

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, April 28, 2008 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:21 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: Neil Ellett and David Thistle.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: Phil Brown

ADOPT AGENDA: The Agenda was circulated at the meeting and adopted on a motion by Nick Hawley, seconded by Bob Lea, M/S/C.

MINUTES OF March 31, 2008 MEETING: The Minutes were circulated by email in advance of the meeting and were also available at the meeting. Adopted on a motion by Werner Winseman, seconded by Mike Nameth, M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

EDUCATION:

- For the first item the meeting broke into three groups in order to discuss substitution procedure. What are the items that are required to properly do a substitution procedure? They include: a stoppage in play; substitutes at mid-field (halfway line); if there is a fourth official they check the substitute's gear before notifying the referee; the referee is notified; the referee signals that a substitution will be allowed; the player who is being substituted leaves the field and can leave from anywhere on the field, they are not restricted to leaving at the halfway line; the substitute enters the field of play from the halfway line once the other player has left the field of play; the referee allows time for the player entering to take up their position; restart play with a clear signal. Note that the substitution procedure is complete once the substitute steps on the field of play. This means the substituted player is no longer a "player" and the person who has come on the field becomes a "player".
- When can you give a yellow card to a substitute or a substituted player (no longer on the playing field)? The Laws state that there are three circumstances: dissent; unsporting behaviour; and delaying the restart of the game. It is important to know the law. You cannot give a substitute a yellow card for entering the field without permission. That is an offence that can only be given against a "player".
- Why is substitution an issue? In the Provincial Cup the previous weekend, with one team up by one goal, a coach tried to delay play, and thereby run out the clock, by abusing the substitution procedure.
- Discussion on an issue: if a whistle sounds on an adjacent field and a player, inside his own penalty area, picks up the ball, what do you do? The answer: refer to Law 5. The Law states that the referee may "stop, suspend or terminate the match because of outside interference of any kind". Accordingly, the referee has the power to stop play and restart with a drop ball. It is not necessary to award a free kick or penalty kick for a handball. In the Additional Instructions and Guidelines for referees in the 2007 – 2008 Laws of the Game an example is given where a spectator blows a whistle and the referee considers the whistle interfered with play when a player picks up the ball assuming the play has been stopped. The referee restarts with a drop ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped.

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- John Jukes for Metro Womens Soccer League provided a handout on their Spring League. You can get one from John. In response to some questions John indicated that submitting game reports online is fine. John actually prefers that as it is faster than getting them by mail or having them dropped off. Please mail in or drop off the team lists at the League office even if you send your game reports online. The team lists can be batched together and sent in for a number of games. Note that since players in the summer can be on two teams with two ID cards discipline reports are needed as soon as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A statement was received from Emil Udovich confirming that he had audited the VASRA books, and on completion of the audit it was his conclusion that everything was in order. Ron Schaeffer advised the liquid assets are \$4,086.33 in our chequing account and a term deposit of \$5,500.00.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies reminded people that the Spring Council Meeting is set for May 3rd in Victoria. We need some more players in order to have teams for the 604 v. 250 game.
- The Fraser Valley Soccer Referees Association is having a night at Fraser Downs this coming weekend. Some tickets were still available.

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: No report.

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco reported on a number of items as follows:

- The previous weekend saw the semi-finals of the Provincial Cup in Victoria. The finals will take place May 10th in Chilliwack. All were encouraged to come out to watch the games and learn from the refereeing that takes place.
- A reminder about the referee training that takes place on Tuesday nights at Burnaby Central High School track and Thursday nights at Field No. 1 at Burnaby 8 Rinks. In each case commencing at approximately 5:30 p.m.
- José plans on doing one of the sessions as a refresher soon and one as an education session for assessors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our own Mauricio Navarro will be doing the CONCACALF Club Championship final game in Mexico. This will be featuring a full Canadian crew including Hector Vegara as one the linesman. The game takes place on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 and is live on Fox Sportsworld.
- Remember the VASRA mentorship initiative. Get your emails in to Marc Bowley. So far the results are very disappointing with only 2 (two) replies. We need more people who are willing to participate in order to make this mentoring idea work. This is only once per month. It is not a lot of commitment but it will have a big impact to get the program going and to provide guidance to help keep young referees involved in the game.
- The Burnaby Lake recreational games sessions start on May 1. This is recreational soccer for referees on Burnaby Lake, 8 Rinks Field No. 3. Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. for a kickoff at 7:30 p.m. This is designed for us to have fun and open to all
- A group of Sunshine Coast referees plan to attend the Whitecaps doubleheader on June 22nd. If anybody can help assist or has an idea for putting together a function for them that would be most appreciated.

- For the BCSRA Spring Council Meeting, Ron Schaeffer has kindly agreed to stand again for the position of VASRA representative on the Executive.
- Fitness tests have started. Everyone must do a fitness test. A separate notice has gone out to people by email but you can find the information on the BCSA website. Get out there and get your run in!

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, May 26, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB.