



APPROVED

THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE 2016/2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) was held at 19:00 hours on:
10 January 2017
Lower Island Soccer Association Office
ESQUIMALT, BC

Present:

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

Regrets:

John Charlton	<i>Director</i>	Eric Erikson	<i>Treasurer</i>
Cheryl Rothnie	<i>Director</i>		

Recording Secretary: Karen Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 19:07 hrs.

1. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion: To approve the December 2016 Board Meeting Minutes by S Farquhar, 2 nd J Kilbank	<i>Carried</i>
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ACTION ITEM

2. Fees for Pooled teams to be discussed at the January President's meeting
 - At a recent VIPL meeting that included 5 presidents the idea of pre-planned pooling vs unplanned pooling was discussed
 - Some club reps were definitely in favour of pre-planned pooling and no one in the room spoke against these arrangements
 - The LISA board wants to support the majority of club wishes when approving pooling next year.
 - At next week's president's meeting LISA will present the guidelines that Gorge/Lakehill and Prospect Lake/Peninsula pooling is okay, reactionary pooling is okay but pooling to get around poor self-policing of boundaries will be denied.
3. Head Coach to work towards doing an additional touch count towards the end of the season on U12 games and at the U12 Full Field Festival
 - Unable to do - in addition to no one available to count during 12 aside games the festival is full-field - currently looking for 8 aside games to compare

OLD BUSINESS

Two problem rosters from December meeting have been resolved as follows:



- Club released a player to solve first problem roster
- Problem roster two: the clubs worked together and have asked the board's permission to pool

Motion: To allow Prospect Lake/Peninsula to pool at U14 Boys Bronze J Kilbank, 2nd T Hughes
Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Office Report (KHD)

- An adult club has enquired about the possibility of placing a youth team in the LISA leagues
 - This would not be allowed as the players need to register based on their club boundaries with only three outside the boundary, so if they all live in the same neighbourhood they should work with their home club
 - Vantreights tried this a good number of years ago, and were not successful in their attempts at working with the clubs to enter a youth team
- Footballer of the Week
 - Executive Director has asked for any ideas for upcoming LISA Footballer of the Week nominations
- Newsletter
 - Article regarding Zero Tolerance needs to be reworded/removed
- President's Meeting Agenda
 - VIPL and Tiering at U11 to be added to agenda
 - Pooling to be discussed
- Hosting of Provincials
 - Gorge is not interested
 - Lakehill and Prospect Lake are still interested
 - Field location and hotel confirmations are required
 - Teams must use the hotels that the hosting club has block booked
 - Have asked UVic if fields and dorms are available to book

TECHNICAL REPORT (AL)

- BC SPL
 - Girls 2003 is still moving forward
 - 10 or 11 new players will be coming out to training
 - 4 or 5 players have already said that they would definitely be interested in playing for the Wave
 - Decision on this team will be before the February board meeting
 - Scouting for the 2005 intake teams is already taking place
 - Parent information meeting will likely be in two weeks and include BC Soccer representation
 - Assessments will be held during February and March
 - All BC SPL teams will now be in the first round of cup finals, in the past it has only been the top 4 teams going forward – happy with this development
- Coaching courses
 - 42 coaches have just completed the Soccer for Life Course



- Thank you to Steph Steiner, Ben Hooks and Brett Hyslop for assisting with this course
- 15 coaches have just completed Learn to Train Course
 - Thank you to Steph Steiner for his assistance
- 18 coaches have taken the C Provincial Course
 - Thank you to Dom Butcher for his assistance
- VIPL
 - 7 clubs have said that they are definitely in for VIPL, 2 are on the fence and there is 1 against
 - Gorge's technical committee have recommended to their board that Gorge not participate in VIPL
 - Saanich and Cowichan have not currently made their decision
- U11 Tiering
 - Attached worksheet on Tiering at U11 was discussed
 - Some clubs are already doing this
 - Other districts are definitely tiering at U11
 - LISA club Technical Directors seem to be in favour of tiering at U11
 - Possibility of combining U11 and U12 to make strong U12 Gold teams
 - To be discussed at the upcoming President's meeting

AWARDS

- BC Soccer Award nominations were discussed
 - Nominations for BC Soccer Awards to be discussed again at the February meeting
 - Nominations must be into BC Soccer by March 31st

WEBSITE DRAFT CONTRACT

- The contract is in the hands of Scribe Graphics Inc and should be confirmed shortly

REFEREE MENTORSHIP

- Al Moir is leading mentorship committee
 - Club referee schedulers are being asked to put forward names of referees from their club whom they would like to be mentors and mentees.
 - Mentors would like to work on young referees between the ages of 14 through to 17
 - Referees at these ages need help with their self confidence
 - Al Moir has recently learned that BC Soccer has been sending a referee mentor to Cowichan from Nanaimo

Other:

- B Cup draw was held last Friday prior to the Soccer for Life Course
 - A Saanich Girls U15 VIPL head coach did not show up to take the course so the team is currently ineligible to proceed into A Cup playdowns
 - Options are as follows:
 - Coach can take the course in Vancouver in January
 - Coach can take the course in Kelowna in February
 - Club can remove coach as head coach and add a coach who has Soccer for Life Qualifications
 - If the coach is removed from the team as head coach, his child will also be removed from the team roster as she is currently registered as a coach exemption



- LISA will pay for the coach's registration fee but not any travel

Adjourned 8:43

ACTION ITEMS

1. Executive Director to create a survey for Wave players as they age out of the program (June)
2. Pooled teams to be discussed at the January President's meeting **DONE**
3. Executive Director and Secretary Farquhar to draw up contract between LISA and Scribe Graphics Inc **IN PROGRESS**
4. Executive Director to contact Presidents, specifically Saanich area clubs, about the possibility of them hosting either the A or B Cup **IN PROGRESS**
5. Board to send Executive Director nominations for Footballer of the Week **DONE**
6. LISA office to amend the draft Newsletter regarding Zero Tolerance **DONE**
7. Executive Director to add VIPL, pooling, and Tiering at U11 to the President's Agenda **DONE**
8. Head Coach Latham to bring a Coach of the Year nominee to the February Board Meeting
9. Director Kilbank to bring a Youth Referee of the Year nominee to the February Board Meeting
10. Board members are to bring nominees to the February Board Meeting for BC Soccer Award of Merit and BC Soccer Administrator of the Year awards
11. Executive Director to investigate why BC Soccer is sending a UISA Nanaimo based Referee Mentor down to Duncan to mentor LISA Cowichan's referees **IN PROGRESS**



Is it time to Tier at U11?

Background

There is a big spectrum in ability of children at U11. Some have been playing for 5 years while some have been playing for 1 year; some are a head taller than their peers; some have a competitive drive that makes walking to practice a race while others, who are as equally excited to get practice, are looking for flowers to pick on the field.

We believe it is no coincidence that BC Soccer is researching U8-U12 age groups all the while more academies are popping up catering to the keen U8-U12s. LISA already tiers at U12 but only offers balanced leagues at U11. However, watching the U11 age group this year balanced teams become unbalanced when two strong players are placed on one team. In recent history at least Juan de Fuca, Sooke, Prospect Lake, Peninsula and Bays have tried tiering at U11 but have struggled for a place to play competitive games.

Bays' experiment this year (their boys U11 gold team started a year up in silver but was too strong and moved to gold after many double-digit wins) has shown that there is a big difference in ability between silver and gold but not a lot of difference with a one year age-gap with players of similar ability.

This year Bays has asked if LISA would consider offering a U11 tiered league and I do believe finding a place for similar U11's to play with each other would make a better environment for all players however it must be done as an entire group and as a conscious decision.

Number of Players at U11

Each club was asked to provide their numbers for next year's U11 age group.

Club	Boys	Girls	total
Bays	84	51	135
CVYS	49	26	75
Gorge	52	31	83
Fusion	55	16	71
JDF	78	54	132
Lakehill	38	36	74
Peninsula	35	27	62
Prospect	16	11	27
Salt Spring	18	14	32
Sooke	18	15	33



What do the numbers mean?

Club	Boys	Boys	Girls
CVYS	Don't participate at U11 LISA League	0	0
Prospect Lake	Said they would do TWO silver teams	0	0
Salt Spring	If Plake said no, SSI wouldn't have enough either	0	0
Sooke	If Plake said no, Sooke wouldn't have enough either	0	0
Bays	Said they would do two GOLD boys teams	2	1 or 2?
JDF	If Bays can do two maybe JdF can do two	2	1 or 2?
Fusion	Assume 1	1	0
Gorge	Assume 1	1	1
Lakehill	Assume 1	1	1
Peninsula	Not sure, size is in the middle	?	?
		6 to 8	5 to 7

There could be only 5 or 6 teams in a league where they would have to play each other multiple times.

Recommendation:

Should we try tiering at U11?

Yes but the boys and girls should have the same opportunity.

If the total number of girls gold teams is only 5 that will not be a good experience for the gold teams and therefore I do not believe it should not be done as a stand-alone U11 gold league. Therefore it is my recommendation that we integrate the U11 'gold level' players into U12 Gold and have a combined U11/U12 gold league while still offering a silver U11 league.

Therefore during the assessment process all clubs will be encouraged to integrate U11 and U12 players onto U11/U12 tiered teams.