

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, November 30, 2009 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:18 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: Neil Ellett

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: none

ADOPT AGENDA: On motion by Claudio Agostinho-Santos, seconded by Elvio Chies, M/S/C.

MINUTES OF October, 2009 MEETING: Minutes of the October 2009 meeting were previously circulated by email and were adopted on a motion by Joey Kenward, seconded by José Branco, M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- The Christmas Referee's Party on November 20 was a great success! A number of people made positive comments on the party including the food and drink. There were a couple of comments of concern regarding the quality of the band and entertainment. For next year a request to ask the Engineer's Hall about a date for a Saturday night rather than a Friday but generally a good party.
- Bill McNaughton mentioned José Fraguas was still in St. Paul's Hospital and visitors were welcome. [NOTE: José made it home before Christmas!]

EDUCATION: Our guest speaker was **Bill McNaughton**, who spoke on a follow-up to Law 5 from last month, answering a question from a member and positioning (on the Thierry Henry handball).

- Bill played the tape of the New Mexico v. Brigham Young University, women's game where a player committed numerous fouls, punches and hauled down an opponent by the hair, to illustrate ugly incidents that can occur when the referee fails to manage the game and fails to apply the Laws.
- A member had sent in a question concerning what happens when a player jumps up, hangs on the crossbar and heads out the ball that was heading into the net for what otherwise would have been a goal. Discussion on the applicable Laws. The answer: red card to the defender who had hung from the crossbar for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity; the offence was "any other violation" for which a yellow card is required under Law 12; restart by an indirect free kick on the goal area line closest to the point where the infraction occurred. This is an example of one of the few times when the restart is indirect even though there has been a red card and denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
- Bill spent some time presenting video clips and analysis of the France v. Ireland game in which Thierry Henry committed the blatant handball (which lead to France scoring a goal and going through to World Cup 2010 and Ireland going home). The presentation examined the incident from a number of video angles, utilized the Times of London graphic that attempts to illustrate how the referee and assistant referee were blocked, and lead into a discussion on positioning and how, if the assistant referee had been in the correct position, it appears he should have had a clear view of the handball. This incident occurred in the first overtime period at 103 minutes into the game. It illustrates the need for good fitness/conditioning, good positioning, and mental toughness in order that your concentration is at a high level throughout the entire game, even at the end when tired.

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- Burnaby Men's League: Joe Ciresi wished all the best for the holiday season from Danté Maglio and the League.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer was away but had sent in the information that our current account situation was: Chequing Account \$6,909.45 and GICs \$5,500.00.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies had a written report handed out at the meeting but also mentioned: Fall Council meeting is coming up in Langley at the Legion and Elvio needed to know numbers attending; congratulations on appointments noting that Alain Ruch has been appointed a National Referee and Marco Arruda has been appointed a National Assistant Referee. Elvio also mentioned the DVD which BCSRA has produced. Joey Kenward did an interview of Mauricio Navarro on an important game (semi final CONCACAF Club Championship, April 2007, game between Houston v. Pachuca, Mexico). Mauricio was the only Canadian in the ref team and did not know the rest of the crew well. This was the second leg of the match. It was held in Pachuca, Mexico with a stadium that was full two hours in advance and people going nuts. The game went into extra time. The winning goal came right at the end of extra time. Lots of education moments: cautions, penalties, man-management, etc. The DVD is a benefit for BCSRA members and was handed out to those present and will be mailed to those who were not present [Bill McNaughton comment: This is an excellent teaching tool. The production qualities are high, the comments are timely and the insights given are useful to referees at every level. I strongly urge that you review it!].

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: No report.

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco made a number of observations arising upon the education presentation by Bill McNaughton:

- Instructor training is coming up in January using the FIFA Futuro course items. These come from the course which José attended in Saskatchewan earlier this year.
- José will be doing head referee meetings. He is looking at doing a mentoring presentation. He hopes to see at Fall Council the things that BCSA and VASRA can do to complement each other.
- The education presentation video (the Lambert incidence in the US college game) is something that does happen here. José saw this occur at the B.C. High School Championships in Burnaby the previous weekend. It's important that we as referees apply the Laws. Our obligation is to ensure that fair play occurs. Alain Ruch did the finals in the High School Championships and applied the Laws firmly and fairly but was noted in the newspaper that he was "heavy-handed", etc. He was doing the necessary job and in José's view those doing games during the week, leading up to the finals, had let too much go. We need to ensure that the Laws are applied fairly and consistently.
- There was some discussion arising concerning the need for appropriate scheduling to get the right referees into the right level of matches. Until then each person must ensure that they apply/enforce the Laws and encourage others to do so.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The January 2010 meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting where nominations and elections will take place. Dominic Pace will get back to Marc Bowley about running the elections. Joe Ciresi will assist with Dominic to do the elections.

The 50/50 draw and the raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. [Surprises do occur! Bill McNaughton won the 50/50 draw after six straight years of attending meetings and not winning a thing. Then his name was drawn twice in the same evening!]

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, January 25, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB