

#### THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2017/2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) was held at 19:00 hours on:
14 November 2017
Lower Island Soccer Association Office
ESQUIMALT, BC

Present:

Tim SatterfordPresidentLinda PakosDirectorBob NexVice PresidentCheryl RothnieDirectorEric EriksonTreasurerTara KennedyDirector

Andrew Latham Head Coach Karen Hood-Deshon Executive Director

Regrets:

Terry Hughes Director
Scott Farquhar Secretary
John Kilbank Director

**Recording Secretary:** Karen Thompson The meeting was called to order at 19:06 hrs.

1. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** To adopt the Agenda by, T Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> E Erikson Carried

2. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the October 10th, 2017 minutes by L Pakos, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Rothnie Carried

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Office Report (KHD)

- Roster checks are well underway
  - There have been a number of rosters this year that have needed adjustments
- Request for a release
  - Bays has a problem roster and needs to have 2 U15-16 girls released from Lakehill to make the roster correct

**Motion:** To approve the two releases from Lakehill to Bays by B Nex, 2<sup>nd</sup> C Rothnie

Carried

- Multi club releases required to move players between Gorge, Lakehill and Prospect Lake
  - o These three clubs are in agreement with the releases

**Motion:** To approve the three releases (1 female, 2 males) as discussed by L Pakos, 2<sup>nd</sup> E Erikson



- Pooling request
  - Prospect Lake would like to pool with Lakehill at the Girl U13 silver level
    - Both clubs are in agreement with this pooling

**Motion:** To approve the Prospect Lake/Lakehill pooling request at Girls U13 Silver by C Rothnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Kennedy Carried

Prospect Lake/Saanich Fusion have requested a pooling at Boys Silver U15
 Both clubs have agreed to this pooling request

**Motion:** To approve the pooling request by T Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> J Kilbank

Carried

- Registration numbers
  - o Currently LISA's soccer registration numbers are down 286 from last season
    - This will mean a shortfall in the 2017/2018 budget of approximately \$10,000
    - BC Soccer also shows a drop in registered players
      - Drop in registration appears to be females
      - LISA's drop is in the mini programs
  - o Have the clubs reported all their mini players?
- VIPL Coach Honorariums
  - The VIPL head coaches will receive honorariums of \$920-plus; if travelling to games against Storm will receive \$50 per game for travel and against Riptide will receive \$75 per game for travel
  - First half of honorarium to be sent out this week
- U11 Festival was cancelled
  - As there was standing snow on the field, the decision was made to cancel the festival
    - Rescheduling the festival was discussed
      - Either late in the season (March) or the possibility of bringing it indoors to the UVIC gym
- The Girls U13/14 leagues are not very balanced
  - Some very strong teams in the leagues and some very weak teams in the leagues
    - Some silver teams have been asked to gold leagues they are happy playing where they are
    - Cowichan has the strongest team in the league and also the weakest team in the league
      - This is a club problem to solve, not up to LISA or other clubs
  - Lakehill U13 Silver Boys would like to move down to U13 Boys Bronze
    - Committee will decide if movement is permitted
- VIPL game
  - During the first weekend in November it snowed on the Island
    - Nanaimo called off a Girls U18 VIPL game due to snow and shortly thereafter contacted the Lower Island team to say that the fields had been opened and that the game was back on
      - Game time was 3:15 in Nanaimo
      - LISA club informed the Nanaimo club that they couldn't field a team due to weather and asked that the game be rescheduled during the makeup weekend



- Upper Island said no to rescheduling and met with their board
  - o Upper Island decision was to call it a forfeit
- LISA board is in agreement with the LISA team saying that it
  was in the best interest of all players not to tackle the Malahat
  or other road conditions to play this game with proof of icy
  road conditions
  - On this same day we had BCSPL players that did not travel due to concerns with the road conditions
  - This LISA decision is contrary to the Upper Island decision
  - Tim to talk with Kevin, Upper Island rep and if the two cannot come to a mutual agreement, they will ask BC Soccer to arbitrate.

