

# MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, August 31, 2009 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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**Call to order: 7:18 p.m.**

**GUESTS WELCOMED:** none

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:** none

**ADOPT AGENDA:** On motion by Dominic Pace, seconded by Hector Hermes, M/S/C.

**MINUTES OF June, 2009 MEETING:** Minutes of the June 2009 meeting were previously circulated by email and were adopted on a motion by, seconded by, M/S/C.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- Beach Blast was again a success. We had less people participating due to a number of people away on holidays, the World Police and Fire Games, some tournaments and the instructors and assessors clinic that was on at the same time. Accordingly, a number of people did a lot of games for which they should be recognized. Marc Bowley gave out some recognition awards: the Iron Man Award went to Ali Virani; and Honorable Mention for the number of games they did also goes to Neil Kirk, Gord Vandarsar, Ron Schaeffer and Nick Miskin. Youth Recognition Awards to Asia Robinson, Tasha Parsa and, as the recognition for the most promising young referee, Nina Hanhas.
- Christmas party announcements: there will be some big door prizes this year including a flat screen television and DVD player. More door prizes are likely. Tickets are available now at \$40 each. The party takes place on November 20, 2009. We had no party last year because of the lack of the support but the membership indicated they wanted a party this year. We are planning a big party so please ensure you get out and support us and bring out all of your friends and significant others.

**EDUCATION:** Paul Ward, who was called last minute by Marc Bowley, kindly agreed to talk about his busy summer and some of the activities he has been involved with including:

- Gold Cup in July in Los Angeles: They were required to do a fitness test where it was expected by the FIFA trainers that you would do 12 laps not the normal 10 in addition to doing the sprints. Paul Ward, Darren Clark and Hector Vegarra were there. Paul and Hector were selected to referee in the Gold Cup. They participated in a group of 10 referees.
- In the Gold Cup Paul did the game in the middle between Mexico v. Nicaragua, and then was fourth official in the games between Mexico v. Panama and Mexico v. Guadalupe. The first goal in Mexico v. Nicaragua was scored on a penalty kick Paul awarded. They then moved to Houston, Texas for the game between Mexico v. Panama. The referee was from El Salvador. This was a very busy game with two red cards in the first half. The second half went well up to the 80<sup>th</sup> minute when the Mexico coach kicked one of the Panama players who then pushed back. Both were given red cards/ejected. There were 47,000 fans in the stadium and fights broke out in the stands. Things were thrown onto the field and the game was delayed. A lot of stuff was thrown at the referees as they left the field. All of this came as a bit of a shock. It was also a shock for Paul because, as fourth official, he had to do much of the paper work and it took 2 ½ hours which meant they didn't get back onto their bus until 2:30 a.m. Interestingly, Paul indicated he had over 31 messages from concerned people as to how the referee team was doing given the fracas that occurred. They got back to their rooms and some watched the video of the game but they also had a training session the next morning at 5:30 a.m.

- Next in the Gold Cup they moved to Phoenix, Arizona for the game between Mexico and Guadalupe. It was a 117°F. They did their training at 7:00 a.m. in the morning rather than in the heat later on. The game went very well. After the Phoenix game the decisions were made on who would stay for the next two weeks for the quarter finals and semi finals. Paul went home on July 14.
- On July 15 Paul was appointed to a Super League game between New England v. Chicago. On July 26 he did the game between Chelsea v. Club America in Dallas, Texas. This was in the new Dallas stadium with 60,000 fans in attendance. Ashley Cole, Deko and others played but Frank Lampart was on the bench.
- On August 2 Paul did an MLS game between San Jose v. Seattle in San Jose, California. He didn't think this was a great game for him. He gave a direct red card against Seattle in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute. The game was already well in hand by San Jose who were up 3 – 0. Then in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute there was a collision in the penalty area by one of the Seattle players. He was already on a yellow card. Paul did not issue any further card. There was a lot of criticism about that decision from US Soccer and from Joe Guest.
- Paul next did the game between Toronto and Real Madrid in Toronto. This was a very highly attended game with Renaldo, Kaka and others playing. There were a lot of entertainment aspects. Paul said he tried to basically stay out of their way. They play at an amazing level.
- Paul did an MLS game in Salt Lake City, Utah between Real Salt Lake v. Houston. He implemented a number of things learned from the San Jose game. It was made clear that when you're in a situation where everyone expects a card you must give the card. There was a caution given out by Paul in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute and two red cards in the first half (in both cases people on their second yellow cards). The second half went much better from a discipline standpoint. The assessment also was much better.
- Paul also attended in Prince Edward Island for the Canada Summer Games and he is heading to Trinidad to do a World Cup qualifying game and then will be doing a game in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.
- Paul answered numerous questions on a number of issues that people wished to discuss. Thanks to Paul from all of the meeting for his interesting and entertaining presentation. It is always good to learn from our senior members.

**LEAGUE ITEMS:** Dante Maglio advised the Burnaby Mens League starts up September 13. They play at the 8 Rinks Complex on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Contact Dante if you wish to get some games.

- John Jukes sent his regrets at being unable to attend but Sandro Giarardi provided a bit of a report for the Metro Womens Soccer League. They start on the weekend of September 11/12. The scheduler is Bob Allan. Contact Bob if interested in getting some games.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Schaeffer advised our current account situation was: Chequing Account \$4,919.13 and GICs \$5,500.00.

### **REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS**

#### **BCSRA EXECUTIVE:**

- Elvio Chies reminded people that membership renewals for now taking place. Membership gift this year is a coin to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RA's founding. He also reminded all present about the need for referees to treat each other as a family and support each other. Elvio spoke a few words about Terry Rowe a longtime referee who passed away. From the June VASRA meeting which featured Werner Winsemann's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary there is a DVD set including a DVD of Werner's World Cup game. If people are interested in obtaining it contact Elvio. Flag & Whistle Fall edition is expected to be ready at end-of-the-month.
- Nick Hawley, the new Vice-President for BCSRA advised the meeting about the business plan and goals which he is working on developing for BCSRA. They are developing a vision statement, a mission statement and targets. See the handout being circulated with the Minutes.

**CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Congratulations were offered by the meeting to Michele Pye and Alan Ruch on their marriage earlier in August.
- Marc Bowley mentioned some referee members who have passed away: Frank Ashdown who was a life member of BCSRA, Herb Harzan who was a former President of Vancouver Island Soccer Referees Association and Terry Rowe who was a former President of VASRA and ran the kit shop. The meeting observed a moment of silence in recognition of these members.
- Reminder for the Xmas party. The party is not only for referees but also for their friends and family. There will be lots of room in the new hall that we are utilizing. It will be a great time. Buy tickets from Marc
- Marc Bowley reported he had taken Pearl Chin, Bill McNaughton's assistant, out for lunch as directed by the motion at the June meeting (to thank Pearl for her work on the Minutes)

The 50/50 raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, Sept 28, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB**