

MEETING MINUTES

BC SOCCER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, 21st February 2015, 9.30-5.30pm

BC Soccer Offices

250 – 3410 Lougheed Highway, Vancouver BC V5M 2A4

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Roger Barnes, (Chair), Rob Lennox, Don Moslin, Rob Brown, Cindy Crapper, Kjeld Brodsgaard, Ed Kennedy (Conference Call), Chris Appleby, John Reed, Don Dancey, Dino Anastopulos, Carlos Grosso, Paul Mullen (Executive Director)

Regrets: Shannon Pederson, Aiman El-Ramly.

2. Consent Agenda

- Approved including all committee meeting minutes.

3. Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 17th January 2015 Board meeting (CA/KB) 14/2015

CARRIED:

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- No business arising.

5. Victor Montagliani (President Canada Soccer) and Charlie Cuzzetto – Director, Canada Soccer

- On behalf of the BC Soccer Board, the President thanked Victor and Charlie for attending today's meeting and discuss with them a number of matters including the process for national soccer governance structural reform, committee representation and communication, competition format and structures and Soccer/Player development. The views of the BC Soccer Board that governance reform should not be mandated but developed in a cooperative way were noted by the President and Charlie Cuzzetto. The excellent work of BC Soccer in increasing the representation of BC born players onto Canadian National Teams National teams from 12% to 17% in 3 years was recognized as was the support BC Soccer is providing on generating awareness of ticket sales for FIFA Women's World Cup 2015. The Canada Soccer President noted the concerns raised by BC Soccer with regard to how ITCs impacts particularly on students who wish to play recreational soccer and he agreed to raise this with FIFA.

The Canada Soccer President left on conclusion of this discussion.

- CSA Board Nomination (Charlie Cuzzetto)

- Charlie presented his credential to the Board requesting their support for the nomination to CSA Board as BC/Yukon rep at May 2015 AGM. Following this presentation he left the meeting.

MOTION: To support the request of Charlie Cuzzetto for BC Soccer to nominate and second him for him to represent BC and Yukon on the Canada Soccer Board of Directors which will be determined at the 2015 Canada Soccer AGM (RL/CA) 15/2015

CARRIED:

6. Financial and Organization Management

- Finance Report and budget actuals to end of December 2014 (*circulated prior to the meeting*)
 - VP Finance provided a verbal update in support of the budget actuals to end of December 2014. The very positive financial situation of BC Soccer was noted.
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- 2015/16 budget re-forecast (*circulate prior to the meeting*)
 - VP Finance thanked Committee Chairs and staff for their work in meeting agreed deadlines for the 2015/16 budget re-forecast.

MOTION: To accept the revised budget as presented on the proviso that the VP Finance, Director of Finance and Adult Competitions Committee amend budgetary requests accordingly (CA/DD) 16/2015

CARRIED:

ACTION#1: Director of Finance to work with Competitions Coordinator and VP Adult on amending the adult competitions budgets accordingly.

- 2016-17 budget creation
 - VP Finance shared timings 2016-17 budget creation reminding Committee Chairs of the importance of complying with the schedule.

7. Executive Director Update / President's Comments

- Strategic plan update (*circulated prior to the meeting*)
 - The ED provided members a verbal update on the strategic plan update. It was noted that 28 out of the 52 objectives had been achieved to date and that very positive progress is being made on many of the others.
- HR Update
 - The ED confirmed that the new Director of Soccer Development Chris Cerroni will start on 2nd March 2015.
- FIFA Live Your Goals grassroots festival
 - The ED confirmed that this was due to take place on 23 May 2015 at Empire Fields, Vancouver.
- Sport BC Athlete of the Year attendance
 - Anyone wishing to attend this event as part of the BC Soccer representation to notify the President by Friday 27th February 2015.
- Member Survey (*circulated prior to the meeting*)
 - The ED provided a verbal summary of the draft 2014 member survey and comparison of key findings from 2013 v 2014. The Board acknowledged the significant work in undertaking this survey and draft report, the results of which will form an integral part of the updated strategic plan. A review of the report is to be undertaken prior to circulation to the membership so as to prepare for sharing at youth forum.

