



## APPROVED

### BOARD MEETING #2

#### THE SECOND MEETING OF THE 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

of the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) was held at 19:00

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

Westhills Board Room, 1098 Langford Parkway

#### **Present:**

Mike Synnuck	<i>President</i>	Dave Johnson	<i>Vice President</i>
Cari Ormiston	<i>Secretary</i>	Linda Pakos	<i>Director</i>
Carey Gustafson	<i>Director</i>	Terry Hughes	<i>Director</i>
Shawn Fiddick	<i>Director</i>		

#### **Regrets:**

Andrew Wynn-William	<i>Treasurer</i>	Les George	<i>Director</i>
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#### **LISA Staff:**

Stuart Bancroft	<i>LISA Executive Director</i>
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**Recording Secretary:** Stuart Bancroft

The meeting was called to order at 19:00

#### **ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**On a Motion duly made, Seconded and Carried** it was resolved to adopt the Agenda as amended. BC Soccer AGM update to be included in “Other Business”.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**On a Motion duly made, Seconded and Carried** it was resolved to approve the minutes from LISA Board Meeting #1, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## **LISA UPDATE (SB):**

- Mini-Fest was cut short due to the atmospheric river. Games were played until 1pm on Saturday. Sunday was cancelled entirely.
- U11 Fest was hosted by Sooke November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of fun and no issues.
- Looking at hosting District Cup Finals at Blue Heron with Peninsula.
- TD meeting next week. Discussing cup declaration deadlines, team movement, and blowouts.
- Coaching Courses are being held at Blue Heron on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- LISA has seen an uptick in serious discipline recently; issues seem to come in waves. LISA has sent a reminder to clubs to remind participants to treat all participants with respect.
- Currently in preliminary talks with the LISA Discipline Chair to take on a larger role to more effectively handle discipline matters
- LISA in discussions with Gorge Board members with regards to providing an Insurance Information session
- Stuart will be away for two weeks. Michael will be in the office.

## **RDO UPDATE (AM)**

- First Referee Development Day was a huge success. AI and JDF are in talks to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> one.
- U11-U13 game reports. AI proposes game reports for this age group as practice for young referees who will eventually move up to 11-aside.
  - There are often incidents of ref abuse and cards that aren't being reported to LISA.
- Referee courses; 140 small sided referees and 60 full field referees have been certified this year. Continued interest from members to host additional courses.
- LISA is proposing a small working group to explore opportunities for clubs to share referee pool and ensure all games are covered
- Discussion on accommodating cultural jewelry worn by players
- LISA acknowledged long time referee Don Wadi who passed away recently

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIALS (SB)**



- Overall registration is slightly down with but budget projections remain on-track as number of full-field players has increased
- Looking to upgrade some equipment that is out of date in the office (computers).
- As previously noted the cost for cups and tournaments was well over budget last year. Current cost projection this season looking good.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Membership Review Committee
  - WIA have recently completed their 2 year probationary period
  - The board had discussed further extending the probationary period
  - Following subsequent meetings between WIA and the LISA Membership Review Committee (MRC) the MRC recommends that LISA end the probationary period and grant WIA Full Membership Status
  - The Board discussed at length

**On a Motion duly made, Seconded and Carried** it was resolved to approve Westcastle International Academy as a Full Member of Lower Island Soccer Association.

- Discipline Committee
  - The Board discussed addressing a potential code of conduct violation from a member club president
  - Issue to be formally submitted to LISA's Independent Discipline Panel.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- VI Wave
  - ED Bancroft met with representatives from Pacific FC and VI Wave to discuss ongoing challenges
  - VI Wave currently in communication with Canada Soccer with regards to requirements of the National Youth Club License, specifically operations of a Skill Center.
  - Canada Soccer recognizes VI Wave's unique position as a District run club and potential challenges a Skill Centre would pose to LISA members.



- VI Wave seeking LISA support in finding potential solutions
- Additional discussions were had around Wave fees and pricing structure was had
- BC Soccer AGM (MS)
  - BCSA AGM took place on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Approval of a \$7 fee increase for next year, the majority of which coming from Canada Soccer.
  - Debbie Pudek elected as President and Lisa Murray as Vice President after multiple voting rounds.
  - Election of two directors including the re-election of Fraser Sim.
  - Several awards given to members of the LISA soccer community including special recognition to Bill Kaserich of Cowichan Valley, Life Membership to Referee Mentor Tiberio De Frias, and players Jamie Ackinclose and Nick Gilbert. The LISA Board extends huge congratulations to those award recipients.

**ADJOURNED: 20:30**

**Action Items:**

- Stuart to connect with Discipline Chair with regards to Code of Conduct Violation – COMPLETE
- LISA to continue conversation with PFC regarding Wave – ONGOING
- Director Gustafson to develop proposal to for engaging more women in coaching – ONGOING
- Mike Synnuck to speak with members of the Gorge board about providing an information session regarding club insurance - ONGOING