



APPROVED

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING

February 28th, 2018
Gorge Soccer Association
Clubhouse

Attending from the Clubs:

Bays United FC	<i>Howard McElderry</i>	Gorge	<i>Brad Hlasny</i>
Juan de Fuca	<i>Dave Johnson</i>	Lakehill	<i>Jeremy Mannall-Fretwell</i>
Peninsula	<i>Mike Synnuck</i>	Prospect Lake	<i>David Ballinger</i>
Sooke	<i>Laura Lockhart</i>	Saanich Fusion	<i>Barrie Keefe</i>
Salt Spring	<i>Josip Bratanovic</i>	Cowichan Valley	<i>Brian Johnson</i>

Attending as the Board:

Tim Satterford	<i>President</i>	Linda Pakos	Director
Eric Erikson	Treasurer	Terry Hughes	Director

Regrets: Bob Nex, Scott Farquhar, Tara Kennedy, John Kilbank, Cheryl Rothnie

Other:

Karen Hood-Deshon	<i>Executive Director, LISA</i>
Andrew Latham	<i>Head Coach, LISA</i>
Brett Hyslop	Technical Director, Saanich Fusion
Aaron Walker-Duncan	Youth Vice President Gorge

Recording Secretary:

Karen Thompson

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 18:35hrs.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: <i>To approve the Agenda by Bays 2nd Prospect Lake</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRESIDENTS MEETING #2

Motion: <i>To approve the minutes of President's Meeting #2, January 16, 2018 by Juan de Fuca, 2nd Bays</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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A question arose as to how did the Proofed January 16th, 2018 President's meeting minutes get released

- Proofed minutes were sent to the club President, Bays General Manager and LISA Board members only
- Bays thought that these minutes had a little too much detail
 - One club president asked for more detail in a certain area

Saanich Fusion apologized to the meeting for the media attention that has been given to the Board's decision regarding illegal rosters

3. NEW BUSINESS

8 Aside discussion and decision

Upper Island has been asked to join in the conversation through web chat

Clubs were asked to discuss their club's decision regarding playing 8 aside

President Satterford

- Currently LISA is losing players at this age
- Not all players are getting the development they require
- There will be push back from player/parents/coaches who want to take part in the B Cup competition
- Does moving to 8 aside help with player retention for the U13, 14, and 15 leagues
 - This is a question to ask Upper Island at the end of the discussion

Bays – President McElderry

- Had various decisions within their club including referee/field schedulers, parents, coaches in their U11/12 leagues, player development committee, technical director, and the Bays Board.
 - Bays does not support going 8 aside for the U13 leagues
 - Does not believe that it will help with player retention
 - Bays U12 players are ready to advance to playing full field

Saanich Fusion – Technical Director, Hyslop

- Saanich Fusion has discussed this with both their board and technical committee
 - There is no right or wrong on this decision
 - Saanich Fusion is not in support of going 8 aside for the U13 leagues
 - A technical directors meeting was held on Feb 26th and they have come up with a compromise
 - Strong U13 players would advance to playing full field, weaker players (Silver and Bronze) would continue playing 8 aside
 - Strong players will get bored playing 8 aside
 - 8 aside is good for the weaker players

BC Soccer – President Brodsgaard

- There are provisions within BC Soccer for districts/clubs playing 8 aside in the U13 leagues
 - This move helps the smaller clubs allowing them to form teams and research shows that players have many more touches on the ball playing 8 aside
 - BC Soccer's recommendation is whatever is best for your club

Gorge – Youth Vice President Walker Duncan

- Spoke with club U11/U12 coaches, board, and technical committee before the recent technical directors meeting
 - Gorge does not support going 8 aside for the U13 leagues
 - Not enough communication has gone out to parents regarding this change
 - BC Soccer says that U13's play 11 aside on full fields
 - Sees this move having a lack of planning and no governance

Lakehill – President Mannall-Fretwell

- Spoke to concerns from the three previous clubs regarding
 - Lining of fields should not be a problem
 - Playing 9 aside would be better but isn't feasible in LISA
 - Which is better, more touches on the ball on smaller fields or less touches on the ball on larger fields
 - Currently most teams through to U18 practice on small sided field sizes
 - To try and have gold players playing full field with silver/bronze players playing 8 aside would be a disaster

