

## VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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### Regular Meeting Minutes Vantreights Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C., March 18, 2002

**Members: 30**

**Guests: 1**

**Apologies: 4**

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| <b>Education</b><br>Andy Foster                   | Video - Referee Decisions  |
| <b>Call to Order</b>                              | 8:02 p.m.  |
| <b>Correspondence</b>                             | Letter from John da Silva, Nanaimo, Central Chapter, VISRA<br>BCSA Referee Development Committee February Meeting Minutes  |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Mike Wignall                  | Pay cheques are available, please check and advise of any errors or omissions.<br>Report on state of bank accounts.  |
| <b>Ways &amp; Means</b><br>Andy Foster            | New VISRA & BCSRA badges available.  |
| <b>CSA &amp; BCSRA</b><br>Tony Troughton          | Upcoming CSA Conference Call.<br>Spring Council meeting to be held in Victoria May 4 <sup>th</sup> . Terms of President, Secretary, Treasurer expire & will be filled.<br>4 Areas are requesting Area Association status.<br>FIFA U19 Women's World Championship to be held in August in Edmonton, Vancouver, and Victoria. Expect opportunities to assist with support to referees.<br>BCSRA funds will be set aside, VISRA should ensure that some money is spent in Victoria. Expect possible FIFA Referee Clinic in Edmonton.  |
| <b>BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord</b> - Bob Hope | Referee Clinics will be held May 24-6. Class 3 at Lakehill and Class 4 at Cordova Bay<br>Registration is not going well for the Class 3 clinic. 9 have been assessed with 18 outstanding. Registration is required one month in advance for pre-course study.  |
| <b>Referee Scheduler</b><br>Paul Almeida          | There will be 3 games only Cup Finals week-end March 23/4. Spring Cup at U Vic March 30/1 with 4 games per day.  |
| <b>Old Business Updates</b><br>Werner Schwan      | <u>Ed - Hipsey Award:</u><br>Will be presented in April at the regular meeting following the AGM.<br><br><u>Constitution</u><br>The constitution is on hold. Following the Nanaimo meeting the letter from Nanaimo put forward a position which is incompatible with Societies Act. They want a chapter that has greater legislative power than the parent association.<br>Nanaimo is applying for Area Association status with BCSRA, indicating that they already have standing with BCSA.<br>President sent a letter to Nanaimo revoking chapter status from Central Chapter<br><br><u>Concerns</u><br>Anyone with concerns over scheduling should speak to Werner.<br><br><u>Standardization</u><br>Never got going properly this year. Important not to forget but to ensure it goes ahead next year. |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>                              | <u>Presentation</u><br>Larry Cade - Class 1  |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS:</b> (cont'd)                     | <u>Spring Council:</u> To be held May 4 <sup>th</sup> at Lochside Park, Cordova Bay. The fields will be  |

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|                    | <p>closed so the field at the school will be used for the game. Brian Royer-Collard and Andrew Foster are organizing the event. Brian is to look after the food; Tiberio, Transportation. Danny Hood is to be Team Coach and Manager.</p> <p><u>FIFA U19 Womens' World Championship</u><br/> Victoria venue information:<br/> <a href="http://www.canadasoccer.com/eng/fifa_u19wwc/broch_van-vic.pdf">http://www.canadasoccer.com/eng/fifa_u19wwc/broch_van-vic.pdf</a><br/> <a href="http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/pages/Documents/venuecoordinator.htm">http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/pages/Documents/venuecoordinator.htm</a><br/> <a href="http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/pages/News%20Items/newrelease.htm">http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/pages/News%20Items/newrelease.htm</a><br/> CSA: <a href="http://www.canadasoccer.com/eng/fifa_u19wwc/index.asp">http://www.canadasoccer.com/eng/fifa_u19wwc/index.asp</a></p> <p><u>Upcoming Events:</u> (Bob Hope)<br/> Provincial Cup Seniors, First Round 13-14 April; Quarter-Finals 20-21 April; Semi-Finals 27-28 April; Finals, May 11<sup>th</sup> - see BSCA Website<br/> Nike A Cup Final, July 5-7, Victoria<br/> BC Summer Games, Aug 1-4</p> <p><u>Registration:</u><br/> BCSA Referee Registration is being divided: Interior remains 1 April while Coast moves to 1 October. Packages will be sent out in April, hold until August then sent it in. Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.<br/> Refresher clinics will be held in August and September to ensure that all are current. There will be at least 1 clinic held in each Youth Association. Try to attend these sessions.<br/> <u>BSCRA</u> registrations remains at 1 April</p> <p><u>VISRA Annual General Meeting</u> (Brian Royer-Collard)<br/> Elections are required to fill the positions of the President, Treasurer, and one Director. A Nominating Committee has been struck. Members are encouraged to contact Andy Foster or Brian Royer-Collard to volunteer or to suggest the names of others.</p> |
| <b>Adjournment</b> | Moved: Roy Pugh; Seconded: Herb Harzan  |

