



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BC SOCCER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, February 19th, 2011 10:00 – 4:00

Creekside Community Recreation Centre, Vancouver

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.

Present: Charlie Cuzzetto (Chair), Roger Barnes, Kjeld Brodsgaard, Chris Costley, Don Dancey, Rob Lennox, Don Moslin, Les Sinnott, Peter Vranjkovic; Steve Allen (joined the meeting around 11:00 am due to a radio interview on HPL on Team 1040); Paul Mullen (Director of Operations), Bjorn Osieck (Executive Director), Deepali Parhar (Recorder),

Regrets: Chris Appleby, Rick Connors, Craig Doherty, Ed Kennedy

2. Consent Agenda:

- Adoption of Agenda
- Approval of September 10/11, 2010 and January 23rd, 2011 meeting minutes

MOTION: To approve January 23rd meeting minutes as presented (Sept 10/11 minutes tabled).

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3. Business Arising

- Board Updates

1. In Camera Discussion: Governance

MOTION: To go in camera.

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MOTION: To come out of camera.

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2. HR Update

MOTION: To go in camera.

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MOTION: To come out of camera.

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3. Member Service Management System Update

An update was provided re: the MSMS highlighting that FSI has made significant internal investments on their overall platform to be able to respond to client concerns in more expedient and comprehensive fashion.

At this point weekly conference calls are taking place between the BC Soccer staff team and their FSI counterparts to ensure/ monitor progress on all pertinent development aspects as submitted earlier in the year as part of an 18 months, multi-phase priority document.

As system stabilizes and membership take-up increases, BC Soccer will become increasingly focused on addressing response and service delivery timelines.

4. Clearvale Training Update

Clearvale training manual was provided to Board and based on director enquiries additional system training through First VP Les Sinnott and the BC Soccer IT Coordinator will be facilitated to ensure full board usage of the platform. It was also noted that an earlier introductory e-mail contained some unintended wording inaccuracies re: system usage "policy" that have since been clarified.

ACTION: IT Coordinator to facilitate training sessions as per instructions by ED.

5. BC Soccer Awards Ceremony and Hall of Fame Update

It was noted that the plan as previously contemplated to include the Soccer Hall of Fame induction of the 1979 Whitecaps as Team of Distinction into the BC Soccer Awards Ceremony on June 11th was greatly affected by the recent release of the MLS schedule, which sees the Whitecaps play on the same date in Seattle.

Presented with the possibility of postponing the BC Soccer event to the following Saturday, June 18th, the Board determined after discussion that the June 11th date would remain intact. As both the ceremony and the Whitecaps game are set to start at 7:00 pm PST, it will be reviewed in how far a live viewing of all or part of the match on a big screen may be added to the ceremony.

6. Whitecap season ticket update

The key goal of BC Soccer's season ticket usage is to maximize membership connectivity. A process to enable directors to achieve this with the membership areas they are liaisons for has been provided.

It is understood that due to geographic factors not all member groups will have the same convenient travel access to game, which is to be managed by early and advance dialogue re: potential Lower Mainland visits that will occur for these groups before the end of October 2011.

There may also be an element of ticket giveaways, however, BC Soccer staff will confirm first in how far such giveaways may be in violation of existing Whitecaps' commercial partners' rights.

ACTION: All Directors to provide any additional feedback to the President to be synthesized and provided to staff for implementation.

4. President - CSA Special General Meeting Follow-Up

An update was provided from the recent CSA SGM at which an amended Option 3 for the new proposed CSA governance structure was approved by the assembly (see minutes of January 26th 2011 to review different options). Discussion followed re: the perceived merits and pitfalls of this new model and it was confirmed that overall it represents a definite step forward.

The CSA AGM will take place from May 13-15th in Montreal (100th year anniversary of QUE). Based on budget provisions in place, President will determine an appropriate delegation size for board endorsement at April 2nd meeting.

It was further noted that a CSA finance meeting is set for March 19th to further discuss new Funding structure at the CSA level.

5. Business Development Committee

Overall, the Core Review document has been well received and acknowledged as a living document; staff advises that there are still areas that need to be reworked to ensure/ enhance operational feasibility.

MOTION: To adopt Core Review Document in principle and subject to the development of business plan by management(with subsequent operational plans); this draft will be presented on May 7th.

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6. Competitions Committee

It was noted that Coastal Cup draws are finished on youth side and that LOC is doing a superb job, including attracting significant media attention.

Other items of interest prior to the next CSA level competitions committee meeting were shared with the Board with more updates to follow in April.

It was also noted that with all the landscape changes in soccer including the new BC Soccer Premier League a lot of additional effort will be invested by the committee in consultation with members/ stakeholders to ensure that the best possible competitions structure is in place for all levels of play in 2012, keeping in mind that timelines for potentially required rule changes must be duly observed.

7. Risk Management Committee

Respect in Sport Proposal

A follow-up discussion was had re: the decision as to whether Respect in Sport would have to be taken off the BC Soccer website at their request for lack of policy support for the platform with pros and cons of the matter being discussed. There clearly is benefit to making this tool available to the membership, however, the price point per user is seen as a barrier to adoption. Unless someone at the Board level wishes to become a champion and advocate for it, widespread adoption will remain elusive.