- If the player at U13 is that good, pull them up to the U14 league
- Parents and coaches should not be making the decision as to whether their child should be playing full field or 8 aside
- Kids just want to play soccer, so let them play on fields where they will have fun and they will be obtaining player development in the process
- Coaches will have to learn to coach on smaller fields
- Lakehill supports going to 8 aside for the U13 leagues

Peninsula – President Synnuck

- Kids just want to play, they don't care about field sizes, just that they have a good time
 - More players will benefit playing 8 aside
 - Stronger players can play up
 - Peninsula technical committee and board support going to 8 aside for the U13 leagues
 - No good time to communicate the changes
 - Just make the kids happy

Cowichan – Coach Johnson

- Cowichan have discussed going 8 aside with their technical committee and board
 - Are concerned about all clubs having the correct size of fields to run 8 aside at U13
 - Cowichan will have enough correct size fields to run 8 aside U13 leagues
 - Cowichan supports going 8 aside for the U13 leagues

Sooke – President Lockhart

- Sooke technical committee and board are in full support of going to 8 aside for the U13 leagues
 - Stronger players can play up
 - Talked with some U12 parents, parents don't have a problem with this decision

Salt Spring – Technical Director Bratanovic

- For a club the size of Salt Spring, it will be much easier for them to form teams
 - Their better players either play up or go to play for the BCSPL or VIPL
 - Salt Spring supports going 8 aside for the U13 leagues

Prospect Lake – President Ballinger

- Much easier to form teams for smaller clubs
- Much better for player development
- This league can be pulled together quickly
- Prospect Lake supports going 8 aside for the U13 leagues

Juan de Fuca – President Johnson

- JdF board's decision was that it couldn't hurt to keep the players playing 8 aside for another year
 - Asked how these teams could link up with the BCSPL
- Attended the recent technical director's meeting and was concerned that so many of the club technical directors were against playing 8 aside

LISA – Head Coach Latham

- Stronger players can play up in the U14 leagues
- Weaker players would be forced to continue playing on the large fields which won't allow them to develop
- Passed around the attached paperwork showing firm stats on player development at U13 playing 8 aside

Upper Island joined into the conversation by cell phone

- Currently plays 8 aside for all U13 leagues and 8 aside for silver leagues for U14 – U18
- Found that they were losing players around the U13 league level and players were not developing
- They are about to complete their third year playing 8 aside
- In the first year they had some pushback especially around B Cup play
 - Second year into the program, no questions arose regarding B Cup

- On finishing their third year of playing 8 aside have found significant player retention at U13, 14 and 15
- Cowichan questioned Upper Island regarding field size adjustment
 - On occasion the players and coaches had to adjust to the field size
 - Nanaimo have fields lined for playing 8 aside and they often find the U18 players playing on those fields and are having a great time

LISA – Executive Director – Karen Hood-Deshon

- BC Coastal league are in discussion regarding playing 8 aside at U13
- BC SPL were interested in the discussions regarding playing 8 aside

Upper Island

- BC Soccer has been monitoring Upper Island to see how their players are developing and player retention

Upper Island left the meeting

LISA – President Satterford

- As this is a rule change only 50% plus 1 is required to pass, it is not a constitutional change
- BC Soccer allows for players to play, full teams are not allowed to play up according to the BC Soccer Charter

Motion: *I move that we move the U13 leagues to 8 aside starting in fall of 2018 providing there is an option for U13 players to play at U14 by Lakehill 2nd Juan de Fuca*
8 in favour, 2 against Carried

Answers to questions that have been asked regarding playing 8 aside

- U13 games are now considered to be small sized games and no longer have to fit in the 11:00 am and 12:30 pm time slots
 - Games are to be played when the club is able to slot them in
 - Lakehill asked for no 8:45 game slots for these games
- Games will played with 35 minute halves x 2
- Ball size is yet to be decided, will either be 4 or 5
- Standings, clubs were undecided if they wanted standings kept for this league
- Cup play with Upper Island at the end of the season
 - UISA would love to join in games with LISA playing 8 aside
- Full field festival at the end of the U13 season

U12 Festival will be played in March playing 8 aside

ADJOURNED: 7:51 by Peninsula and Sooke

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Ball size is to be confirmed
- 2) Standings to be confirmed
- 3) Cup play