

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, January 26, 2009 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:22 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: None.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: Ken Ma.

ADOPT AGENDA: On motion by Joe Hrgovic seconded by Joe Ciresi, M/S/C

MINUTES OF November 2008 MEETING: Minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting were previously circulated by email & mail and were adopted on a motion by Art Durran, seconded by Werner Winsemann, M/S/C.

IN MEMORIAM: Marc Bowley advised the meeting of the death of three referees: Jawala Prasad, Frank Leversedge and Alan Gaster. Some fine words were spoken about each of these referees and the meeting observed a minute of silence in recognition of the three deceased members.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: As people are aware from the November meeting, and because no party ensued, the Christmas party was cancelled in December 2008. We were quite concerned with the cost this would result in (band, hall, caterers) but Marc Bowley reported that the cost to us was effectively nothing. All of the money that was spent was on assets that we can hold and use for the Christmas party next year, if one is held. The only cost was the ticket printing which was under \$20.

Discussion ensued: Werner Winsemann indicated he understood why the party was cancelled but expressed his dismay that there was no party and encouraged that there be an effort to come out to hold a party next year. Marc Bowley responded and mentioned the effort that was put in, in order to get people out. The executive determined we needed a minimum of 65 people but we had only sold 44 tickets. This raises a question as to whether the members really want to have a party. It is something that Marc suggests we put to a vote. Joe Ciresi: encouraged notice by email about a vote on the party. David Thistle commented that it should be easy to get at least 65 members. Nick Hawley suggested we consider moving the date of the party in order to avoid scheduling conflicts, we could still hold a party, it just wouldn't be as close to Christmas.

EDUCATION: José Branco indicated the education session this time would be more of an information session about developments at BC Soccer.

- There is a new logo at BC Soccer. This is part of their branding change. They also have a new slogan: "Global Game/Universal Passion".
- Revisions have been made to the Referee Rules and Regulations. These include changes in the fitness tests: Provincial level referees must still do the full Cooper fitness test by December 15 each year (12 minute run for a minimum 2700 metres and sprints), Regional referees can be assessed on a fitness test that is either the Cooper test (12 minute run with a minimum 2400 metres, no sprints) or the Beep test (achieving level 8 for men and level 7 for women). District referees can be assessed either on the Cooper test (12 minute run with a minimum 2000 metres) or the Beep test with a level 6 for both males and females. The Beep test or Cooper test will be done at the annual refresher. This is because the Beep test does not require a track; it can be done in a gym, or outside.

Obviously you can do more in the fitness level than your referee designation (district, regional, provincial) requires. What you do goes into BCSA and gets added to your profile. For example you could do the sprints as that's a good thing to seek to achieve.

- On December 8th the meeting was held to assess qualifications. New qualifications now come into effect on April 1 each year with the start of the registration year. All qualifications are performance based. There is no age qualification or exception. José used as an example that he was moving down a level to regional referee, as he did not pass the full fitness test.
- The semi-annual general meeting now has a referee component at the meeting and at the programs. This is recognition by BC Soccer that refereeing has some profile.
- A referee calendar of events is being posted on the BCSA website. Examples are the Futsal Provincial Championships, January 3 & 4 at Richmond Olympic Oval; The Head Referee Program with meetings taking place on February 9 in Burnaby and throughout the province on other dates. All interested in assisting with that Head Referee Program are welcome to attend. The Referee Assessor Development Program: training will be taking place on January 21, 2009. The Referee Candidates Program: this is open to all and includes both on-field physical training and, after a cool-down, classroom sessions. See the calendar for dates but generally Tuesdays and Thursdays at Burnaby 8 Rinks and the associated fields. Coastal Cup is coming in March and April. The soccer conference at Capilano University in North Vancouver on May 1 – 3, 2009. There will be a Referee Development Program as part of the soccer conference.
- Officials of the year for 2008 have been announced. For youth the official recognized is Matthew Wynne from Kelowna. He officiated and did a great job at the Burnaby A Cup and will be going to the college finals. The senior referee recognized as official of the year is Michelle Pye of North Vancouver. The recognition comes as Michelle battled back from injury, showed great determination and came back to referee, at the FIFA level, at the U17 World Cup in New Zealand.
- The updated law books are in. They are being distributed by BC Soccer. Copies were available to those at the meeting so that postage could be saved.

