



MEETING Minutes

BC SOCCER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, January 23rd, 2011 10:00 – 4:00

Executive Inn and Conference Centre, Burnaby

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 10:13am

Present: Steve Allen, Chris Appleby, Roger Barnes, Kjeld Brodsgaard, Rick Connors, Chris Costley, Don Dancey, Ed Kennedy, Rob Lennox, Don Moslin, Bjorn Osieck (Executive Director) , Deepali Parhar (Recorder), Les Sinnott (Chair), Peter Vranjkovic

Regrets: Charlie Cuzzetto, Craig Doherty

2. Consent Agenda:

- Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION:** To approve agenda with additions of Futsal Update from DM and Media Coverage from DD.

**CARRIED** 001/2011

- Approval November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 minutes

**MOTION:** To approve minutes.

**CARRIED** 002/2011

3. Business Arising

- Board Updates
  1. HR Update

**MOTION:** To go in camera.

**CARRIED** 003/2011

**MOTION:** To come out of camera.

**CARRIED** 004/2011

**ACTION:** By June AGM an updated description and delineation of Executive Director Role and Director of Operations role shall be presented. (Executive Director)

## 2. Member Service Management System Update

Discussion was held re: BC Soccer not having sufficient staff capacity to train each member in using Member Service Management System and as a result, must find a suitable operational solution. It was suggested that one member within each district becomes a point person and train others within his/her respective District. This should be implemented before a given registration cycle. Training format would be an info session, with online demonstrations with such a session to be provided at the next AGM.

Re: the update of BC Soccer's website it was pointed out that the MSMS and the new Clearvale platform are currently being configured, which will then inform needs and opportunities re: the website "make-over".

## 3. Facility Working Group Update

Discussion was held around looking at Multisport Centre of Excellence BBY and that when considering next facility BC Soccer will be cognizant of key factors like costs, membership access and strategic partnership opportunities with municipalities, as well as its connection with the Vancouver Whitecaps. All in all, things are moving ahead with Committee and Realtor in scouting a new location. The committee was strongly encouraged to look at buying a building. BC Soccer does have \$850K in building fund and the return on investment is obviously more attractive than leasing space.

## 4. BC Soccer Awards Ceremony and Hall of Fame Update

BO and CC have been in discussion with BC Soccer Hall of Fame and the Vancouver Whitecaps and envision having a cocktail reception with a guest count of maximum 350. BC Soccer Hall of Fame has only very limited financial resources and would primarily lend their brand name in support of the event. The ability to acquire sufficient sponsorship would be critical in making this event not only viable, but spectacular at the same time. As this event celebrates achievements of BC Soccer members it is an important event to build on for the future, while making share that staff liaises with the Event Committee, where appropriate.

**ACTION: Executive Director to put together a business plan for next meeting in February.**

## 5. Request for Access to Member Directory

Information is available on the BC Soccer website. However, it may be useful to compile a list of key contacts for the sake of expedience and have it readily available.

**MOTION: To make this information into a list and publish it online so that it is accessible.**

**CARRIED**

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## 4. President's report delivered by First VP

- CSA Special General Meeting Preview

Update and background was provided that CSA is undergoing a revision of bylaws in support of governance changes and that three options are on the table to be voted on at Special General Meeting in early February 2011.

Option one: noted as the Winnipeg Accord. Option two: Putting the compromise framework in place for 2011. Option three: Putting the compromise framework in place for 2012.

**MOTION: To vote in approval of all options in aforementioned and entrust delegates to take forward to the CSA SGM with delegates being entitled to make amendments from floor.**

**CARRIED**

**006/2011**

**MOTION: That Don Moslin to be added to BC Soccer delegation.**  
**CARRIED**

**007/2011**

- CSA Bid Update

BC Soccer is working in support of the CSA FIFA Women's World Cup Bid 2015 in concert with the Vancouver Bid group to be one of 6 National host sites. Final FIFA decision will be rendered in March 2011. BC Soccer is lending support to CSA by applying for Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant.

- Sport BC Awards Ceremony Preview

Jackie Larson, Past Chair of VYSA has been selected as recipient.

- Communications Update: next e-kick

If various Committees have not submitted an update to CC, please do so. These features are very useful for members to understand what programs, services BC Soccer provides and what initiatives it is involved in.

## 5. Nominations Committee

**MOTION: To go in camera.**

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION: To come out of camera.**

**CARRIED**

**009/2011**

## 6. Competitions Committee

- Competition Structure Review (HPL)

A general discussion was held re: the new provincial competition structure with HPL now representing the new top tier, the new second tier being made up by the balance of the Metro/ Select league followed by Gold and Silver. The Provincial Championship structure will see a new cup introduced at the HPL level, with intention to keep A-Cup for the second tier and B-Cup for the third tier. It was suggested that different competition titles be developed, included replacing "B-Cup" with "Provincial Club Championship". It was also mentioned that all players should be referred to as soccer players, rather than competitive or recreational players.

The Competitions Committee will work closely with the HPL and Governance Committees to deal with relevant matters like player transfers and permits prior to the June 2011 BC Soccer AGM.

It was mentioned that the Coastal Cup will be hosted by the City of Richmond and media sponsorship has been secured. CKNW will conduct live broadcast and Global will show highlights.

**ACTION: To compile a list of all of the promo items in BC Soccer's inventory and share it with the relevant committees. (Executive Director)**

## 7. Risk Management Committee

- Respect in Sport

Respect in Sport is a proactive education platform meant to provide tools to deal with negative behaviour and minimize risk and increase participant safety. This course has been optionally available since December 2009 and has not been utilized by the membership.

It was noted that District compliance is very low in regards to Criminal Record Checks. The importance of methods of monitoring and ensuring compliance is emphasized, as BC Soccer is currently mandating annual criminal record checks, but is not set up for extensive follow-up.

**ACTION: Committee to develop recommended course of action to amend current process for greater efficiency.**

## 8. Referee Development Committee

Update was provided on the newly launched Head Referee & Mentorship program, which has been positively received. Overview was also provided re: concerns from Senior Leagues that Candidates program is perceived as too elite referee focused. In addition, the scheduling of referees for Senior Provincials as well as referee scheduling during the regular season with conflicting appointments between Senior League and Collegiate games were discussed. The committee will analyze what CSA mandatory rules are governing these processes or what is more of a matter of existing practice. BC Soccer has also tabled a proposal with the CSA to address come incongruence with the CSA's assessment and evaluation schedule relative to the unique run of season in BC relative to the rest of Canada.

**MOTION:** To go in camera.

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION:** To come out of camera.

**CARRIED**

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Criteria and scheduling template prepared by KB, RC (need a copy in appendix) will be shared to mitigate Senior concerns. Other comments in regards to referees are that Youth Leagues are currently unimpressed with the assignment of referees and that the Coastal Cup would like to schedule its own.

## 9. Judicial Committee

- Review of Complaint procedure

**MOTION:** To go in camera.

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION:** To come out of camera.

**CARRIED**

**013/2011**

## 10. High Performance League Advisory Committee (20 Minutes)

- Update

HPL Advisory Committee has been appointed as follows:

Paul Barber (CEO Vancouver Whitecaps FC), Paul Mullen (BC Soccer Director of Operations), Sean Fleming (CSA U17 Boys National Team Coach).

## 11. Governance Committee

- Associate Membership Applications Approval: 5 applications have been received and it falls to the Board to ratify them. Such ratification will be occurring at the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 board meeting.
  - PASS (Play Active School Soccer)
  - Vancouver International Soccer Festival (played in David Lam)
  - Victoria Highlanders
  - BC Schools Sports
  - TSS (Total Soccer Systems)
- Application Form Enhancements – add requirements to produce certificate of insurance; admin issue to get more background on group.
- Langley Situation – 22 transfers administrative error of Fraser Valley and will accept as corrections to an error.

## 12. Finance & Audit Committee

- Finance Workshop Recap

**MOTION:** To go in Camera.

**CARRIED**

**014/2011**

**MOTION:** To come out of Camera.

**MOTION:** To approve Finance workshop Notes go out to membership; subject to minor housekeeping.

**CARRIED**

**015/2011**

- Whitecaps Season Ticket Proposal

**MOTION:** To go in Camera.

**CARRIED**

**016/2011**

**MOTION:** To come out of camera.

**CARRIED**

**017/2011**

**MOTION:** That BC Soccer allocates 50 of out of 68 tickets under management by the Community Development Department to BC Soccer members through contests.

**DEFEATED**

**018/2011**

**MOTION:** That the Community Development Department draw up a ticket usage plan including contesting elements.

**CARRIED**

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## 13. Soccer Development Committee

- Committee Report

With further meetings not scheduled until mid-February limited updates were brought forward. It was referenced that in light of the HPL, the impact upon BC Soccer's technical programs will be evaluated. Upper Island had two successful Futsal events as did Richmond. CSA Futsal meeting Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa. 2012 will have a provincial and national championship. 288 teams over three days over Xmas- New Year season. They have full sized international Futsal court in Richmond and when BC Place reopens, there is an interest to host a mini-soccer event again.

## 14. New business

- Media Coverage: The status of BC Soccer's current media communication was questioned and it was briefly contemplated what improvements for farther reaching dialogue with the membership and other stakeholders may be possible. It was indicated that BC Soccer would continue with its TeamTalk eKicks and build upon other media partnerships cultivated in recent years. SA advised the board that he has been invited by Team 1040 to do an interview re: HPL.
- Business Development and Core Review will be tabled until the February 2011 meeting as Craig Doherty will be presenting.
- Finance Committee reiterates the importance of accounting for items currently not documented and that budgets need to be created and revised.

**15. Next meetings**

Cannot change dates w/o CC present. As it stands, the next meetings will be February 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> (plus potential May 28<sup>th</sup> conference call)

**16. Good and Welfare**

**17. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn.**

**CARRIED**

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**Meeting Adjourned 3:08pm**