



- **Acknowledgement of Indigenous lands**

- **Roll Call** – Christiane Kamerman (UISA), Glen Murphy (Gabriola Soccer Club), Jason Coates (NUFC), Ralph Spencer (AASC), Harry Sommerfield (UISA), Claudia Vachon (CVUSA), Jessica Krippendorf Kirby (NUFC), Darrin McLeod (CVUSC), Alex Bates (CRYSA), Jordie Sorensen (CRYSA), Daragh Fitzgerald (NUFC), Reid Davidson (NUFC), Jazz Sohal (SURF),  
**Regrets:** Melanie Sullivan (PRYSA), Jayme Shea (Mid Isle), Jeremy (Mid Isle)

- **Additions/Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED as amended to add Referee development.

1st- Daragh Fitzgerald 2nd Jessica Krippendorf Kirby

**CARRIED**

- **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 19 2022 GENERAL MEETING AS PRESENTED

1<sup>st</sup>- Harry Sommerfield 2<sup>nd</sup>—Alex Bates.....**CARRIED**

- **Topics from clubs to discuss**

- Alex Bates CRYSA-

- 8 teams entered in Surrey Mayors Cup
- CRYSA to host the U12 Jamboree in two weeks
- Spring season registration is open and numbers are very positive
- The Girls program has been a positive influence on increasing players numbers (almost quadrupled in numbers). U7/8 and U9/10- with some U11 girls able to join
- Forecasted to have a Super 8 girls team going forward

- Claudia Vachon/ Darrin McLeod CVUSA

- Spring recreation is showing positive numbers at now over 1000 players
- U 4 program has started up also
- Development program wraps up with Jamboree on March 19<sup>th</sup>
- 4 teams entered in the West Coast League playing the weekend of

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April 15<sup>th</sup>

- Season has gone well.
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- Daragh Fitzgerald NUFC-
    - Feedback has been positive regarding the league season
    - Numbers are lower for the Winter season but not much lower
    - 30 teams registered for Mini World Cup at end of April
    - BCSPL League started up last weekend, exciting to see them increasing their competitiveness
    - 18 teams going to Surrey Mayors Cup
    - WCL: 6 teams entered
    - U12/13 Recreation league to start in Spring (80 children)
    - 350 U4-6 Happy Cleats Players registered
    - 50-60 kids registered for the 2 weeks of Spring Break Camps
  - Glen Murphy TD Gabriola Soccer Club-
    - 5 teams entered in lower age brackets in regional league this season
    - Fall 2023 there might be a Tier 2 team entered to play
  - Ralph Spencer AASC
    - 630 players registered and this has almost doubled over the last few years
    - The opportunity to continue to play outside during Covid was a positive influence that may have helped increase numbers
    - Travis Cross is the technical lead- volunteering in this role and doing an amazing job
    - 3 older age groups registered for Spring league for the first time – 80 players signed up to play
    - Possible transition from fall, skip winter, and then spring league
    - We have many youth referees however, only one adult referees therefore a need to work on
    - Still experiencing some SpAppz issues
    - Volunteers valued by the club as they put in an immense amount of time and work to support the programs
    - One team fined due to not completing a team report

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- Report sent on behalf of Mid Isle
  - Snow made challenges for games
  - Many teams registered for Surrey Mayors Cup
  
- **Old Business:**
  - Tier 2 League and A Cup Play
    - Not much has changed from last year except teams can be included and play despite not declaring for A Cup if the schedule works
    - Season to commence April 15/16th to June 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> are the last day of season as these will be the finals
    - Some conflicting issues between UISA and LISA website info so there will be a central website to ensure consistency with information
    - 28 teams for spring league- only one U17 girls team
    - Games will occur between Lower and Upper Island teams
    - The website is not currently open but will be ready in a few weeks'
    - League is inter district with lower island teams playing against upper island teams.
  
