 Executive Director’s Report

AGM May 31st, 2022

Summary

Nothing creates a sense of purpose more than finding an organization that fits your values and ideas of what great things a district can do to bring quality football to communities in the upper Island; and I am eager to provide what I can to carry out the goals of the district. Aligning with the new mission I continue to manage operations with the best intentions to maintain the vision whilst providing the best possible support for the clubs. A priority this month and in the coming month is to establish processes and mitigate challenges faced in the past seasons and provide solid resolutions in the strategic plan for 2022/23. A proactive approach through consistent messaging and streamlined systems to assist coaches, team staff and parents, will allow a more positive experience so they can enjoy being parents and coaches rather than being concerned about administrative matters.

Referee Support

After conducting meetings with district referee coordinators, strategies to provide development for referees in the district is now in development. A mentorship program is in the planning stages with a clear strategy to be set in place during the off-season. A document I feel is essential to achieve our goals for referee retainment in the district is the Referee Support Policy. The Referee Support Policy clearly states unacceptable behaviours towards match officials while outlining procedures to provide resolution to various situations.

Coach Development

A survey to club technical directors was conducted via email to establish whether the district can provide support to clubs regarding coach development. All clubs in the district are providing their coaches with not only the required courses but offering advanced courses or looking to provide advanced courses in the future. The smaller clubs have expressed whatever support the district has to offer is welcome, while the larger clubs seem content on their coach development practices.

League Update

* Tier 2 has been operational since April 9th. Satisfaction among UISA members is being reflected through comments on match reports and off the field. Competition amongst the league with matches with the Lower Island teams has been competitive with good sportsmanship.
* As of Friday May 27th, UISA has declared one regional representative and two district representatives currently advancing to the 2022 A Cup Provincials. All three teams are from NUFC (U14/15 Girls and U15 Boys)
* Challenges around the schedule have arisen as conflicts around provincials and other sports, mainly for the girls’ teams, as well as high school graduation/prom events. This involved adjusting the schedule to provide solutions for teams to play with sufficient roster sizes. Some dissatisfaction based around playdowns being too early in the season were brought to our attention.
* I still believe a website specifically dedicated to Tier 2 for the 2023 season is still a key factor in improving operations. One website where all schedules, forms, rules and applicable information can be found with UISA and LISA sharing in operating duties and fiscal responsibilities.

Re-branding

* The board has chosen a new logo to represent UISA being unveiled at the AGM
* League logo will also change to reflect league name change from UCL to PDL

Current Projects

* Preparations are now underway for UISA’s Strategic Plan for the 2022-2023 year.
* Guidelines and resources for club admin, coaches, players and referees are being compiled to be distributed prior to the start of the fall season.
* Re-building of the website with the hope of a launch in June/July.
* Continue to cooperatively manage operations in Tier 2 League with LISA.

Respectfully submitted,

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