Further discussion ensued around Criminal Record Checks and it was agreed that the responsibility should be assigned to the districts. It is further suggested that requiring and collecting criminal record checks should be done by Registrars, essentially making it impossible to obtain ID cards until compliance has been achieved.

8. Referee Development Committee

a. Preview of Senior Leagues Meeting (February 20th)

The Board was informed of the upcoming Senior Leagues' meeting tomorrow; at which it will be clarified whether CSA directives on referee scheduling are to be considered policies or guidelines. A compromise solution designed as a first step to sharing elite referees and enhancing communication and cooperation between the Referee development Committee and the member leagues will also be presented.

b. Referee Development Requirements in outlying areas

It was noted that there seem to be continued challenges in meeting minimum # of bodies required to put on certain courses for outlying areas. Some content delivery standards are also set by the CSA outside of BC Soccer's sphere of influence. This is a multi-faceted discussion surrounding BC Soccer's mandate of equitable, consistent and economical service delivery, which will be further based on Core review directions and ongoing business plan and budgeting efforts.

ACTION: Staff will canvas other provinces on how they address these issues and will also provide insight on potential lack of instructor availability and other key issues that the Board may presently not be aware of.

9. Judicial Committee

An update was provided to the board re: variety of ongoing issues and trends with inappropriate conduct at all levels of the game being a key issue. The Discipline Policy Review and Update will be circulated in coming weeks prior to May 7th board meeting, including what annual discipline summary reports will be required from districts to BC Soccer.

10. High Performance League Advisory Committee

HPL update

The 8 founding franchises were announced on February 17th, with all applicants having been personally contacted prior. The unsuccessful applicants will be spoken to individually to provide evaluations/recommended improvements, which will take place over the next couple of weeks.

The HPL committee is in the process of mapping out areas of focus for discussion at the inaugural Board of Governors meeting on Sunday, February 27th. It was noted that it is very positive that evaluation and feedback is being offered to all groups, which has already helped in diminishing negativity or allegations of bias and favoritism in the selection process.

MOTION: To go in Camera.

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MOTION: To come out of Camera.

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11. Governance Committee

- Final approval of the list of Associate Members:
 - Victoria Highlanders
 - Victoria Highlanders (short term)
 - Vancouver International Soccer Fest
 - TSS (Total Soccer Systems)
 - PASS (Play Active School Soccer)

MOTION: To accept new members subject to proof of insurance.

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In future Clearvale platform will be used to outline new applications and to enable Board to cast online vote.

- ITC exemption for academic exchange students:

ACTION: President to take request to the CSA to recommend to FIFA an exemption from this rule only for accredited academic programs.

ACTION: First VP to follow-up with Dan Pazuk/ CSA re: distance requirements from border giving rise to ITC exemptions.

- Discussion item on Concussion response
A case was discussed in which a member had requested a statement from BC Soccer insurer in regards to treatment/ handling of concussed players looking to possibly have particular provisions embedded in BC Soccer rules and regulations.

ACTION: Staff will connect with partners Sport Med BC and Washington Youth Soccer as to best practices and as to how to create awareness for the “if in doubt, sit them out” mantra. This could include waivers all coaches have to sign prior to the season acknowledging the severity of potential injuries from concussion.

- Discussion item on Handshake
- PoCo Boundary Dispute

MOTION: To go in camera.

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MOTION: To come out of camera.

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ACTION: Governance committee to facilitate the process for Regional District Chairs to review Boundary Changes.

12. Finance & Audit Committee

P&L and other reports YTD

A brief overview of the association’s financial standing was provided. Year-end projections point to potentially significant net income beyond original budget, if current key assumptions and predictions prove true.

Alouette Youth Soccer Dues

The AYSA has technically overpaid for their 2010/11 registration fees, but underpaid for the late fees charged in January 2011 due to 4 months delay. Finance department requests Board direction on whether to take the overpayment and apply it towards late penalty OR to refund the overpayment and whether district should be deemed to be a member not in good standing. It was emphasized that penalty policy needs to be applied consistently across all late payment cases.

MOTION: To implement late fees as of April 2011.

MOTION was withdrawn

ACTION: ED to research which late payers have been charged a penalty for current fiscal year and to provide Board with all pertinent information to allow for e-mail vote in AYSA case.

Directors were also reminded that all 2010/2011 expense claims needed to be submitted by last week in March for current fiscal year!

13. Soccer Development Committee

Board was updated on committee's efforts re: amendment recommendations for the 2011/12 budget. Futsal has been at the centre of work to develop training materials and running courses in BC, similarly at the CSA level budget proposals have been submitted for beach and futsal. Tie-in with the BC Soccer Premier League for the upcoming winter break is also being contemplated.

Mention was made of partnership with Aboriginal Partner Council in the delivery of coaching courses in specific Aboriginal areas across BC with KidSport acting as a funding conduit for the delivery of this program.

MOTION: To go in camera.

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MOTION: To come out of camera.

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14. New business

NEW BUSINESS:

Brief discussion held of BC Soccer referee presence at Dallas Cup and requirements for chaperoning in light of referees being late teens/ early adults.

ACTION: ED to confirm specifics of travel arrangements and work done while at the competition.

Kjeld Brodsgaard has been appointed to BC Games committee. This does not pose a conflict with being a Director for BC Soccer.

14. Next meetings: April 2nd, May 7th, June 10th (plus potential May 28th conference call)

ADJOURNED 4:10pm

MOTION: To adjourn.

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