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting: April 15th, 2002**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Firestone

**Attachments:**

[Letter](#) from John da Silva, Nanaimo, VISRA Central Chapter  
[Letter](#) from VISRA in reply to John da Silva, Nanaimo

## Minutes

March 9, 2002

Mr. Werner Schwan,  
President, VISRA

CC: BCSRA

Attachment: Local SOP document  
Letter to BCSRA

Dear Werner,

In response to your letter, here are the answers:

1. Yes, we would like to be a member of BCSRA and we have applied already to BCSRA after the apparent failure of VISRA's attempt to introduce a mechanism for the new idea of creating chapters under VISRA (at the beginning it was supposed to be converting VISRA to 3 chapters; there is a big difference as we explained). We have been very supportive of BCSRA so far and have performed very well as a local chapter or association. We invite you to visit our new web-site at: [www.cvisra.homestead.com](http://www.cvisra.homestead.com); you'll also find our amended local operation procedures (local bylaws).
2. We wish to become a BCSRA chapter or area association with or without VISRA. Hopefully with VISRA, it's your call. We are asking for one thing only; let us run our chapter the way we ran it for two years successfully. It is not clear it seems which route it will be, a VISRA chapter? (I seems Northern text is meant to drive us out). At our last meeting two directors commented that there are some up North who resent the formation of a Central Chapter or any BCSA or BCSRA central status and wish to 'rule' the island from Port Hardy to Duncan!.

If it is the wish of VISRA's (someone within) to do without us, we can't help that and all it will take is what happened, unacceptable proposal for us to reject and we would look like the bad boys. If that's the case, our better option is direct membership with BCSRA; hopefully they will understand. If they say no then it wasn't our decision to go independent. As you know, we have an official status with BCSA via BCSA's District branch association and that makes us a legitimate organization within the system, not an outlaw operation. However, we assure you we do indeed wish to work together with VISRA somehow and with good faith by all parties, we believe it is still possible to discuss the issue further and resolve it.

3. We wish to arrive at a system on the island where area association or chapters can communicate and cooperate for the benefit of all referees and as equal members of BCSRA.
4. We are open to any further attempt by you to come to an agreement that would guarantee us the continuation of our present success and the continuation of the approaches we utilized during our two years of operation. We are of course concerned with the apparent desperate desire to create a new level of referee government on the island unnecessarily and in fact at the cost of a serious threat to local development. If you have any working suggestions or ideas or are willing to continue further examination of the situation with us on fair and understanding grounds and with an open mind, we would welcome that.
5. You have repeatedly emailed us and stated that you support the continuation of the present nature of local operation where each chapter is autonomous, running their own business (and doing well). Yet, the proposed text threatens the continuation of our success as we explained. If you can guarantee us that we can continue to use our operational reference document (the local constitution, bylaws, policies and regulations we have been using for two years and we put it in writing and gave you a copy), if you can guarantee us that we can run our own business the same way we did and still effectively do—without interference in local issues by North or South, and that we can continue to use the paper we gave you as our sole business, we have no problem with whatever you want. That is all we want, to be able to continue to use our official reference 100% as is--we wouldn't dare interfere, advise or tell North or South what to do in their area, and we expect the same. Fair enough? We are awaiting the new version of the proposal with anticipation and will do whatever we can to review it quickly.
6. We are concerned with the unrealistic rush as you push to have such critical and very important change achieved in such a hurry just to have it done during your term. This is also wrong. This must not be pressured and must be done right. The consequences of not doing so can be very serious later. Please consider the need for further careful discussion. We must have a chance to examine any proposed text before is presented to Victoria meeting for approval. It is understood that this is not something to be completed in a week when it took two years to start. We must not take short cuts here.

7. We have already emailed you our input on versions 4. We also gave you our input in person at the meeting where all our six committee members were present and five of them were very clearly unanimously in support (not that the sixth wasn't, he just didn't express it the same way). To our knowledge there has been no further versions since. If we were to give you our input in a different fashion, short and sweet, we would say one thing: we want to continue to use our SOP "Standard Operating Procedure" reference we gave you, the local rules and policies document, as is 100%. VISRA, North and South can have any document they want. Simple enough?" We look forward to your input and to meet to discuss any proposal.

We hope this is sufficient answer and again, yes we would welcome joining VISRA, just allow us to continue to work and to serve referees in our area without unnecessarily introductions of negative elements or factors.

We look forward to hearing better news.

John DaSilva, President

(This letter was retyped from a Fax)

## Minutes

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March 16, 2002

Mr. John Da Silva,  
President, VISRA-Central Chapter,  
2365 Westhill Place,  
Nanaimo, B.C.

Dear John,

This letter is to officially inform you that your Chapter status as an interim VISRA – Central Chapter has now been terminated. This means all Chapter privileges and benefits will now be relinquished.

All Nanaimo referees registered with BCSRA and BCSCA are still entitled to all privileges and benefits under the present VISRA Constitution and By-Laws.

VISRA will:

1. Continue with its help, in the developing of referees within VISRA's designated geographical area – Vancouver Island and Powell River.
2. Continue to finalize the new constitution, which will now reflect the two remaining chapters.
3. Continue to schedule referees for which VISRA has scheduling responsibilities regardless of geographical area.
4. Cancel your use of VISRA's Society Number S36357 at your HSBC Branch 101-6551 Aulds Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6K2.
5. Request an audited financial summary for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. This report is to be submitted to VISRA no later than April 8, 2002. The government requires this annual report from all the chapters because of the use of the society number.

The two main problems that were identified were:

1. Your desire to obtain greater identity and power by requesting from BCSRA, Area Association status.  
References: Your letter to VISRA dated March 9, 2002, and CVISRA—Secretary, Paul Gouda letter to BCSRA dated March 8, 2002.
2. Your insistence (in developing the proposed new VISRA Constitution) in limiting the new VISRA Executive to administrative power and no legislative power. This was not acceptable to either the Northern Chapter or Southern Chapter, nor does the Government 's Societies Act (RS Chap. 433 section 18 (1)) allow it.

The Society Act states "A society may, if authorized by its bylaws, establish and maintain one or more branch societies with the powers, not exceeding the power of the society, that the society confers".

*VISRA has left a door open for your return, under the following conditions:*

1. Retract your letter of request for Area Membership from BCSRA, in writing.
2. Uphold the VISRA's Constitution and comply with VISRA's rules and regulations. Time is of the essence. The new Proposed VISRA Constitution will reflect only two chapters at this time.
3. Work in harmony with the other chapters.
4. Submit a letter to VISRA that you wish to be re-instated as a Chapter and that you will adhere to the above conditions.

Your letter to VISRA dated March 11, 2002 will be held in abeyance pending the out come of this situation.

Your response to this letter is requested prior to March 29, 2002.

Yours truly,

Werner Schwan  
President VISRA