



MINUTES

8 JANUARY 2018 / 7:00 PM / CLUBHOUSE

Present: Stefan Szkwarek, Jerret Dickinson, Esther Bayles, Debi Sargent, Paul West, Karen Guinan, Phil Statham, Trevor Hill, Jennifer Vinzenz, Linda Wyton

Regrets: Stu Power, Mike Kearns, Carey Cordocedo, Tony Dickson

Guests: Cheri Tilley, Myra Wilson

Call to order: 7:00 PM

1. Additions/Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented

Linda/Jerret

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting, December 2017

MOTION: To accept the December 2017 minutes as circulated

Phil/Debi

CARRIED

3. Old Business

- a. **Positions up for Election** - Trevor (Equipment Manager), Tony (VP Boys Select) and Stu (Referee-in-Chief) have expressed their intentions to step down at the next AGM. Paul (President) and Phil (Masters) both have positions that are up for election, but will stay in their positions for another year to help stagger the numbers of incoming/outgoing members.
- b. **Approval of Constitution Edits** - We need to provide notice to our members about changes to the Constitution. We will hold a special general meeting at 6:00 pm on March 12 to approve our new constitution. The AGM will follow at 7:00. Myra will send out the document once more prior to this meeting.

4. New Business

- a. **Adult Referees needed** - We are facing a shortage. Several refs are already of retirement age. We need to recruit ASAP. An Entry Level course is scheduled for September 13-15. The club pays for referee certification and provides full kit. For more information contact Stu Power visranorth@shaw.ca
- b. **BCSA Conference Report**- Approximately 300 attended. Jason de Vos provided an overview of where soccer is heading in Canada. Paul Varian provided an informative presentation regarding administration and governance.

- c. **Hosting a Club Governance Conference** - Paul West would like to have Paul Varian come to share his knowledge with our club. He had a lot to say about Technical Directors vs Head Coaches vs Executive Directors. He could offer specific advice for a club of our size. UISA is planning to meet with him as well. **Paul will look into dates and cost.**
- d. **Goals for Vanier** - Stefan requested another set of goals for the turf field. Paul will look into getting Score Master goals.

Motion: To buy a set of full size, movable goals and nets for the turf field for a maximum cost of \$5000.

Stefan/Paul

CARRIED

- e. **Turf Field snow issues** - Someone shoveled snow on the turf, which caused significant damage. All coaches need to be reminded not to do this.

5. Reports - Table Officers

President - Paul: I hope that everyone has enjoyed a few weeks away from soccer and had some quality time with family and friends over the holidays. I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday at our first meeting of 2018. There is lots to discuss and plan for as we quickly move towards our 2018 AGM. As most, if not everyone knows, I have received messages from both Tony and Trevor advising that they will not be seeking re-election at our next AGM. In addition Stu Power will be stepping away from his referee in chief position effective as of the start of the 2018/19 season. And as Myra mentioned in her message, she has accepted a teaching position at Airport EI and will be leaving her position at the soccer office. All have made considerable contributions to our club and our executive table and it is good news for the club that all will continue to be involved in various aspects of the club as we move forward.

Our last meeting involved a request for each of our executive members that are up for re-election to advise Myra or myself what their intentions are for the upcoming AGM. I have received a message from Linda Wyton advising that while she will be away for the AGM she is interested in continuing on in her role as VP Women. I can also advise that Phil Statham has offered to have his name stand for an additional one year term as our VP of Master's and I have also decided to offer my name to continue on in my position for an additional one year term. The one year extension's, if approved by the membership will bring some balance to the yearly turn-over of executive positions, an issue we discussed at our last meeting.

In other news, I did attend the BCSA soccer conference in December and sat through a full day of informative presentations by Jason de Vos, the new director of communications for the CSA, and a lengthy but informative presentation by Paul Varian regarding administration and governance. I do have his powerpoint presentation for anyone that may be interested in viewing it. I will speak more about Mr Varian at our meeting. During the breaks at the conference I had opportunity to speak with several BCSA representatives as well as other reps from UISA and various other soccer organizations on the island.

Earlier today (Wednesday) I had a 90 minute informal discussion with Kjeld Brodsgaard, President of BC Soccer regarding a variety of soccer related issues, much of which were follow on discussions coming out of the BC Soccer Conference and some ideas on how to build on what came out of the conference as it relates to Vancouver Island. Other provincial and national issues discussed including dropping enrolment, academy programming, international student permits and the TD certification program being put forward both by the CSA and BCSA.

I am still working on a meeting date with Ian Smith from the Regional District and hope to get that set asap. The new netting for the Vanier goals should be in place by the weekend. Let's hope the temperatures rise a few more degrees and we can get back on the turf asap.

Two final notes, thanks again to Cheri and Myra for supplying the drinks and snacks at our December meeting!! And, I again apologize for my ongoing issues with e-mail messages, prior to Christmas I sent several individual emails/responses to executive members that appear not to have made it to their intended destinations.

VP Masters - Phil: Master have missed a few games etc because of field closures. Other than that all quiet at this time. I will stay on as part of our executive and hopefully help to get the washrooms/ change rooms up and started with Paul.

VP Youth House - Esther: I would like to stay on as VP of House and have some ideas I would like to see come to fruition. The first is to survey the U15-18 group and make changes that will keep them on the pitch for House. The second is to see an idea first proposed by Matt Thomas into implementation and that is the creation of a program for individuals with disabilities, children through to adults. I will speak generally to both these topics at the meeting tonight and hope that the executive will be supportive of these initiatives.

Regarding House, Cheri and I have decided on start and end dates for the Spring Season. I am really hoping that there will be enough coaches and division managers so everything goes smoothly. I would like to pursue the discussion of assigned volunteer duties or a fee like most other minor sports clubs use. While I am happy for Myra personally to move back into teaching, it is a loss to the club and her work had big positive impact on House so with her departure, I am very aware of the need for volunteers. Additional discussion from meeting: We will have a volunteer meeting at the beginning of Spring House to get volunteers to sign up for specific jobs. There will be a draw prize for free registration.

Action: Debi, Esther and Jennifer will meet to organize a volunteer night

VP Youth Select Girls - Jerret: A Select girls team didn't play a scheduled make up game. UISA is looking into it. Don't know if a fine will be implemented.

VP Youth Select Boys - Tony: nothing to report

VP Women - Linda: Numbers are very low. Many teams are folding.

VP Men - Carey: nothing to report

Vice President Development - Stefan: Nothing significant to report on the development end. On a personal note-the A-License part 1 course was absolutely outstanding and certainly the best coach education session I've ever attended. I would at some point in the near future like to offer a chance to pass on some of the things that I learned.

In terms of the agenda, I'd like to add one thing: at the turf field we only have two full size nets which isn't optimal for the older teams, as such, I think that we as a club should purchase 2-4 additional large nets to ensure that teams in the U14 and up age groups can train appropriately.

Treasurer - Karen: Karen will have the year end report done soon

Equipment Manager - Trevor: We are fine for equipment as long as numbers don't change too much. Myra suggested we get some more size 4 balls and small size pinnies (approx. 50).

Reports - Directors

Referee-in-Chief - Stu: nothing to report

Division Manager Liaison - Debi: nothing to report

Field Manager - Mike: nothing to report

Volunteer Coordinator - Jennifer: nothing to report

Administrator's Report - Cheri: nothing to report

7. Adjournment at 9:05pm

MOTION: To adjourn meeting

Linda/Debi

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12 / Clubhouse / 7:00 PM