# **Technical Report (KHD)**

- Soccer for Life coaching course has been set up for January
- Andrew in discussions with Tracy at UVIC for the She Kicks program
  - o LISA has received money from BC Soccer to help run this program
- BCSPL
  - Andrew is in the process of releasing 4 players
    - These players have been told that they may be able to join the team at a later date
    - Andrew is currently trying to place these players on VIPL teams, however due to the transfer rules etc. he is having a problem placing some of them
      - Would like to take a motion to the Presidents that in future years, if releasing a player from the BCSPL, for the balance of that season, the player won't be restricted by transfer rule
        - This placement would be for the balance of that season only
- Technical Directors have been meeting and are in agreement that it would be best if VIPL could start at U13 instead of U14 but are aware it is a governance issue
  - Large numbers of players come out to the BCSPL assessments hoping to obtain one of the 16 spots on the team
    - The bubble players who do not make the BCSPL have to return to their club and play in the gold leagues
      - Andrew in discussion with Shel Brodsgaard (Upper Island Riptide technical director) regarding this situation
      - Upper Island U13 leagues continue to play small sided games
- Due to the number of unbalanced leagues this season the possibility of seeding teams at the beginning of the season is being discussed amongst the technical directors
- BCSPL
  - A bus has been hired to bring the Upper Island Wave players down to practice once a month
    - This is a good way to include the Upper Island players in more practices
    - Andrew is also travelling to Nanaimo to assist in Wave training sessions there



- Technical Director Diploma course on the mainland was successful
  - Andrew is going to request to have a course in Victoria next time it is offered VIPL (KHD)
- Girls U18 VIPL team has one too many transfers and a player asking for a compassionate exemption
  - Decision was to take the dilemma to the President's Meeting in January for their input
  - Team could be removed from all club play
  - This team is at the bottom of the standings
  - Club could be fined
  - o It was the coach's decision on whose ID card the office should hold
  - Communication to this team will be:

Notwithstanding the fact the roster currently has too many transfers which the Board could address, the Board determined it will take the matter before the Club Presidents whose review, feedback and recommendations will be considered in determining sanctions the team will face.

- Another VIPL team also has a similar address discrepancy (Girls U15)
- Send the same letter to this team that went to the Girl U18 team
- This team is at the top of the standings
- o BC Soccer deems the player address to be where the legal guardian lives
- For both teams it is not known if the club, club registrar, or team officials were aware of these address irregularities.

#### **Artificial Turf Support**

- The committee behind building a turf field at Spectrum School has asked LISA for a letter of support and potential financial commitment
  - LISA is unable at this time to discuss financial support
  - Some money could come from the Wave in order for them to have more guaranteed turf time
  - Directors Hughes and Pakos have been attending the meetings
    - Currently the committee is working on a business plan to take to the school board
  - Director Kennedy suggested that the Spectrum committee contact the City of Victoria to see how the Finlayson turf field was financed
  - o Spectrum turf field is on the border between Prospect Lake and Gorge
  - o First games on Sooke's new turf field are happening
  - Bays and VISL are also looking at building more turf fields

# Website

- There are some glitches in the standing links which are being worked on
- Also awaiting the on-line permit form

#### Other

- Kidsport are receiving more applications than ever before
  - Are reaching out to clubs for assistance on how they can better ensure their funds reach the highest number of kids in need
- BCSPL had two league winners for the mini season



- Wave U15 girls are in the mini season finals this coming weekend
- Victoria will be hosting the 2018 BCSPL Provincial Premier Cup

# Adjourned 8:53

# **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Board members to send in biographies for the website
- 2. Director Kilbank to work on an on-line permit form for the website DONE
- 3. Director Kilbank to fix board/staff site on the LISA website
- 4. Executive Director to finalize permit rules for U14 VIPL players IN PROGESS
- 5. Executive Director to contact clubs to make sure all their registered minis have been included DONE
- 6. LISA office to look into renting UVIC gym facilities to bring the U11 Festival indoors
- 7. LISA team placement committee to make decision of moving a U13 silver boys team down to the U13 bronze league DONE
- 8. President Satterford to have discussions with Upper Island regarding the VIPL makeup/forfeit DONE
- Executive Director to add to President's Meeting agenda Andrew's request to be able to place released BCSPL players on teams that he feels best fit the player for the balance of the current playing season DONE
- 10. Executive Director to send email to Girls U18 VIPL team regarding the board's decision on their illegal roster DONE
- 11. Executive Director to put information regarding roster irregularities on January President's Meeting agenda DONE
- 12. Executive Director to send letter to second VIPL team requesting proof of addresses
- 13. Executive Director to send letter of support regarding the Spectrum Turf field DONE
- 14. Directors Hughes and Pakos to attend meeting at Spectrum regarding a turf field
- 15. Director Kilbank to attend BC Soccer Conference in December DONE