



APPROVED

THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2015/2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) was held at 19:00 hours on:
10 November 2015
Lower Island Soccer Association Office
ESQUIMALT, BC

Present:

Tim Satterford	<i>President</i>	Tara Kennedy	<i>Director</i>
Bob Nex	<i>Vice President</i>	Terry Hughes	<i>Director</i>
John Kilbank	<i>Director</i>	Linda Pakos	<i>Director</i>
Scott Farquhar	<i>Secretary</i>	Eric Erikson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Andrew Latham	<i>Head Coach</i>	Karen Hood-Deshon	<i>Executive Director</i>

Regrets:

Ray Carfantan	<i>Director</i>	John Charlton	<i>Director</i>
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Recording Secretary: Karen Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 19:05 hrs.

1. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To adopt the Agenda by E Erikson, 2 nd L Pakos	<i>Carried</i>
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2. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of Board meeting #5 by T Kennedy, 2 nd S Farquhar	<i>Carried</i>
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Meeting #3

ACTION ITEM #1

- ED Hood-Deshon to follow up with Highlanders money owed via the court system
 - A settlement conference before a judge took place on October 22 at 11:15am
 - Andrew Latham and Terry Hughes attended the conference on behalf of LISA
 - The matter did not settle at the conference
 - The judge ordered Highlanders to produce financial records to LISA within 90 days (October 22nd + 90 would be January 21, 2016)
 - If the parties cannot reach a settlement after the financial records have been produced a trial date will be set



NEW BUSINESS

Technical Report (AL)

- Head Coach Latham told the group that the United States Soccer Federation is coming down with new rules regarding heading the ball aimed at addressing head injuries in the sport, including a policy that sets limits on youth players heading the ball
- At the last board meeting it was discussed that BC Soccer will allow clubs to instruct Active Start and FUNdamentals courses directly through their club using a qualified learning facilitator from the club as the instructor
 - One club decided to run a course by going directly through BC Soccer and not notifying their club president nor the district of their intentions
 - Course was almost cancelled due to lack of registration and almost didn't have a place to run – Andrew assisted and the course went ahead
- Learn to Train and Soccer for Life will continue to be booked with BC Soccer through the district, not through clubs

Office Update (KHD)

- Staffing update
 - Samantha Cowden has recently started as the new Administration Assistant
- Pooling
 - Girls U18 VIPL
 - A request to pool has been received for Bays/Peninsula/Salt Spring
 - The original Bays/Peninsula had three team members quit
 - There are two players currently playing for the Salt Spring U18 Girls Silver team and they would like to play for the Bays team
 - Salt Spring team is strong enough to continue to do well in their league without these two players
 - The three club presidents have emailed to confirm their agreement and support to the pooling
 - Without the Salt Spring players, the Bays/Peninsula Girls U18 team is at a dangerously low number and as a district we do not want to see the collapse of this team

Motion: <i>To approve the pooling of the Bays/Peninsula/Salt Spring franchise at the Girls U18 VIPL level by T Hughes, 2nd E Erikson</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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- Grandparenting
 - The office has started checking rosters.
 - We have reviewed all of Gorge's U13 and above rosters and wanted to discuss some grandparent applications.

Motion: <i>To go in camera by B Nex, 2nd T Hughes</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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Motion: <i>To come out of camera by B Nex, 2nd E Erikson</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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Motion: *To approve the two Grandparent Applications presented by E Erikson, 2nd L Pakos*
Carried

- Coastal Cup Rules
 - Pickup Rules
 - President Satterford confirmed with Roger Barnes that teams wanting to pick up players can only do so after they have completed their cup play on the island
 - Out of district permits do not exist
 - Permits must be for a specific reason – medical, family emergency etc
 - B Cup permits are to be within the club
 - A Cup permits are to be within the district
 - UISA discussed the same at their recent meeting and we are in agreement there are no permits allowed in cup or playdown games that involve island teams only
- BCSPL Intake Festival.
 - Office is currently trying to book the U VIC fields for this festival, will advise Tara Kennedy if we don't get them
- Seeding leagues
 - A letter came from a parent requesting LISA to reconsider one of the seeding leagues, only bringing it forward because the club president also asked that we consider the request
 - In this league 4 teams were placed in bronze
 - Although the rumour is that Andrew makes all the decisions, this in fact is not the case, the seeding decisions are made with consultation of all club technical directors
 - The board felt this was the correct breakdown of this division based on the evidence provided at the time of the decision and still is the correct decision today
 - LISA needs to communicate the committee decisions with their clubs and their clubs need to communicate better with their members
- Rule Change
 - The wording of Rule 407 point 4 needs to be changed to comply with the BC Soccer Rule regarding coach qualifications

Pooling Definition

- As there is no clarification in the LISA rules regarding pooling, it appears that in more than one case, clubs are pooling with just one pooled player
 - The definition of pooling should come from the club presidents so that it is supported
 - If the Presidents do not come up with a solution for pooling, there will be no pooling for the 2016/2017 season



