

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, August 25, 2008 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:15 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: Colin Lawrence returning from England; John Jukes (MWSL); Dante Maglio (BMSL); Mrs. Singh & Simbran Singh

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: None

ADOPT AGENDA: Chris Cyr, seconded by Joe Ciresi: M/S/C

MINUTES OF June 2008 MEETING: Minutes of the June meeting were circulated by email with the July meeting notice but as the July meeting just dealt with Beach Blast the Minutes of June 2008 were adopted on a motion by Sandro Geradi, seconded by Mary-Katherine Battle: M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: No new items arising

EDUCATION:

- Colin Lawrence presented his experiences in the English Football League and in particular to officiating in the early stages of the F.A. Cup. Colin explained the structure of all F.A. registered teams being eligible to participate and have the opportunity to progress in the competition and play higher level teams in bigger stadiums and with higher attendance
- Mauricio Navarro presented his experiences on the CONCACAF training in Miami. FIFA concentrated on official's knowledge of The Laws of the Game, tests were taken in both English and Spanish. There was clarification of the mechanics of signals by Assistants Referees indicating fouls. Further training involved an interactive video presentation and tests, followed by further training and fitness tests to ensure Referee remain consistent.
- Paul Ward presented his views on his trip to Haiti with the "A Crew". As the junior official Paul observed and studied the methods and behavior of the officiating team. His first role was to check the player's passports, followed by a preamble by the match commissioner. Mauricio gave a presentation to the teams detailing his expectations of their behavior, including goal celebrations and shirt removal. Paul completed the post-match paperwork to be sent to FIFA. Paul stated that it was obvious that Mauricio is well respected in CONCACAF and considered to be a top official; Paul stated it was a tremendous learning experience to work with Mauricio.
- Jose Branco detailed instructions from the recent assessor training course, in particular to Assistant Referees and stressed the importance of setting standards. Nets are to be checked before the start of both halves to ensure that they are secure. If AR's identify any problems, they are to remain at location of problem for a resolution.

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- League items: Burnaby Men's league is commencing play on September 6th 2008, contact Dante Maglio to officiate; Metro Women's League is commencing play on September 5th 2008, contact Bob Allen to officiate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer was unable to make the meeting (due to his anniversary) so there was no formal Treasurers report. However Ron had advised the executive in advance of the meeting that the liquid assets were \$8,717.88: Bank account at \$3,217.88 and GIC at \$5,500.00.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE: BCSRA, Elvio Chies indicated that there is a modified graduated fee structure; Mauricio Navarro proposed a motion to suggest that the Leagues also provide graduated fees to match officials at senior game level. It is now renewal time and there is a complementary Toque upon renewal. Elvio stated that the Secretary's position is vacant

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: There is no scheduled date for the AGM, the 40th anniversary is this year. Elvio Chies read from newspaper cuttings from 40 years ago and presented a complimentary toque to Werner Winsemann

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco stated the importance of assessor's and instructor's to be trained on same issues and to convey those issues equally, all directives to be clear and consistent. All referees are to register on-line for refresher course quickly, as there will be no more after November 2008

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mentors are signing up for the new season. Contact Marc Bowley (contact info at top) to sign up
- Marc Bowley presented the awards from Beach Blast, the 'Ironman' award was given to Gord Vander Sar for a record breaking 21 games, and from the 2007 Beach Blast the Ironman Award was finally given to Phil Barrington (for doing 16 games).

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, September 29, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB.