

## VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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### Regular Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.,  
**Oct 20, 2003**

**Members: 40**

**Guests: 1**

**Apologies: 8**

<b>Education</b> Andrew Foster	Game and Discipline Report Writing Videos - Offside
<b>Minutes</b>	Accepted, moved Sal Johal, seconded Sergiu Surdu
<b>Correspondence</b> Rick Firestone	Minutes of the BCSA Referee Development Committee – 9 Sep 2003 Minutes of the Referee Assessment Committee Meeting – 16 Sep 2003 The Football Pages
<b>Registrar</b> Rick Firestone	75 members now registered for 2003-04 plus 4 new registrations this evening
<b>Treasurer</b> Darin Shimell	Total on hand \$9,190.58
<b>Ways and Means</b> Andrea Mattson	Fund-raising function proposed for Legends Night Club on a Friday evening in January or February. Legends would provide VISRA with 200 tickets to sell at a price that we would set. All Cover Charge until 11pm would also go to VISRA. We would supply one or more people to collect the Cover Charge.
<b>Paymaster</b> Dan Greco	Castaways Tournament game fees cheques are dated Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> – do not cash until Friday. \$2.50 has been deducted from each game fee of \$35. Master Pay Sheet is available for viewing after the meeting.
<b>VISRA Scheduler</b> Paul Almeida	November schedules have been distributed by email, hard copies for those without email. You must confirm receipt of the schedules and acceptance of your games to Paul, otherwise he will call you for your confirmation.
<b>Assessments</b> Tiberio de Frias	To maintain your status you must complete your fitness test, refresher training, and assessment annually. Get your assessment requests in to BCSA, with cheque.
<b>BCSRA</b> Dan Greco	Nil. Herb Harzan – the BCSRA Fall Council Meeting is being hosted by Fraser Valley on Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> . VISRA is entitled to have 8 members attend. Ferry passenger and meal costs are reimbursable. Those wishing to attend advise Herb soon.
<b>LIWSA Liaison</b> Rachelle Dyer	LIWSA President Rachelle Dyer attended to introduce herself. 1) LIWSA is participating in the Lower Island Referee Development Committee and is pleased to see an Up and Coming Referees group started 2) Game and Discipline Reports must be filed right away. They are required so the league can take appropriate action. LIWSA intends to cross-reference fee invoices with completed game reports 3) Any referees with issues for the league should contact the appropriate member of the executive who are all listed on the website <a href="http://www.liwsa.com">www.liwsa.com</a> 4) LIWSA is looking into doing on-line Game and Discipline Reporting on their website. They wish to capture information into a database for their own records Herb Harzan advised that he has received information on 'delinquent' game reports fromCarolynn Ablitt and will be taking action. Christian Hauer complimented LIWSA on their new website. Rachelle indicated that LIWSA hopes to increase the number of teams in Premier Division in the next few years.

<b>VISL</b> Danny Hood	Everything is great. Paul's November schedule has been received and the VISL November schedule should be published and distributed by next weekend.
<b>LISA Liaison</b> Mike Seal	<p>LISA is registering (and paying for) 105 Class 4 referees that have completed Refresher Clinics as well as 64 new Class 4 referees that have completed the Class 4 Clinic since April.</p> <p>It is intended to run a Class 4 clinic at Hampton using a new format with 3 hrs each on Mondays Nov 3, 10, and 17 followed by 8 hours on Sunday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are already 16 registered. Phone the LISA office to register.</p> <p>Christian Hauer asked about the new Education Committee</p> <p>Mike responded that LISA has initiated a Referee Development Committee to focus on education, mentorship, and standardization with representatives from all elements of the Lower Island soccer community. The committee will need funding to do its work and is developing a package with a dollar value to go to the leagues to request funding. VISL and LISA have money for development accumulated from player registration fees.</p> <p>The program is to include on-field training for targeted, identified up and coming Class 4s. It is hoped to begin sometime this season.</p> <p>It is hoped to have one education session per month for all classes including Class 4 and 5. It is to be apart from the VISRA sessions.</p> <p>VISRA members can expect to be asked to be mentors, to go out to observe and give pointers to young referees.</p>
<b>BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord</b> Mike Seal	<p>BC Soccer has approved the design of an annual badge that will go to all Class 4 and up referees. The badge will feature the BC Crest with a soccer ball replacing the sun.</p> <p>Remember that new Class 4s are entitled to 1 free assessment. Call Mike and he will make the arrangements.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	<u>Nil</u>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Herb Harzan – Don Mangano's son passed away. VISRA sent flowers.</p> <p><u>Meeting Venue</u> – There have been a number of complaints over the last couple of years about the shortcomings of the Vantreights Clubhouse. Gordon Head requires a fee of at least \$50 per meeting. Gorge has now offered to host VISRA meetings at no charge but has no license for Mondays. Do members prefer to stay with Monday or prefer to change to Thursday to permit bar? Unanimous to stay with Monday. Larry Cade asked whether the concession could be open to buy Coke etc. Due to commitment to Class 4 clinic VISRA will return to Vantreights for November meeting. Letter will be drafted to thank Vantreights for hosting VISRA for the last couple of years.</p> <p><u>Andrea Mattson</u> – has initiated getting a group of up and coming referees together in a small group to discuss refereeing with a view to self-improvement. Herb indicated that he had discussed making this a formal initiative of VISRA but that had been rejected as being too restrictive.</p> <p><u>Andrew Foster</u> – VISRA has had a different format Christmas Party each of the last 2 years. A sit down dinner at McMorran's and an informal pot-luck at Gordon Head. Please think about this year's Christmas Party and contact Andrew to help plan and organize for the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Rick Firestone</u> – proposed offering to provide Club Linesman Clinic(s) for LIWSA (and other leagues as req'd)</p> <p>Rachelle Dyer's initial reaction was that this could be a good idea. LIWSA also wants to better educate its players on the Laws of the Game.</p> <p><u>50 / 50 Draw</u> - \$30 to new member Sergiu Surdu</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved Larry Cade, seconded Boris Glazar.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, Nov 17th 2003, Vantreights Club House**

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Rick Firestone**