

MEETING MINUTES

BC GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CO-ED SOCCER SOCIETY

Date: February 25, 2019

Place: Penny Farthing Pub

Time: 6pm-8pm

Present:

Executive: Brent Mueller (President), Hu Wallis (Vice President), Erin Booth (Secretary/Treasurer), Al Moir (Head Ref), Michael Bradley (Past President)

Guests:

Andrea Careless (Webmaster)

Team Representation: Dale Samsonoff (Advanced Education), Gillian Batey (Attorney General), BCBC: Brian Scholfield (BCBC), Kim Dofeal/Kevin ?? (CRD), Jared Watters (Education), James Chaney (Energy Mines), Hu Wallis (Environment Blues), Brent Mueller (Financial Affairs), Desmond Cheng (Forests), Siobhan Whitman (Highways), John Harper (Island Health), Lauren Kerr (Labour Rangers), Bruce Morrey (Reds United), Paul Affleck (Saanich United), Sarah Obee (Social Services)

Not Present:

Team Representation: Greens United, Health MSP, Road Builders

Meeting Called to Order: 6:16 pm

1) Message from the President - Brent Mueller

- a) Better fields
- b) Player safety - reduced physical play
- c) More fun

2) Update on Fields - Hu Wallis / Erin Booth

- a) Managers previously approved [by email] increased use of turf, at ~\$2000 increase in cost from last year
- b) We have 2 turf and 3 grass fields for April to June, switching to all turf in July and August [can't currently get more turf earlier]
- c) Pre-meeting canvas of managers suggests:
 - Keep Victor Brodeur and Lower Claremont
 - Not taking Mt Doug
 - Mixed views about Upper Claremont, Royal Oak and Arbutus [we need one of the three]

Formed Fields Committee:

- Hu Wallis
- Siobhan Whitman
- Gillian Batey
- Jared Watters

Next steps:

- Research grass fields
- Recommend final field selection

3) Update from Treasurer - Erin Booth

- On target to finish the 2018/19 fiscal year with a \$1,400 surplus and a projected bank balance of \$6,250.

4) 2019/20 Budget and Fees - Erin Booth

Budget Pressures:

- Fields - estimate a \$2,000 increase over last year to provide more turf fields
- Refs - no increase has been announced as of yet. Potential to increase by \$10/game resulting in a budget increase of approximately \$1,600. If ref fees are not increased this year, they will be for the 2020 season, per Al Moir.
- Performance Bond - \$1,000 is being held with BC Soccer Association. The board will work with BCSA to get the \$1,000 back and applied to 2019/20 dues, however it is uncertain if this will be possible in the coming year.
- Team Withdrawal - Education may not be able to field a team and would result in a \$2,000 reduction of team dues. Jared Watters to reply to the league by March 11, 2019 to let us know if Education will have a team in the 2019/20 season.

Upcoming Projects:

- Website Upgrade - it is becoming increasingly difficult to find webmasters to maintain the BCGESL that was designed and managed by previous players who are no longer with the league.

Formed Website Upgrade Committee:

- Hu Wallis
- John Harper (Island Health)
- Andrea Careless - current webmaster

Next Steps:

- Research options for delivering league information
- Present league with options and prices.

Motion: To raise team fees to \$2,200/team (Paul Affleck); Seconded: (Siobhan Whitman); Approved.

5) Consistent Ref Approach to Rough Play - Brent Mueller

- Discussion of the two "layers" of rules for the refs to follow and that it is important these are applied consistently.

1st Layer: BC Soccer rules

2nd Layer: League rules - NO slide tackles, protecting the Keepers.

- Al Moir would like ref feedback sent directly to him (see website for his email address.)

Formed Player Conduct Committee:

- Gillian Batey
- Siobhan Whitman
- Al Moir
- (Board member?)

Next Steps/Tasks:

- Develop a clear "player expectations/consequences" and "manager expectations/consequences"
- Present at meeting and publish.

6) BC Soccer Association - Hu Wallis / Erin Booth

- The League was advised in December, 2018 of outstanding fees [for which no invoice was ever provided] and player data, as well as resulting interest and a fine for not submitting data.
- This resulted from league timetables differing from BCSA's deadlines, and from privacy concerns with the amount of personal data being requested by BCSA [eg. SIN, date of birth]. BCSA decided on these actions in August, but did not advise the league until December.
- Interest on outstanding fees was forgiven as a result of the appeal submitted by exec to BCSA in December.
- The League has been fined \$250 for not uploading player information by the June 1st deadline. This fine was not forgiven as a result of the appeal.
- -A \$1,000 performance bond is being held, the Board to determine how we can get that back.

7) Other season start up bits

- Evening out turf/grass field for each team will be attempted - Hu to oversee this.
- Jerseys: The board supports teams changing their jersey colour if desired. Teams were reminded that the (home/away?) team is required to have pinnies in the case they are playing a team with a similar coloured jersey. If your team is changing the colour of their jersey, submit the colour to the Secretary (via email) so it can be uploaded to the website.
- First game set for April 23, 2019.

8) Future of the Tournament

- Some teams are finding it harder to get players for the middle of August. A few teams have withdrawn in recent years.
- Sara Obee questioned whether we should still hold the tournament, or cancel it?
- Other teams look forward to the tournament as the windup of the season.

Thoughts:

- Left over schedule (consider playing through August instead of tournament to complete the season?)
- Create a "phantom" team made up of players from partial teams
- Make it more "21st" century

Motion: To adjourn meeting (Brent); Seconded (Gillian); Adjourned: 8:20pm