

## VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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### Regular Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.

**Oct 17, 2005**

**Members: 34**

**Apologies: 4**

**Guests: 5**

<b>VISL</b> Kjeld Brodsgaard & Vince Greco	At their request VISL President Kjeld Brodsgaard & Discipline Chair Vince Greco made a presentation. Please read the attached synopsis.
<b>Education</b> Jason Austin	
<b>Minutes</b>	Reviewed and Accepted. Moved, Boris Glazar; seconded, David Karp
<b>Correspondence</b> Rick Firestone	Nil
<b>Registrar</b> Rick Firestone	Registration year ended 30 September. There is a one month grace period so please register now, our budget depends on our registration.
<b>Treasurer</b> Sergiu Surdu	Nil Report
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b> Dan Greco & Simon Fearn	2 Golf shirts donated by Titan Sports are prizes for this evening's raffle.
<b>Mentorship</b> Herb Harzan	Dan Greco confirmed that VISL has agreed to continue its financial contribution to the mentorship program. We are awaiting a decision from LIWSA. Herb indicated that the program is making better progress this year than in the past. Several assessors have been participating and 9 checks have already been completed. The goal is to do 1 per member per year. Last year a total of 16 were completed. David Karp asked whether it is necessary to apply. No, Herb sends the Referee Schedule to all assessors and highlights the names of referees that have not had a check done. Christian Hauer asked how long it takes for the referee to receive the report. Herb said that it is normally done by email and should take less than a week. If it can not be sent by email a hard copy will be delivered at the next VISRA meeting.
<b>Assessments</b> Herb Harzan	3 assessments were completed in the last week and there are now no outstanding assessments.
<b>Library</b> Philippe Ménard	Phil absent due to illness.
<b>BCSRA</b> Larry Cade	Fall Council will be held Saturday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> in Surrey. Members wishing to attend should contact Larry for coordination. Recruitment and Retention is continuing. Dan Greco said that Andy Foster has stepped down from this position and that Phil Ménard has stepped forward to assume the position. The primary job is to get members to renew.
<b>LIWSA</b> Boris Glazar	Nil
<b>VISL</b>	Points covered in earlier session.
<b>LISA</b> Mike Seal	Anyone doing a youth game can report online on the LISA website. Only Metro games should be reported using the VISRA website. A list of referee class clinics is posted on the LISA and VISRA websites as well as BCSA. LISA has not sent in the cheque to register the Class 4 Referees yet.
<b>BCSA Ref Coordinator</b> Mike Seal	The BCSA website online registration system has been down. There is an email address on the website that you can registrations to. Refreshers have now been completed. Anyone who still needs a refresher should provide their name to the VISRA Secretary, Rick Firestone. Mike will be talking to all Youth Associations and if there is sufficient need he will try to get another refresher from BCSA. Fitness tests have also finished. Alex Milne is agreeable to run additional sessions if there is sufficient need.

	Mike Siefert former FIFA and National referee from Calgary has been appointed Referee Technical Director for BC Soccer. Expect changes and developments following his arrival at the end of November. His job will be strictly referees and referee development and we should see new things coming.
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><u>Travel</u> - Dan Greco Last year travel paid 36¢/km but will pay 43¢/km with an additional \$5 for the ferry.</p> <p><u>Game Fees</u> - Dan Greco VISL will pay \$50 for all games while LIWSA will pay \$60 for premier and \$50 for other games. Assistant Referees will be paid \$25 a game.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p><u>Christmas Party</u> - Phil Ménard and Andy Foster have agreed to spearhead planning for a Christmas Party.</p> <p><u>BCSRA Meritorious Service Award</u> Werner Schwan has nominated Len Bridgeman for this award. Len has recently retired from referee activities on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a referee. Dan Greco nominated Len Bridgeman, seconded by Herb Harzan. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Jason Austin said that at the refresher clinic Phil Ménard acting as Recruitment and Retention Officer made a pitch for VISRA. Jason said that the previous coordinator in his association told Jason never to join VISRA because VISRA is out to raid the Youth Associations. While this isn't true Jason said that we need to be aware of this attitude. Herb said that as VISRA no longer schedules referees that we don't take referees from anyone but only seek to advance refereeing in this area.</p> <p><u>Beeper Flags</u> - Herb Harzan put forward a suggestion that VISRA look into purchasing 'Beeper Flags' for local high profile matches. We will investigate.</p> <p>50/50 - Simon Fearn said that \$62 had been raised in the raffle. Winners of the 2 golf shirts from Titan Sports: Sergiu Surdu and Rakesh Patria, a member attending his first meeting were the winners.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved by Herb Harzan; seconded by Simon Ablitt

**Meeting Adjourned:** 20:37 pm

**Next Meeting:**

**7 pm Monday, Nov 21st 2005, Gorge Soccer Clubhouse, Hampton Park**

Respectfully Submitted,

***Rick Firestone***

## **Presentation by VISL President Kjeld Brodsgaard & Discipline Chair Vince Greco**

Kjeld Brodsgaard, President, VISL: I appreciate the job being done by the referees, I know the challenges that the referees face. I was trying to work with VISRA last year and am continuing to do so this year. I am pleased with the current situation.

Vince Greco will talk of one current problem, that of referee issuing a yellow card on the field and then not writing it up and also that there tends to be a discrepancy between the referee report and the player's version of an incident.

Vince Greco, Discipline Co-Chair, VISL: Most referee reports are being received in a timely fashion; however this is not always true. It is a problem when reports are 7 days or more late or are not received at all. This is especially true when cards are issued. The leagues need to have both Game Reports and Discipline Reports within 48 hours of the completion of the game. Use the VISRA Online reporting, send the reports by fax, or by email - but get them in within 48 hours!

It is no longer typical that the automatic 1 game suspension is the discipline assessed for a red card resulting from a second yellow card. More often now a 2 game suspension is being assessed because of the seriousness of the offence. The first couple of weeks teams were in shock but they are now supportive of this policy.

Occasionally the discipline chair will call the referee for additional information beyond that in the written report.

Red card descriptions must have greater detail. It should not just state that it was a trip if the player was chopped down from behind. The latter will result in heavier discipline being given.

The same applies to language directed to officials.

Kjeld Brodsgaard, President, VISL: It is difficult when you only have the write up. Please be detailed and descriptive in the write up. It really helps. Write in specifics.

ID Cards

The deadline has been extended by 1 month. An effort will be made to harmonize ID card procedures with the LIWSA. Once the policy has been put out please follow it. It is important that everyone follows the same procedures.

VISRA Member Christian Hauer questioned the procedure for player permits.

Vince Greco, Discipline Co-Chair, VISL: List players on permit in game reports. This is essential if discipline is being reported.