

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

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

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Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: John Jukes (MWSL) and Neil Ellet

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: none

ADOPT AGENDA: Agenda was circulated at the meeting and was adopted on a motion by Kim Davies and seconded by Tony Kwan M/S/C.

MINUTES OF January 28, 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 Bob Lea and seconded by Sandro Girardi, M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Malcolm Cowie.

EDUCATION:

- José Branco raised an example and a discussion ensued on an incident where a player takes off his soccer boot, throws it at and strikes an opponent. First situation where it strikes an opponent who is on the field and secondly where it strikes an opponent who is off the field. The question was where to you restart and how was the restart taken. General discussion. Goal: to make sure that all of us as referees are on the same page and give the same result. Here it is important to read the intent. The intent by throwing the boot was to injure. Therefore this is a red card offence for violent conduct. If the ball is in play and it strikes an opponent then there is a direct free kick from where the striking occurred. If the soccer boot strikes an opponent who is off the field then it is again violent conduct, red card is given and an indirect free kick used to restart as the offence occurred off the field. The restart occurs where the ball was located when the offence occurred. What if two players on the same team were involved? With the ball in play it is again violent conduct, red card shown, indirect free kick from where the offence occurred (where the player was hit).
- A clip was shown. The game was at 19 minutes. The blue team was up 1 to 0 and had over 70% of the play. A player on the red team committed a foul in what should have been a red card offence. However, the wrong call was made and the foul was indicated going the opposite direction. A free kick was awarded for the red team against the blue team. This gave red the ball and within two minutes the red team was awarded a penalty kick and the blue goalie was dismissed for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity. Examples in this clip of the need to ensure concentration and how a lack of concentration can have a dramatic impact on the outcome of the game.
- Education at the next meeting will feature two or three questions coming from the Laws of the Game for discussion and, hopefully, more consistency within the group. Read your laws and come prepared!

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- John Jukes for MWSL mentioned they are now in Cup play and makeup games. Please ensure that the teams are on the right field.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer gave the report and indicated that our liquid assets are \$5,690.59 in our chequing account and \$5,500.00 in term deposits.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies was back from the Canadian Soccer Referee Association's Annual General Meeting held in Winnipeg. A new Executive is in place. The Flag & Whistle will be out in approximately one or two weeks. For those who know Ken Fowler, sad news as his wife Molly passed away the previous weekend.
- The Spring Council meeting is tentatively set for May 10 in Victoria. The date depends on Provincial Cup play. The Jack Tinnion Shield Grudge Match (the 604 area code referees v. the 250 referees) will be on that weekend. Richard Brownley plans to run for Secretary.

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: No report.

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

- Reminder on registration. It runs to March 31, 2008. Re-register on April 1, 2008. New badges will be given out by the Canadian Soccer Association. The badges are not dated and will be utilized for the foreseeable future. Once the BCSA database is in place you must be registered in order to get assignments.
- This coming weekend is the first new entry level referee course. John Neilsen has been heavily involved. Students will given a booklet in advance to study as homework so that they arrive at the course with some existing knowledge.
- Check out the FIFA website for new PowerPoints they have put up for education purposes.
- A question to José Branco: When will referees be getting the 2008 Law books? VASRA should request them and there was an indication given to the meeting that we will do so.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Email address updates: Bill McNaughton indicated that he had sent out notices to those who were no longer members of the Association indicating that they would be taken off the email list. We have had eight or nine people advise, as a result of those notices, that they are renewing their membership. If you have a new email address please ensure you get it to Bill McNaughton.
- Allowing Small Sided Referees (formally Class 5's) at VASRA meetings. Discussion on whether these younger referees should be welcome at our meetings. The VASRA Executive thinks they should. General discussion ensued. Werner Winseman: We should try to bring them in. John Nielsen: Agreed we should try and bring them in, anything we can do to lower the average age and give them an opportunity. George Tweedly: These younger people get very little exposure to the Laws and he's concerned that they could be overwhelmed at our meetings. Alex?: Agrees they should be invited but is also concerned the meetings could be intimidating so we must not be boring. We must ensure they are made welcome. Marco Arruda: Small Sided Referees do not get much training and will need to show some initiative to come to our meetings. Those that do should be encouraged. José Branco: We should make them welcome. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the VASRA Executive approach BCSRA to amend the Bylaws so that area Associations will invite Small Sided Referees to their meetings.
- Congratulations to Dante Maglio and Neil Ellet who were inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame.
- The Burnaby Lake Summer Referee Training/Soccer program at Burnaby Lake is being set up by José Fraquas.

- We now have a new supply of cards. In addition to the traditional red and yellow cards we also have white cards for you to use to keep game details (erasable as with the others, penalty kick area on the back). A set of three cards is \$20. Individual cards are \$8 each.
- Mentorship initiative: Marc Bowley indicated to the meeting that VASRA has tried to set up a mentorship initiative but has been hit by weather problems that have caused difficulties the last two years. The Executive is concerned that VASRA must support our younger referees. The Executive has suggested doing more, initially on an ad hoc basis, having mentors do a short report to a mentor co-ordinator and then reporting on the program. Laurie Miller: Mentioned that on the Sunshine Coast they will be trying a new program in September where all senior referees on the first weekend of play will do mentoring rather than doing games. The idea is to get every new referee to be mentored at least in one game on their first weekend. José Branco: Supports the mentorship initiative. He was making up a new mentor form this past week to send out to head referees. It indicates a report showing three positive items from the game and three things to improve on. He will send the form to Bill McNaughton and it is fine to send out to VASRA members. Fred Hildreth: Wondered how far we go with this without having some type of formality so that we have the right people doing it. Bill McNaughton: We want to ensure we get the program started and may have to do so on an ad hoc basis before we get it to the stage where we can be more formal. José Branco: Suggested we go to various clubs to get them to accept the mentorships that will be occurring during their youth games. We will try and have a sign-up list available for mentors for next meeting. Please consider being a mentor for younger referees.
- Fred Hildreth reported on the senior high school girls tournament coming up in late May. This year there are three different venues: Burnaby, Richmond and Whistler. The scheduler's number is (604) 299-2318 (Mike Holden). Leave a message there if you are interested. The games will be going from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Schools involved are AAA, AA and A level but this is based solely on the size of the schools and really has no reference to the quality of soccer that will be played.

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, March 31, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB.