terry Russell, and Dave Swinton to Class 3 Mike Seal - the Privacy Act poses a problem in distributing personal information. BCSA does send the Referee Coordinators a list every week but they are not allowed to even pass the list on to schedulers. BCSA is still working on this issue. <u>Election for Director</u> Following the resignation of Andrea Mattson an election is required to fill the position for the rest of the term - til this year's AGM. Darren Clark elected by acclamation.
Adjournment	Moved Larry Cade, seconded Boris Glazar

Meeting Adjourned: 8:48 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, Feb 16th 2004, Gorge Soccer Club House, Hampton Park

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Firestone