

VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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

Members: 35

Guests: 1

Apologies: 5

Education Andrew Foster & Tony Troughton	Keys to Communication
Minutes	Accepted as amended. Moved: Dan Greco, Seconded: Peter Songhurst, Carried
Treasurer Mike Wignall	<p>Thank you to all who completed the assignment log and sent it in. It is a real help to be able to reconcile the log with the schedule.</p> <p>Anyone who has paid membership dues but has not completed a current registration form should complete the form and get it to Mike as soon as possible. You can find the forms online at www.visra.org. Either print or down-load a copy and get it to Mike. Electronic copies can be sent to Mike at m_wignall@hotmail.com</p> <p>There will a cheque handling fee applied to all game fees for cheques of referees (other than youth) who are not members of VISRA. So get registered.</p> <p>Any errors or omissions in fee payments should be sent to Mike as soon as possible.</p>
Ways & Means Andrew Foster	There are BSCRA badges available. More VISRA Badges will be procured and made available for sale.
VISL Liaison Mike Seal	VISL is somewhat concerned that there have been a few player injuries due to bad tackles that have gone unpunished.
LIWSA Liaison Suzanne Flannigan	Report by Randy Stenner - LIWSA has responded in a positive way to the VISRA letter requesting games be cancelled the week-end of the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup and have directed teams to re-schedule their games for that week-end.
LISA (Metro)	Nil
Assessments Herb Harzan for Tiberio de Frias	<p>Tiberio sends his regrets.</p> <p>Several assessments have been conducted and the program is running well. Everyone is reminded to send in their applications. The promotion board will be sitting in November.</p> <p><u>Standardization Program</u></p> <p>The Standardization Program is in-house assessments of all referees paid by VISRA. While it was supposed to begin last year it did not get going but has begun this year and 10 have been done. The idea is to develop better referees by providing a common standard. It will benefit all, as some referees are not putting in for formal assessments. It is good public relations with the leagues as it shows our determination toward self-improvement. The program is completely separate from the formal BCSA assessment. There is no score. It is a narrative of suggestions for improvement that is kept in-house. All have been received in a positive way so far and the assessors have been impressed with the overall quality of refereeing.</p> <p>There is a verbal de-brief at the end of the game and a written report that is kept on file with-in the organization but is not mailed to the individual. The referee can access the file through the assessment coordinator.</p> <p>Don't argue or debate the de-brief, please take it as positively intended criticism to improve the individual and collective quality of refereeing.</p> <p>The assessments are done at random and are not an indication of a complaint or problem.</p>

BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord Mike Seal	Liaison with the Youth Soccer Associations is continuing. A VISRA liaison to Prospect Lake is needed - Brian Barker volunteered. Assessors are needed in the Area. The cost of the course is \$100. <u>Refresher</u> Several people have contacted Mike to say that they have not attended a refresher yet this year and are looking for one. People that need a refresher please contact Mike so that one can be organized - a minimum of 15 referees are required to put one on. 122 Class 4 Referees have registered with BCSA and their fee has been paid by LISA. There will be a Class 4 clinic on 15,16,17 November. Fee is \$50 A Class 4 clinic was held on the week-end with 15 new referees (5 new VISRA Members) Instructor clinics are by invitation from BC Soccer - upon request of the individual referee.
CSRA Tony Troughton	CSA meeting will be held the 3 rd Saturday in January in Calgary. FIFA World Cup Assistant Referee Hector Vergara is to speak.
BCSRA Randy Stenner	Fall Council meeting to be held this coming week-end in Vancouver. Volunteers are requested. Tony Troughton sends his regrets.
Referee Scheduler Danny Hood	When you receive either a schedule or specific assignment or change by email please reply to Danny to acknowledge that you have it. The schedule is now complete and available several weeks ahead again. Please don't double send reports - send by one means only.
Old Business	Nil
New Business	<u>Registration List</u> There is still no good VISRA Membership List. Everyone needs to help by getting registered and by ensuring that your information is correct and up-to-date. This is important as VISRA members are to be given preference for game assignments. <u>Scheduling Contracts</u> At present there is only 1 signed contract, with LIWSA. VISL and Metro are being worked on. <u>Forecast of Expenditures</u> The VISRA Forecast of Expenditures for FY 2002/03 was presented showing: Standardization \$700.00 Travel \$300.00 Spring Council Meeting \$400.00 Clinic Re-imburement \$700.00 Office Expenditures \$300.00 Education/Library \$200.00 - Total \$2,600.00 There is sufficient cash on hand and revenues to cover this amount with-out a levy. Additional expenditures would be on a case-by-case basis and would require specific approval. Motion to approve: Danny Hood, Second Christian Hauer - motion carried. <u>Specific Expenditure</u> - Tony Troughton A receipt in the amount of \$28.29 for hosting the officials of the Canada-Australia match. Motion to approve: Christian Hauer, Second: Danny Hood. <u>Risk Management</u> - Len Bridgeman Any referees doing Youth games must submit the proper Risk Management forms. <u>Request to Purchase a VCR</u> - Tony Troughton A VCR is required for replication. Move \$125 allocation, Second Len Bridgeman Mike Seal - LISA is creating a video-copying centre at the LISA office. Mike will ask for a VCR from LISA as part of the legacy from the U19 Women's World Championship. Tony tabled the motion. <u>Unaffiliated Soccer</u> BCSA Director Bob Hope indicates that High School, University, and Military soccer is considered 'unaffiliated'. The only effect is that regular assignments should not be refused to accept any of these games. Universities are affiliated - with CSA, not BCSA.
Adjournment	

Meeting Adjourned: 9:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 18th 2002

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Firestone