



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA TIER 3 SC AND GENERAL MEETINGS

Saturday February 1, 2019

Via Webex– 11:00 am

Present: Willow J Rae (UISA Director), Karen Garrett (UISA Director), Dave Robinson (Oceanside), Jerrett Dickinson (Comox Valley), Jordie Sorenson (Campbell River), Hiromi Tollefson (Mid Isle), Glen Murphy (Gabriola), Graeme McNeill (Campbell River), Nova Cleghorn (Powell River), Travis Cross (Alberni Valley)

Guests: Christine Carson (UISA), Shelley Clarke (UISA), Daragh Fitzgerald (Nanaimo), Cheri Tilley (Comox Valley)

Regrets: Don Moslin (BC Soccer) Brad Nixon (UISA Vice Chair) Mike Rankin (UISA Director), Kevin Cowie (UISA Chair), Shawn Fiddick (UISA Director)

UISA TIER 3 SC MEETING NOTES

- 1) **2019-20 Tier 3** - any issues to address for end-of-season? Powell River has had an issue with game cancellations due to weather coming too late – teams are already on the ferry and have ended up coming straight back, at an expense of approx. \$300 and half a days' time, for a match that was weathered-out. All clubs are reminded that cancellations must be communicated to Powell River BEFORE 7AM, when families leave for the ferry. It is strongly suggested that cancelation decisions are made the evening before if possible.
- 2) **Items to work on for 2020-21 season** – club suggestions? 1) Clubs expressed a desire for more Super8 Jamborees than were programmed for 2019-20. This will depend, as it always has, on clubs stepping forward to host. Christine shared that moving forward, UISA could host the Pacific Development Jamboree event for Super8s in the fall, and not necessarily rely on club hosts for this special format Jamboree. The original pattern of Jamborees in Super8 (every 4 weeks) was set to meet the needs of teams playing biweekly, but we are having fewer and fewer of those in Super8 so we do have leeway to be more flexible with Super8 schedules. Christine offered an amended workflow in order to encourage more club hosts: rather than UISA bringing a draft of season play dates to the June Tier 3 meeting, this list could be developed at the meeting in conjunction with clubs, who would then have flexibility in determining Jamboree dates

skewed to when they preferred to host. 2) Discussion of referees in the district –several clubs in ref crisis. CV very short of refs - described efforts to recruit younger adults that have borne little fruit to date – the club to connect with Graeme (CR, and CV Mens program) to develop some more traction on this. Also wondering about including ref certification for all youth as part of their soccer experience. Campbell River OK for youth refs, but tougher to get adults involved due to heavy time demands on folks of family age. Considering a fee discount/waiver for adult teams that supply a certain amount of ref time from among their members in the course of a season. Gabriola uses older teens as ref for their hose programs and does well, although numbers can sometimes run short.

- 3) **Set date for Spring Tier 3 meeting** – June 6 selected.
- 4) **Open discussion** – change of playing season – see powerpoint presentation.

UIISA – QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Roll Call/Additions/Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda as circulated
Nova/Hiromi

CARRIED

Minutes of previous meeting: General Meeting November 23, 2019

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Nova/Hiromi

CARRIED

Old Business:

- a) **UIISA Board Vacancy** – currently a board position available, and role of Treasurer is unfilled. Really encourage clubs to put out the word, or send a candidate interested in youth soccer our way - its a great time of year to get a feel for the board before the GM and making a decision to put your name out for a seat.
- b) **UIISA website field facilities updates** See Nov 23 GM minutes/powerpoint for more detail. Campbell River and Powell River have done their updates – thank you!! **Action:** all other clubs to check their listings and let Christine know of any updates
- c) **Heading prohibition for U10 and under** – See Nov 23 GM minutes for discussion. Many jurisdictions have enacted this standard, BC Soccer is waiting to act, does the district wish to go ahead? Campbell River has discussed – the club does not coach or promote heading at this age, so doesn't not feel the need to

enshrine this in the rules and enforce. **Action:** All other clubs to get feedback to UISA at May GM.

- d) **Respect in Sport Program** – group certification in our district? See Nov 23 GM minutes and powerpoint for more info on Respect in Sport. The UISA board has committed to obtaining the RIS workplace certification for board members and staff. Powell River has agreed that board members will require appropriate certification, and that coaches and families will be encouraged to complete the training. CR has discussed and feels they could only implement with Tier 2 and Tier 3 coaches. CV shares this view. **Action:** All other clubs to discuss and bring recommendations to May GM.

New Business:

- a) **Executive and General Meeting Dates** – see list below. Technical working group meetings to develop a new season programming proposal TBD.
- b) **New UISA Executive Emails** – New board emails for UISA are now in place, and have been posted on the website and circulated to all clubs.
- c) **Mini World Cup** –Cheri report - Preparations going well, using the website established by OYSS last year, registration has just opened and signups going well. Will be held the weekend of May
- d) **Island Invitational finals** - To be held in Campbell River May 4/5, Joe Cizmic is heading up the organising with Bill Kennedy.
- e) **VIPL Storm and Riptide update- travel tourneys, galas, riptide tourney**

Registrar's Report: Late registration is due now- still several clubs to come in

Administrator/Scheduler's Report: Tier 2 and Tier 3 both disrupted by weather/field closures every weekend of the new year so far.

Risk Management: BC Soccer safe sport follow up report was sent directly by BC soccer to all clubs. Please take a look and discuss at your club meetings – there is food for thought in the feedback from this process.

Discipline: Several significant issues have come up in the last week, and UISA will investigate each via a discipline committee

Technical: see Tier 3 discussion on change of seasons

Club Reports:

- a) **Alberni/West Coast:** no report
- b) **Campbell River/Gold River: Jordie** - Moving the spring house program to Saturday-may be a compromise with baseball. Futsal is running now. Digging has begun for the fieldhouse!! Hoping for completion mid-September
- c) **Comox: Cheri** – Fall futsal done, winter futsal now running with 3

levels of soccer being offered. Hosting girls try it free sessions for brand new players – has attracted 30 players! Spring break soccer camp being offered, then spring house starts up in early April. Coaching course coming up this spring: Active start April 3, Fundamentals Feb 9 and Learn to Train Feb28-29 and entry level referee course to be offered as well. Shelley and Cheri have met with international student program in the valley to try and procure ITCs ahead of time so students can be included in soccer during their time in the Comox Valley.

- d) **Gabriola:** no report
- e) **Mid-Isle: Hiromi** – all running smoothly, in process looking for a new TD
- f) **Nanaimo:** no report
- g) **Oceanside:** no report
- h) **Powell River: Nova** – keen house coaches at U9/10 have connected with CV and Sechelt for Jamborees – a nice new initiative. Winter technical sessions just concluded and well attended. New website up and running, and now looking for new kit. Having problems with refs, especially adults for older youth cup games.

AOB:

Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

Monday February 10, 2020 –Nanaimo or Parksville – 6:30 PM

Monday March 2, 2020 – via webex or in person – 6:30 PM

UISA General Meeting dates:

Saturday Jan 25 via Webex- immediately after Tier3

Saturday May 30 2020 –Comox Valley - immediately after AGM

UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee meeting dates:

Saturday Jan 25 via Webex- 11 AM

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

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

Saturday May 30, 2020 – Comox Valley – 11 AM