- Legal Update

MOTION: To go into camera (RL/DD) 17/2015

CARRIED:

MOTION: To come out of camera (JR/DM) 18/2015

CARRIED:

- Social Media Guidelines

MOTION: To support the request of Youth Members to designate the social media guidelines as a policy. (RL/CC) 19/2015

CARRIED:

- **South Peace Minor Soccer**

- The Board discussed the request from South Peace Minor Soccer to move to become a member of Alberta Soccer Association due to their inability to meet mandatory coach education rules of BC Soccer, and convenience to playing opportunities in Alberta.

ACTION#2 ED to pursue obtaining further information from South Peace on the benefits/challenges between membership with BC Soccer and Alberta Soccer Association, to obtain any previous details on the move of Fort St. John to Alberta Soccer Association in the late 1990's and to ascertain if inter-provincial play between teams in both associations could be facilitated.

8. Competitions and Events

- Youth
 - A verbal report was provided by the Chair including the planned LOC meeting on 28th February, the Coastal Cup draw on 23 February and CSA national competition rule changes. It was also noted that the Committee were considering implementing a 'retreat line' into the 2015 Premier Provincial Cup rules.
- Adults
 - A verbal report was provided by the Chair including the committee meeting on 22nd February 2015, the positive progress on the event planning for the adult provincial cup finals and meeting with Washington Adult Soccer with regards to the 2015 adult cross-border challenge.

9. Awards and Scholarships

- The Chair provided a verbal report from the recent meeting. It was noted that the Finance Committee had revised the budget to provide for a social event on the Friday night of the AGM following the FOIFA WWC2015 game at BC Place.

ACTION#3: Chair to discuss with Chair of Diversity Working Group the criteria of the female of distinction award to be part of the 2015 awards programme.

10. Soccer Development Committee

- High Performance (*documents circulated prior to the meeting*)
 - The Chair provided a verbal report on recent activity including the recognition by the CSA of the success of players due to participating in the REX programme and the recent BC SPL AGM and very positive adoption of the retreat-line for U13 in phase 1 of the season.

MOTION: To approve the BC SPL updated rules and regulations as submitted pending and subject to review and ratification by the HP Committee and Governance Committee (CG/DD)

20/2015

CARRIED:

- At this point Carlos Grosso left the meeting due to a personal conflict.

MOTION: To formally approve the specific allocation of funding to the CSA Girls REX programme as part of the approved HP Players Development budget (CG/CA)

21/2015

CARRIED:

- Carlos Grosso returned to the meeting.

ACTION#4 ED to ensure that staff share proposed BC SPL rules and regulations with HP and Governance Committees and Chair for their next respective meetings.

- Grassroots (*documents circulated prior to the meeting*)
 - The Chair provided a verbal update on certification and Grassroots workshops in support of the documents circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair referenced the work in contacting all Districts and clubs to encourage them to post links to LTPD materials on their web sites, the possibility of FUTSAL becoming a future sport at BC Winter Games, possibly increasing the age group for soccer at the BC Summer games and Vancouver Whitecaps FC relationship with BC Soccer member district and clubs . A lengthy discussion also took place with regard to compliance with June 2016 mandatory certification rules.

ACTION#5: Soccer Development staff to provide initial ideas/recommendations of how to address the challenges at next Grassroots committee meeting with a view to then discussing at Youth District Forum on 26 March 2015

11. Referees Committee

- A verbal report was provided by the Chair. This included very positive feedback on the recent regional referee meeting in Kamloops which was very well attended. Concerns raised about number of assessors and assessments that are not being conducted but requested which the Chair acknowledged. Concerns were also raised with regard to the scheduling of match officials for University games and the apparent 'bumping' of officials from member appointments for University games. The merits of the Dallas Cup as a development opportunity for appropriate match officials was also discussed.

ACTION#6 Chair, Committee and Referee coordinator to discuss as a priority the challenges relating to the number of assessors available to the membership and referees requiring assessments.

ACTION#7 Chair, Committee and Referee Coordinator agreed to discuss at committee ensuring that any university scheduling is done in a timely fashion so as to avoid 'bumping' of officials at short notice and the balance of the University environment from a referee development

perspective versus members desires for having the best officials available to them to officiate games.

12. Risk Management Committee

- A brief verbal report was presented by the Chair who confirmed that the legal review to the Harassment Policy was making good progress. Interest was to be sought from the membership at the Youth Forum on a Risk Assessment workshop/information available at the AGM weekend.

