

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, June 30, 2008 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:18 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: Adam Fielding (from England)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: None

ADOPT AGENDA: No formal Agenda was utilized at the meeting.

MINUTES OF May 26, 2008 MEETING: There was no quorum at the May meeting and therefore no official Minutes were prepared (and Bill McNaughton was away).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

EDUCATION:

- Bill McNaughton, VASRA Secretary, gave a report and presentation about Mundiavocat 2008, the lawyers world cup tournament. This is a private tournament held every two years. It has been going on for 28 years. This year's tournament was based in Alicante, Spain and had 74 teams from around the world playing in both a regular (classic) and masters divisions. Bill was invited to attend through legal community connections and was one of five non-Spanish referees at the tournament. The other four were from France including a new FIFA referee and two ex-FIFA referees. The non-Spanish referees were there to referee Spanish teams so that the Spanish referees were not put in a position of perceived conflict. Bill refereed teams from Oran (Algeria), Tokyo, Oviedo (Spain), Tenerife (Canary Islands), Yaroslavl (Russia), Alicante, Paris and Casablanca. Bill was selected to do the finals in the masters division between Costa Rica and Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires won 1-0 after Costa Rica scored an own goal. There were many interesting moments at the tournament and lessons learned. Bill encouraged anyone who has the opportunity to do an international tournament to do so.
- Mauricio Navarro gave an educational session on some Euro 2008 clips.
 - Spain v. Russia: players bumping and pushing, the type of thing that happens every afternoon in our parks. You must consider the time and moment of the game and relate that to the players' actions. It might have been nothing but there may also be tensions brewing. Here the referee was calm; he isolated the players well and spoke to them to deal with the incident. If an action like this happens in front of the players' benches then the message has to be stronger because you're including more people in the message. You can show that you are upset and not willing to accept this kind of behaviour in your game.
 - Germany v. Turkey: While the first clip was an example of man management this clip was an example of game management. A foul was committed or appeared to be committed and no penalty kick was awarded. However, the referee here had not given a penalty kick 10 minutes earlier on the same player (No. 16 from Germany) so he's not going to give a penalty against this player in this particular situation. Assistant referees must understand what the referee is doing. If the assistant calls a foul at that moment, even if it might be technically correct, it can destroy a referee's game management.
 - France v. Italy: There was a foul committed early in the game. The player who committed the foul ended up being hurt. As a referee it's important to show compassion to the player who was hurt, but, as illustrated here, the referee still gives the player a yellow card.

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- John Jukes for Metro Womens Soccer was unable to attend but passed along his thanks to everyone who had assisted during the summer season.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer was unable to make the meeting so there was no Treasurers report. [However subsequent to the meeting Ron advised the liquid assets were \$3,974.12 in our chequing account and a term deposit of \$5,500.00.]

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies indicated the next edition of the Flag & Whistle would be out shortly.

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: No report.

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco was away and not at the meeting, so there was no formal report, however:

- The previous weekend saw the Provincial Youth Championships in Burnaby, Richmond and Prince George and many VASRA members were involved.
- A reminder about the referee training that takes place on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Field No. 1 at Burnaby 8 Rinks. In each case commencing at approximately 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Remember the VASRA mentorship initiative. Get your emails in to Marc Bowley. So far the results are very disappointing. 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 now have finished. Thanks to José Fraguas for the organizing.
- 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!
- Sign up for your refresher course!

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING HELD: MONDAY, July 28, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB to deal with outstanding items and Beach Blast.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, August 25, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB.