



# UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## UIISA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2020

Via WebEx – 6:30 PM

## MINUTES

**Present:** Brad Nixon, Willow Rae, Karen Garrett, Shawn Fiddick

**Guests:** Christine Carson, Shelley Clarke, Larry Stefanek, Don Moslin of BCSA

**Delayed:** Kevin Cowie

**Regrets:** Mike Rankin

1) **Additions/Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS CIRCULATED**

**Willow/Shawn**

**CARRIED**

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting: April 7, 2020**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CIRCULATED**

**Brad/Karen**

**CARRIED**

3) **Correspondence:**

**10 Apr** – from Robert Janning. Henry Manson featured on APTN – sent to UIISA Exec Apr 14, posted on UIISA website

**15 Apr** – from BC Soccer. COVID-19 update – fwd to UIISA Exec Apr 15 and posted on UIISA website, fwd by BC Soccer to clubs

**15 Apr** – from BCSA. Youth Forum postponed until May 5 – fwd to UIISA Exec Apr 15

**23 Apr** – from BCSA. Return to Play survey – fwd to UIISA Exec Apr 23, sent by BC Soccer to clubs

**30 Apr** – from BCSA. Return to Play survey results – fwd to UIISA Exec Apr 30, sent by BC Soccer to clubs, posted on UIISA website

**3 May** – from UIISA. UIISA soccer update and online resources - fwd to UIISA Storm, Riptide and Tier 3 teams

4) **Old Business:**

a) **Potential New Academy in UIISA** – Follow up letter was sent to CVYSA and Kevin followed up.

b) **Island Invitational 2021** – CRYSA advised they want the opportunity to host Island Invitationals in 2021. Christine contacted Stu of LISA and he agreed. CRYSA will host 2021.

c) **MWC 2021** – CVYSA is hosting MWC 2021.

- 5) **New Business:**
- a) **UISA Meeting Dates and Locations** – see list below. AGM location.
  - b) **Pacific FC Proposal for Storm/Riptide** – See attached Appendix A. Storm and Riptide Committee. The general consensus from both Committees is positive support in favour of Pacific FC's proposal, with a few minor tweaks to address. One community Club requested to hold off on a final decision until they have time to investigate an aspect regarding delay of start of season and the amount of funds payable in that scenario. Further discussion/vote has been postponed for a few weeks when all parties involved are in a better position to make a well-informed decision. Christine to facilitate coordinating/scheduling of the meeting.
  - c) **Nanaimo United Proposal** – See attached Appendix B. Shawn was invited and will attend NU's meeting on May 20, 2020.
  - d) **Conflict of Interest between Club Rep/Steering Committee** – Shawn provided a reminder that individuals serving in the capacity as Club Representatives on the Storm/Riptide Committee need to maintain a cooperative and supportive attitude regardless of whether their personal opinion may differ from the outcome of any vote. No current conflict(s) of interest exists.
  - e) **BC Soccer Youth Forum** – See attached Appendixes C and D. Return to Play was discussed. Discussion on LISA's implemented U12 No Heading Policy - pros and cons. Scholarship applications are due at the end of the month (via online).
  - f) **BC Soccer Provincials** - Don Moslin advised that several in-depth discussions were had regarding cancellation of both A and B Cup. Some hosts were not able to commit, and concerns were growing surrounding unknowns like support and numbers etc. The vote outcome is that both A and B Cup are cancelled. UISA to give teams that were to participate memory sake Provincial keychains. Karen presented a motion to amend the Riptide Fundraising Policy. Brad and Shawn abstained from vote due to conflict of interest. No seconder. Table to future discussion/motion when members have had the opportunity to review fundraising legislation/laws.
  - g) **Return to Play** – Shawn sits on BC Soccer Development Committee. They are developing a program to ensure a safe process is in place to get kids back playing. Session plans have been designed to meet and address return to play program/policy requirements. Been sent to respective higher authorities for approval. More info to be provided in due course. Shawn advised that the return to play programming proposal although somewhat confidential at this state, is exciting, thorough and very well thought out.
- 6) **Storm and COVID-19:** Financial Update. See attached Appendix E. Riptide financial update will be provided shortly. Christine summarized current information floating around the District on return to play.
- 7) **UISA and COVID-19:** District Financial Update. See attached Appendix F.