ACTION#8: ED to ensure content for AGM was discussed at the forthcoming Youth Forum.

13. Nominations Committee

- The Chair provided a brief verbal report including confirmation that a BC Soccer all-candidates meeting for prospective Board members was to take place on 26th May at BC Soccer offices and open to any member to attend.

MOTION: To go into camera (RL/DM) 22/2015

CARRIED:

MOTION: To come out of camera (JR/DM) 24/2015

CARRIED:

14. Judicial (*documents circulated prior to the meeting*)

- The excellent feedback from the first 3 membership discipline workshops was noted; future workshops are also to be scheduled across the Province in the near future.

15. Governance and Membership Committee (*documents circulated prior to the meeting*)

- A verbal report was provided by the Chair on a number of matters the committee have been progressing. It was noted that the BC Soccer PL registration process was to be further discussed by the committee and a number of options be recommended to the Youth Forum for their feedback.

MOTION: To support the Membership Committees minor amendments to the BC Soccer Associate membership category amendment approved (RL/RB) 25/2015

CARRIED:

MOTION: To support the Membership Committees TOYSL inter-district league renewal application. (RL/DM) 26/2015

CARRIED

ACTION#9: ED to ensure that staff liaisons invite Rob Brown and Kjeld to the next Membership Committee on 10 March to be part of discussion on adult associate members leagues.

16. Diversity Working Group

- The recent work of the Committee was noted which included the cultural survey which is to be issued in March, the start date for a female staff member to be part of the soccer development team, and the relationship building activity that the Chair had been undertaking with various aboriginal members and communities in recent weeks.

17. Regional Tier 3 Committee

- The Chair updated the members on work including recent visits to meet with the QSF and OSA, to gain from experience with their T3 leagues. These had proved to be very positive and valuable as part of the Committees stakeholders consultations process. Future meetings with Washington Adult Soccer, Canada Soccer and Vancouver Whitecaps FC were still to be scheduled in the very near future.

18. Women's World Cup 2015 Legacy Committee

- The report submitted on Committee activity and work plan progress was accepted as presented.

18. New Business

- No new business was forthcoming.

19. Next Meeting

- April 11, 2015

20. Adjournment

ACTION SUMMARY:

#	Who?	What?	By when?	Completed
1	Director of Finance	To work with Competitions Coordinator and VP Adult on amending the adult competitions budgets accordingly.	w/c 23 Feb 2015	
2	ED	To pursue obtaining further information from South Peace on the benefits/challenges between membership with BC Soccer and Alberta Soccer Association, to obtain any previous details on the move of Fort St. John to Alberta Soccer Association in the late 1990's and to ascertain if inter-provincial play between teams in both associations could be facilitated.	w/c 23 Feb 2015	
3	Awards and Scholarship Committee Chair	To discuss with Chair of Diversity Working Group the criteria of the female of distinction award to be part of the 2015 awards programme.	w/c 23 Feb 2015	
4	ED	To ensure that staff share proposed BC SPL rules and regulations with HP and Governance Committees and Chair for their next respective meetings.	w/c 23 Feb 2015	
5	ED	Soccer Development staff to provide initial ideas/recommendations of how to address the challenges at next Grassroots committee meeting with a view to then discussing at Youth District Forum on 26 March 2015	23 rd March 2015 (next committee meeting)	
6	Referees Committee Chair	To discuss as a priority the challenges relating to the number of assessors	w/c 23 Feb	

	and Referee Coordinator	available to the membership and referees requiring assessments.		
7	Referees Committee Chair and Referee Coordinator	To discuss at committee ensuring that any university scheduling is done in a timely fashion so as to avoid 'bumping' of officials at short notice and the balance of the University environment from a referee development perspective versus members desires for having the best officials available to them to officiate games.	w/c 23 Feb	
8	ED	To ensure content for AGM was discussed at the forthcoming Youth Forum.	26 th March 2015 (Youth Forum)	
9	ED	To ensure that staff liaisons invite Rob Brown and Kjeld Brodsgaard to the next Membership Committee on 10 March to be part of discussion on adult member leagues.	w/c 23 Feb 2015	24 th Feb 2015

Approved by:

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