BC Soccer Discipline System

- When should LISA go on to the BC Soccer Discipline System
 - LISA could enter into the system during the winter break (January) or at the start of the 2016/2017 season (September)
 - Would be best to start at the start of the 2016/2017 season
 - Less confusing than trying to transfer information from one data base to another midway through the season
 - Less confusing for referees, especially the young referees
 - Lower Island fields are currently not on the system
 - There are a number of glitches which need working out and LISA can possibly help with these glitches to assist in streamlining the system for the start of the 2016/2017 season

Treasurer's Report (EE)

- The report from the Control Audit was discussed briefly
 - This report was received at a busy time of operation and the Treasurer and Executive Director have not had time to completely review the suggestions
 - The document will be reviewed and the key points will be discussed at the upcoming President's meeting
 - One example of something that will need to be done is that at one time there was a written policy regarding board expenses, at this time it cannot be located

Meetings

- Boundary Meeting Update
 - Director Kennedy has not had time to complete the written minutes of the Boundary Meeting held October 28th at the JdF Boardroom
 - Sooke, Cowichan and Salt Spring did not send any representatives
 - Fusion thought that these meetings were premature until a decision about the VIPL was final
 - Changes to the Society Act will be coming in approximately 2 years
 - These changes could affect the district boundaries, voting structure, etc
 - BC Soccer will also have to change their constitution to make it a more modern constitution
- VIPL Meeting Update
 - The meeting group believes for the VIPL to run smoothly there needs to be 3 franchises in the core of Lower Island, a Mid Isle(Ladysmith)/Cowichan franchise and 2 franchises from the Upper Island
 - The Mid Isle/Cowichan franchise would not be for Gold, Silver or Bronze leagues
 - This franchise would also cross districts
 - President Satterford was to meet with Bill Keserich, President of Cowichan Valley Soccer regarding this proposal



- The proposal must be taken to the Cowichan board for discussion
- It is thought by Cowichan that there may only be 1 to 2 players per age group involved from the Mid Isle area
- It is the personal belief of the Cowichan President that he does not think that this franchising would solve the LISA VIPL problems
- President Satterford to contact the Cowichan President to learn of Cowichan's decision regarding the proposed franchising with Mid Isle
- Cowichan is proposing that president's meetings be held during the afternoon allowing the Cowichan representative to travel over the Malahat during daylight hours
- If the VIPL folds at the end of this season, our Gold teams could go into A Cup for next season
 - Teams could try to get exhibition games against teams from Vancouver to see the strengths of the teams that they are up against
 - Could take a number of years for LISA teams to develop
- December Meeting
 - It has been suggested that the December 8th meeting start with a FootGolf game in the afternoon followed by the meeting
 - Office would have to close early,
 - Board members might have to take time off work
 - Weather is also an issue, could be better for a spring/summer meeting

Other

- Director Kilbank commented that with the ugly weather, referees are complaining that there is no referee enclosure at PISE
 - Winds are too strong at PISE, other enclosures have been destroyed
 - Most turf fields throughout the district do not have referee enclosures
- Director Pakos asked for an update on the problems the Upper Island Soccer Association is currently having with their sponsor
 - The family has been offered the opportunity to appeal within the district and if they are not satisfied there will still be an opportunity to appeal to BC Soccer
- President Satterford remarked about the recent articles regarding turf fields causing cancer
 - To date, there is no concrete evidence of this so BC Soccer advised if someone is asking for a quote not to get into a debate as we are not scientists and no science has been brought to us or them at this point.
- Executive Director Hood-Deshon discussed some discipline problems that have come up so far this season



- The problems are not written into the game report as was either not seen by the referee or was not in the domain of the referee
 - All complaints not written up in game reports have been asked to follow the first step of our dispute resolution policy which is essentially club to club communication and if they aren't satisfied with the response then they may ask LISA to get involved but they may not start with LISA
 - Presidents have also been asked to let LISA know how each complaint has been dealt with

ADJOURNED: 9:10

ACTION ITEMS

1. ED Hood-Deshon to follow up with Highlanders money owed via the court system IN PROGRESS
2. Scholarship forms to be revised by the end of February
3. Whitecap contract to be sent back to the Whitecaps to confirm the two changes IN PROGRESS
4. President Satterford to sign Whitecaps contract once all corrections are made
5. Constitution amendment needs to be written up to change the wording around the annual audit – WAITING TO SEE THE WORDING FOR BC SOCCER'S AMENDMENT REGARDING FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE FINANCES TO COINCIDE
6. Treasurer/Executive Director to present control audit report to the Presidents at the January 2016 President's Meeting IN PROGRESS
7. The presidents to be given notice regarding forwarding their financial statements to the district within 30 days of their AGM
8. BCSPL Intake Festival
 - a. ED Hood-Deshon to try UVic for field availability DONE
 - b. Director Kennedy to ask Dale Sparrow re Windsor Park for availability DONE
9. Director Hughes to find out who we can officially complain to about the state of Topaz Park
10. ED Hood-Deshon to liaise with BC Soccer and club re incomplete database of U6 players BY END OF DECEMBER
11. Executive Director to change wording on Rule 407.4 to be in compliance with BC Soccer rules DONE
12. Director Kennedy to prepare minutes from the October 28th Boundary Meeting
13. President Satterford to communicate with Cowichan to confirm the Cowichan Board's decision regarding VIPL HEAD COACH LATHAM TO ATTEND COWICHAN'S BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 14TH