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Summary

The first half of the Tier 3 Pacific Development League has now concluded. Unfortunately, with the weather being what it has been finals were not able to be played, therefore Pacific Development Cup winners are decided upon by standings at the end of the league season. The top teams in their respective divisions are:

CVUSC U14 G (Schweigel)
NUFC U14 B Galloway/Jorgensen
NUFC U15 G Theckston
SURF U15 Boys
NUFC U16 B Jakobsen
SURF U17 Girls
NUFC U18 G David
SURF U18 Boys

Successes:

This season, thus far, has run a great deal better than the 2021 season. Successes are measured by goals achieved.

- Better management of information and processes, fair scheduling of league matches, increase in registration numbers.
- With 67 teams competing for District championships and playing interlock matches with Lower Island, the competition has been diverse.
- Adjusted the way the district is managed by re-organizing and clearly defining roles, separating governance and operations to conduct business in more productive methods.
- Creating comprehensive procedures, policies, and procedures where they were lacking.
 This is an area that needed much work and although a lot of time and effort has been
 put towards these areas, and we have made a great deal of progress, there is still a lot
 more to do.

Concerns:

- Technical issues were a great concern during the beginning of the season. Too much time was spent on the website functioning the way it should.
- The league timeline to provide adequate number of matches whilst keeping weekends open for makeup days has proven to be an issue.
- Upcoming season is too condensed. Some matches are 'double qualifiers' meaning a single matchup can be a B Cup qualifier as well as an Island Cup qualifier. This may be taxing on teams.

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Recommendations:

- After much consideration the decision to stay with SpApp was made and we are looking forward to a successful future with SpAppz. Continued support and communication will be key.
- Continued management of roles in the district both board and staff will need to be frequently evaluated.
- Stretch the playing season from September to March by starting Island Cup matches as soon as required in the season (number of divisional teams dependent). Considerations:
 - Roster changes each week
 - Keeping three separate standings
 - Clear communication as to what each match is being played for could be very confusing for teams

Current Undertakings

The focus has now shifted to the second half of the season running January to March with teams vying for regional championships (Island Cup) and those that will declare for the opportunity to qualify for the Provincial B Cup.

The schedule has been created and sent out to clubs with field and match times to be provided.

Projects I am working on:

- Ptogether a proposal to unify the pay scale within the district to be presented at the UISA AGM in May.
- Iniiated a Referee Showcase in order to support referees in the district and give them recognition with short write ups each week to post on social media and our website.
- The District Strategic Plan is in the works as well as a proposal for a new league structure for the 2023/24 season including an inter-district league
- Creating opportunities for U18 and U13 BCSPL level players
- A new proposed schedule for the league stretching out the season to fulfill an satisfactory number of matches if matches cannot be played.

Administration

The much-needed help for administrative tasks has been provided by Mackenzie as we look for a permanent person to fill the role. Interviews are set to take place the first week of January.

Respectfully submitted

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