- 8) **UISA AGM Planning:** Board Candidates, Reports. Christine is working on financial reports for AGM. President Report and Vice-President Report need to be provided to Christine for AGM.
- 9) **Treasurer's Report:** no report
- 10) **Registrar's Report:** no report
- 11) **Administrator's Report:**
  - League Play:**
    - i. **BCSPL Update:** no report - soccer suspended
    - ii. **VIPL Update:** no report - soccer suspended
    - iii. **UISA League Update:** no report - soccer suspended
- 12) **Technical Committee:** See attached Appendix G
- 13) **Discipline/Officials:** Cup payments for officials. Christine has submitted amounts for game officials and is hoping they will be reimbursed as per norm.

**Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.**

Future Meeting Dates:

**UISA Executive Meeting:**

Monday, June 1, 2020 – TBD

Monday, June 8, 2020 - dinner meeting after AGM - TBD

Monday, August 10, 2020 – via WebEx – 6:30 PM

**UISA General Meeting Dates:**

Saturday June 6, 2020 – 12:30 PM following the AGM

**UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee Meeting Dates:**

TBD after return to play

**UISA Annual General Meeting Date:**

Saturday June 6, 2020 – Comox Valley – 11:00 AM

If in person meetings are still not possible: AGM via remote link (WebEx or Zoom) and GM postponed until we can meet in person for a full discussion of ideas.

**APPENDIX "A"**

**PACIFIC FC PROPOSAL – as circulated**

**APPENDIX "B"**

**NU's PROPOSAL – as circulated**

**APPENDIX "C"**

**CSA LT – as circulated**

**APPENDIX "D"**

**BC SOCCER YOUTH FORUM MEETING MINUTES – as circulated**

**APPENDIX "E"**

**Storm and COVID-19 - Financial Update – as circulated**



**APPENDIX "F"**

**UISA and COVID-19 - District Financial Update**

## **APPENDIX "G"**

### **Technical Report for May 2020**

Prepared by Shawn Fiddick

Outlined below are some items that have occurred during the last month in terms of the technical department. Each month I will try and reconcile information to the board prior to the meeting, so the board has time to review the points and prepare any question they may have.

- **RETURN TO PLAY**

Currently attending meetings on new BC Soccer committee called "Soccer Development Committee". This committee consistently of coaches / admin from all over the province (approx 10 people) including Don Moslin from BC Soccer, and headed by Chris Cerroni the Director of Soccer Development for the province.

The first item on our agenda for our first meeting was in regards to Return to Play and how can we get kids back on the field during these new times of heightened health concerns. We reviewed a presentation by BC Soccer on some ideas, and we all shared some thoughts and comments. This is an ongoing process, and currently is being reviewed to be presented to the Provincial Government, details will come as they are available.

- **HEADING IN THE GAME**

During the soccer development committee meeting, we were presented with the LISA document showing the next steps in removing heading from the game / training for certain age groups. Currently English FA, Irish FA, Scottish FA, US Soccer and a handful more have decided to remove heading from all training and games under the ages of U12 to U10 (it varies from some groups to others).

There was lots of discussion regarding what age group is this appropriate to consider discontinuing heading from the game. Comments ranged from U10 to U13.

There is no current direction from the CSA, but BC Soccer feels there is a need for this conversation and likely to take action as a leader, but this is what the discussion is for.

**The largest consensus was that removing heading from the game / training from U11 down made the most sense.** Introducing it at U12 (Development) for the season, then allowing it from U13 and up. Andrew from LISA is going to be doing some research on next steps when introducing it back into the game with specialist from UVIC . We will continue to work together with the Soccer Development committee for next steps.

- **ONLINE THEORY FOR COACHING**

The CSA has launched all the theory component for coaching certifications online now. The links are available through BC Soccer website, under the coach tab.

I will send the link and information to the clubs to pass along to their coaches to ensure coaches are aware they could do some of their training during the summer down time. The on field practical part will be determined once the health regulations allow.