- **New Business:**
  - Organization/Scheduling for Tier 2 League and A Cup Play
    - Do we have players looking for a team or a player looking for a team? If so contact Rashpal.
    - NUFC U17 boys may have space for players
    - CRYSA will explore if there are any players
  
- League Feedback Process -How did it go? What worked well? How can we improve for next year?
  - Feedback from the clubs received and provided by UISA ED
    - Themes include:
    - Scheduling ie. clubs providing field locations and times.
    - Recommendations:
    - Play Sept to March (Not December or January due to snow closures)
    - Initiate discussion of possibility for teams to play both Saturdays and Sundays so some flexibility therefore improving the possibility for Interlock games- games scheduled for Sundays.

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- Biggest issue from players and districts are regarding schedule: the lack of schedule from clubs
  - Clubs requesting entire season schedules- Starting Sept ending November
  - 8 playing weeks starting September 8/9<sup>th</sup>, not playing Thanksgiving weekend, then ending weekend of November 25/26<sup>th</sup>
  - Evaluating teams and adjusting movement in divisions every 4 weeks which influences schedules
  - There will be Interlock games- Rashpal to discuss further with Lower Island
  - Rules clarification-questions regarding league play and Cup play. Rashpal in communication with BC Soccer for clarification
- Discussion from Clubs based on evaluative feedback:
    - Recommendations for minimum 2-week schedules in advance for games with field location and times. Home and away game schedule will be provided for first part of the season and then once teams are reshuffled.
    - Ideas shared re: scheduling times for specific age groups
    - First 4 weeks of scheduling set in the beginning of the season
    - Issues continue with scheduling referees if they do not receive timely schedules
    - Clubs/teams to provide requirements for last minute changes to schedule ie. to accommodate officiating needs, weather etc.
    - Games to finish season on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with make ups- December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> as possible and then restart 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. Season resumes 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. Continue with Sunday league games. This was the consensus of the group. Rashpal to review school schedules re: Spring Break.
    - All Master schedules to go on SpAppz to access with any update notifications to go out accordingly. Request to sort games via clubs. Rashpal to explore the possibility of collating schedule by age group or club.

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- Request for enhancing user friendliness of SpAppz schedule ie. sorting of games for both clubs and referees. Changes made to reflect the request for match reports to be called team reports.
- MOTION: TO ADOPT SCHEDULES TO BE PROVIDED MINIMUM TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF GAMES
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ralph Spencer    2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Alexander                      **CARRIED**
- Club Spring soccer: Feedback on registration process and player numbers
  - As noted in Club reports
- Coaching certification-
  - AASC has a young player coaching course but not many signed up
  - NUFC: 3 provided in January. C certification coming up in Spring and will disseminate information out to UISA/Clubs.
  - CVUFC has 3 upcoming sessions. Issues as the coaches complete the online modules but then must wait for offerings based on the completion of paperwork from Canada Soccer and then BC Soccer must enter this paperwork to provide credit. Recommendations to create a cycle ie. complete the online modules and then set dates for the remainder of the course. Due to the nature of the paperwork and uploading of this paperwork, it is up to a 2-week process.
- Mini World Cup: Nanaimo United FC to host- April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Schedule is set and games will take place at Beban/SATF and Merle Logan.
  - Great interest from teams already
  - Tying in Mini World Cup with kick off for the season of Harbourside FC. All players get a free ticket to the Harbourside vs Unity FC April 29th
- SURF Club Update:
  - All is well with the club.

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- **Executive Reports**

- Executive Director's Report
  - As circulated
- Presidents Report
  - As circulated

- **Referee Development:**

- Referee development goal is to add 3 new instructors for development with the aim to target Port Alberni, Comox, and Upper Island
- Officials needed for A and B Cup: if you have any youth officials interested, please contact Harry Sommerfield. Officials must have officiated full sided games.
- Referee courses for next year- recommendations for clubs to provide 2 or 3 dates for small-sided courses for continuity and streamlining scheduling. Ideally one week prior to season commencement.
- Discussion re: payment for course completion and remuneration. Clubs currently reviewing remuneration processes.
- Referees to enter match reports. Teams (clubs) can be fined if team reports not completed.

- **Adjournment:**

- MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING

1st Harry Sommerfield      2nd Jessica Krippendorf Kirby

**CARRIED**

**Important Dates & Future Meeting Dates:**

AGM May 27, 2023 11-3 pm in Comox.