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- John Jukes for MWSL: Please get game reports in quicker. Red cards: remember to send in the ID cards to the league. Information on field changes can be found on the MWSL website. A reminder that for cup games no youth permits are allowed.
- Joe Ciresi advised the meeting that the Burnaby Men's League was back in operation after the break due to all the snow.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer advised that our current account situation is: Chequing Account \$6,682.18 and GICs \$5,500.00. Our chequing account balance is up as BCSRA has paid us our portion of membership dues.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies mentioned he had a written report to go out with the minutes (it will be sent to people by PDF attachment). Elvio had met with BCSA and indicated his support for the Head Referee program. It is good to get the message out to all about the referee association.

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: No Report

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco did his report in the education section above.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Presentation of life memberships: Life memberships in VASRA were presented to Joe Hrgovic and Bob Allen. Information was given about the history of their accomplishments and dedication to the game of soccer. Congratulations were provided to Mr. Hrgovic and Mr. Allen from all members present.
- Our mentorship initiative is underway. Please do some mentoring.
- Report was given on the situation regarding the VASRA library. There is no room at Bonsor to hold the library materials. A request was made for a volunteer with space to hold the library. The space needs to be dry. We need to move the materials from José Branco's basement. Send a separate email on this to a member of the executive if you are able to volunteer. There was then a motion made by José Branco, seconded by Dieter Stenschke that Dieter be appointed to try to find a buyer for the library furniture piece which is no longer material if we convert materials to disc/CD. There was a general discussion about converting the tapes we have to CDs and removing the out of date material in order to lower the volume of material and make it easier to move and to be available for members. There was no formal vote taken on the motion.
- The meeting then adjourned at 8:30 p.m. in order that we could hold the Annual General Meeting.

VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted on a motion by Dominic Pace, seconded by Joe Hrgovic: M/S/C

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: The minutes from the last annual general meeting held January 28, 2008 were circulated. The minutes were approved on a motion made by Joe Hrgovic, seconded by Werner Winsemann: M/S/C

It was noted for the meeting that a quorum of members was present and business was adjourned in order to hold elections.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Dominic Pace had agreed to take on the role of the nominating committee. Dominic took over running the meeting and indicated that elections were being held for the positions of president, second vice president, secretary and one of the at-large directors. He had canvassed the existing office holders, all of whom were willing to run again. Mr. Pace also requested nominations from the floor.

Elections were then called for each of the following positions:

- President: Marc Bowley was willing to run again, nominations from the floor were called for 3 times but none were advanced, and Mr. Bowley was elected by acclamation.
- Second Vice President: John May was willing to run again, nominations from the floor were called for 3 times but none were advanced, and Mr. May was elected by acclamation.
- Secretary: Bill McNaughton was willing to run again, nominations from the floor were called for 3 times but none were advanced, and Mr. McNaughton was elected by acclamation.
- Director At Large: Mauricio Navarro was willing to run again, nominations from the floor were called for 3 times but none were advanced, and Mr. Navarro was elected by acclamation.

As it was not necessary to utilize the ballots no motion was required to destroy them.

The floor was returned to the new executive who thanked Mr. Pace for his role in assisting with nominations and the elections.

The call was made for an auditor: Emil Udevich agreed to act as the auditor and will liaise with our treasurer, Ron Schaeffer, to review the financial records that Ron has prepared.

The date for the next Annual General Meeting will be January 25, 2010.

The 50/50 raffle was held (won by Mynor Campos) and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, February 23, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB