



APPROVED

INTERLOCK MEETING #1

THE FIRST INTERLOCK MEETING OF THE 2024-2025 SEASON

of the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) was held at 18:30

Tuesday, October 1st, 2024

Gorge Fieldhouse

Present from LISA Clubs:

- Dan Clowater – Bays United
- Peter Delange – Cowichan Valley Soccer Association
- Aaron Walker-Duncan – Gorge Soccer Association
- Kevin Allen – Juan de Fuca Soccer Association
- Jeremy Mannall-Fretwell – Lakehill Soccer Association
- Dale West – Peninsula Soccer Association
- Jag Phagura – Saanich Fusion Football Club
- Al McKay – Sooke Soccer Club
- Alexia Eiley – Westcastle International Academy

Regrets:

- Graeme Sykes – Prospect Lake Soccer Club
- Malcolm Legg – Salt Spring Soccer Club

Present from LISA Board:

Mike Synnuck	<i>President</i>	Dave Johnson	<i>Vice President</i>
Andrew Wynn-William	<i>Treasurer</i>	Linda Pakos	<i>Director</i>
Carey Gustafson	<i>Director</i>	Terry Hughes	<i>Director</i>

Regrets:

Cari Ormiston	<i>Secretary</i>	Shawn Fiddick	<i>Director</i>
Les George	<i>Director</i>		

LISA Staff:

Stuart Bancroft *LISA Executive Director*

Recording Secretary: Stuart Bancroft

The meeting was called to order at 18:37

ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:



On a Motion duly made, Seconded and Carried it was resolved to adopt the Agenda

LISA UPDATE (SB):

- LISA introduced a new home page and scheduling site
 - Big thank-you to Steve Clout for designing and building the scheduling site
- Most time-consuming aspect of a new season is team movement and re-scheduling
 - Will be redrafting the small-sided girls divisions to include a Tier 5
 - Will look to set a cut-off date for team movement
- New Tier 2 format underway
 - Recognize challenges at U16-U18 and have moved a few teams accordingly
 - In conversation with BCSA regarding Cup Declarations and player movement questions
- Mini-Fest scheduled for October 19th/20th at JDF
- U11 Festival to be held in Sooke on November 2nd/3rd
- LISA willing to coordinate Coach Education Course should a member be willing to host
 - Very few grassroots courses being offered at the moment
- BCSA AGM scheduled for November 2nd
 - Please review the Bylaw amendment packages that have been circulated
 - LISA has 4 votes
 - Expecting a fee increase from CSA/BCSA for 2025/2026

RDO UPDATE (AM):

- Referee Development Day was a huge success! Already looking for a host for next year
- Captains Armbands are expected to be worn for all full field divisions
 - Status quo for the time being until further directive from BCSA
- Small Sided Team Lists/Jerseys
 - Please try to have all teams provide teams lists for small-sided games moving forward



- Jersey numbers could be explored for future years
- Referee Courses being offered:
 - Peninsula, Bays, WIA
 - Additional courses over winter break
- Course Logistics:
 - 80% of participants in small-sided courses are male. Should LISA look into a Female only course?
 - Fully supported by members

MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- **Lopsided Scores**
 - As of September 28th/29th we had 40 games with reported scores of 7+ goal advantage for one team. How do clubs manage the scores during matches?
 - Can clubs facilitate conversations with their coaches to not run up scores?
 - LISA monitoring scores and accommodating team movement
- U11 is a critical age group for player retention
 - Can we adjust the scheduling to ensure that teams are placed in the correct division from the start of the season?
 - Add additional tiers
 - Explore opportunities to host the U11 Festival early in the season to allow clubs to better gauge team strength
- **Player Movement**
 - LISA rules allow clubs to move players internally. Does LISA need to regulate with permit rules?
 - Clubs in agreement that player movement should be in the best interest of the individual player and not meant to make teams more competitive
- **Tier 2 Hardship Fund**
 - Clubs concerned over rising cost of programming, particularly the Tier 2 program that effectively runs year round
 - KidSport and other funding opportunities will only cover so much
 - Can LISA explore a “hardship fund” to help offset the costs of Tier 2 for players

Strategic Planning – What Next?



- LISA seeking directive from the members on which strategic initiatives LISA should focus on
 - Develop and support Coach Education within the district identified as a key priority

CLUB REPORTS

Peninsula:

- Good season to start, registration up approximately 80 kids
- This weekend marks the 50th anniversary of the club!
- Few issues of team formation at the older age groups
- Also struggling with full field referees – need more,
- Pleased to introduce new tech staff, Steve Simonson and Neil Sedgwick
- Is there a Referee system to connect with other clubs?

Juan de Fuca:

- Busy start to the season as always
- Also in need of Referees

Bays United:

- New Technical Director, Emad Ghashghaee, who is a referee and coach educator
- Seeking support with regards to a team formation:
 - U14 Girls too many for one team, not enough for 2
 - U17 Girls need players
 - U21 league falling apart, need older players for U21/23 teams

Gorge:

- Meeting with District of Saanich to look at home user agreement to solidify user groups
- Turf project at Esquimalt high moving slowly
- Working on seeking clarification for insurance questions

Westcastle:

- Directing players wanting to play at older age groups to other clubs
- MA2 license approved, none of the 3 clubs put forward by CSA were awarded BCSPL



- Introducing Whitecaps program starting soon

Sooke:

- Busy in Sooke, lots of growing pain
- Season well underway
- Focused on CSA licensing
- Light project has been delayed

Saanich Fusion:

- Busy beginning of the season
- Lights at Lochside have been upgraded

Cowichan Valley:

- Hectic start to the season
- Good increase in registration
- No complaints with parents/spectators
- Personal observation – Tier 2 shouldn't be year round

Lakehill:

- Braefoot building space being used all the time – parking is a challenge
- New Turf installed and groomed
- Club has partnered with Olive Branch society to get refugees into the game
- U21 – VISL wants U18 players, seeking other options

ADJOURNED: 20:45

Action Items:

- LISA to explore opportunities for hosting U11 festival earlier in season – *ONGOING*
- LISA to confirm Cup Declarations/Player Movement regulations – *COMPLETE*
- LISA to explore opportunities to host Female only Small Sided referee course – *COMPLETE*
- LISA to explore “Tier 2 Hardship Fund” – *COMPLETE*