

# Comox Valley United Soccer Annual General Meeting

## May 20, 2021

### 6 pm, Virtual

**Attended by:** Stef Szkwarek, Jason Major, Remi Tran, Jaime McDowell, Phil Statham, Mike Read, Rob Caya, Amanda Van Delft, Kerry Lyttle, Claudia Vachon, Craig Angus, Melissa Preston, Jerret Dickinson, Heather Robertson, Carey Cordecedo, Jenn Vinzenz, Artur Ciakowski, Mairi Smith, Bobi Lineker, Stephane Leblanc.

**Motion** to adopt of the agenda for the 2021 AGM was proposed by Kerry and seconded by Remi with all in favour.

**Motion** to adopt the minutes of the 2019 AGM minutes was proposed by and seconded by Remi with none opposed. There was no AGM in 2020 due to COVID.

**Motion** to adopt the Constitutional changes to Part 4 was proposed by Melissa and seconded by Amanda with none opposed. The change and reason for the change is noted below:

#### **Part 4 – Directors**

##### *5. Removal of a Director*

vi. they have been found guilty by BC Soccer of failing to act in accordance with the Conflict of Interest Policy and Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Standards and Policy of BC Soccer.

#### **Amended to:**

vi. they have been found guilty by BC Soccer of failing to act in accordance with bylaws, rules, regulations and policies of BC Soccer.

**Rationale:** The Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Standards Policy of BC Soccer isn't the name of the document/policy anymore. It has been updated to the Judicial Code & Policies of BC Soccer. By amending the bylaw to be more generic, it achieves the same thing and doesn't become outdated when BC Soccer updates its policies.

#### **The President's Address:**

To put things mildly, the last year has been extremely challenging for everyone associated with the club from the President, to the board, to the staff, to our coaches and volunteers and for our members. This said, in addition to presenting unprecedented challenges for our club, the COVID 19 pandemic has proven our club's ability to find solutions and deliver excellent soccer experiences to the Comox Valley's children. Further, the pandemic has also enabled our club to find opportunities to improve the way we deliver and manage programming in a more efficient

and effective way. Case in point, due to the need for new processes, our club has begun a complete review of all of our policies and procedures such that they are in line with more modern ways of working. Further, from a technical perspective, COVID has necessitated that we make efficient our training model, meaning that we have universally adopted the CSA's skill centre methodology. The good news behind this is that we are well positioned to apply for a skill centre license.

Financially, I am happy to report that despite the challenges of the pandemic, the club is in a healthy financial position and only suffered a small operating loss over the last fiscal year. Moreover, although we have had to adjust pricing slightly on our programming, we are still the most affordable club on Vancouver Island and will continue to be for the foreseeable future. Although we saw the departure of our previous TD who departed for family reasons, we have been very fortunate to bring in Mr. Craig Angus into our team and his contributions have been outstanding. Craig is a UEFA A and Elite Youth license holder, meaning that he is one of the most qualified coaches in Canada. For a small community to have such a talented and educated individual leading us technically is wonderful. Finally, Craig has ensured that an evidence-based approach is taken for all technical decision making and that a objectively standards based approach will be followed for delivery of programming. Both of these elements are key for the club moving forward.

From a governance perspective, we are entering the AGM with a strong board and many new faces interested in joining. I look forward to working with new and old members alike as we venture into a new era. On this note, while we attained BC Soccer's Charter status this year, we are carrying our work forward and will be looking to attain Canada Soccer's Quality Soccer provider license in the near future. This means that we will continue to improve our standards for program delivery in all aspects.

Final point – I'm extremely pleased to announce that the club will have a new logo going forward. As I am looking to sit as the club president for another term, I view this rebranding as the next evolution for the club as we move forward and continue to modernize.

We are United!

### **Treasurers Address and Budget**

Remi addressed the board and presented the financial results of the previous year and the budget for the upcoming year which predicts a small but manageable operating loss. A motion to approve the budget was proposed by Jason and seconded by Phil with none opposed. Budget approved

### **The New Logo**

The New Logo was presented to the board for information including an explanation of the image. There was lots of support shown in the chat for the New Logo. The New Logo was approved at the previous board meeting.

## **Elections of the Board Members**

A motion to elect the slate of board members was proposed by Artur and seconded by Phil with none opposed. All present and eligible to vote at the AGM voted in favour of the board.

The elected Board Members are:

President - Stefan Szkwarek – 2 Years

VP -Claudia Vachon – 1 Year

Secretary – Jason Major – 2 Years

Treasurer – Remi Tran – 2 Years

Director VISL – Kerry Lyttle – 2 Years

Director Select – Melissa Preston – 2 Years

Director Adult – Rob Caya – 2 Years

Director at Large – Amanda Van Delft – 1 Year

Director at Large – Stephane Leblanc – 1 Year

## **Adjournment of the 2021 AGM**

A motion was proposed by Phil to adjourn with Kerry seconding the motion. None were opposed.