

# MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, March 31, 2008 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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**Call to order: 7:12 p.m.**

**GUESTS WELCOMED:** Noel Estacio (Fraser Valley Referee), Trent Newman, Neil Ellett.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:** None.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Bill McNaughton was late and the Agenda was circulated at the meeting after he arrived; however, it was never formally adopted.

**MINUTES OF February 25, 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 and seconded by Nick Miskin.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** A moment of silence was observed in memory of Geoff Penniston of Richmond, founder and Chairman of the Nations Cup Soccer Tournament, who passed away last week after a short battle with cancer.

**ITEMS ARISING:** Last meeting we discussed the mentorship initiative that VASRA intends to undertake. The VASRA Executive has looked at coming up with a plan of action: Referees must be Regional Level (Class 3) or higher, over 16 years of age and have five years experience to be a mentor. A sample ID card to use for identification with coaches and young referees was shown to the meeting. These will be produced and provided to members in order that they can identify themselves as a mentor. Please email to Marc Bowley at: [marcbowley@primus.ca](mailto:marcbowley@primus.ca) to indicate your interest in participating in the mentor program. In order to get the program running we will start with the mentor choosing the time, park and referee to mentor and ask them to fill in a short report. A copy of the report form will be provided. This matter raised a number of questions from the meeting as follows: Neil Ellett: If there is an official assessment being conducted how will that be treated? If a mentor is there then step aside and defer to the official assessor; Fred Hildreth: Do we plan to let the leagues know about this program? Yes, we will be contacting head referees and schedulers to advise about the program; José Branco: Will there be a meeting of all involved so that they are all on the same page (and a suggestion that we should do so?) Yes, that is part of the plan. We will also be coming up with a written list of guidelines for all who are participating.

**REMINDER:** If you are interested in participating send in an email to Marc Bowley: [marcbowley@primus.ca](mailto:marcbowley@primus.ca)

**EDUCATION:** This session concentrated on issues involving goalkeepers including fouls on and by goalkeepers.

- We first did a review of what made goalkeepers a special entity within the game of soccer. Some of the items are: they are the only player who can use their hands within the penalty area; they play in a separate coloured uniform; treating injuries to goalkeepers is different in both timing and they do not need to go off if a coach comes in for treatment; we allow them to wear a cap and long pants; during penalty kicks they can be substituted for if injured (as long as the team has subs. available within the rules of the competition); they must release the ball within 6 seconds after getting possession with their hands; there are special rules for them on penalty kicks (on the goal line until the ball moves, between the goal posts, etc.); they can't touch the ball with their hands when thrown in directly to them by a teammate or if deliberately kicked back to them by a teammate; after releasing the ball from their possession they cannot pick it up again without it first touching another player; a team cannot play without a

designated goalkeeper; other players must allow the goalkeeper to release the ball from his possession. Obviously this illustrates there are many circumstances where goalkeepers are treated as a special entity.

- First clip showed a player from the red team that deliberately stepped into and threw a hip check on the white team's goalkeeper who had just gathered in the ball. This results in a confrontation with the white team defenders. What to do? Blow down the play with your whistle, call the foul and speak to the red player, general view that no card was needed but by being active (by both calling the foul and by speaking to the red player) all will know that this level of challenge is not acceptable and that the referee has dealt with it.
- Second clip where a keeper was within the penalty area kicks the ball out and in that motion trips the attacker who is coming in. What to do? The ball was cleared by the keeper, no foul.
- Third clip showed a hard challenge on a keeper as the ball comes into the penalty area. The attacking player kicks the keeper as the keeper makes the save. The keeper is down on the ground injured, sits up and clearly kicks the attacking player in retaliation. What to do? There should be red cards given to both the attacker and the keeper.
- Fourth clip was part of a game between Manchester United and Arsenal. In the first view the keeper picks up the ball outside the area. A foul (hand ball) is called, free kick awarded and a yellow card is given. However, on replay from a different angle it is clear that the keeper has, with his foot, rolled the ball back onto the line that marks the penalty area before picking up the ball. This means it was inside the area and no foul occurred. An illustration of a wrong call.
- Fifth clip was a corner kick where a player on the red team jumped into the green team's goalkeeper, and in the course of that brought his hand up beside the keeper's hand and knocked the ball into the net with his hand. What to do? No goal. A foul was called for jumping into the keeper, free kick for the green team.
- Discussion ensued concerning corner kicks and players who block the goalkeeper's movement therefore impeding the keeper from reaching the ball. You can call the impeding only once the kick occurs so that the ball is in play. However, smart refereeing would deal with the situation in advance by speaking to the players and warning them about not impeding the goalkeeper's movement.

#### **LEAGUE ITEMS:**

- Danté Maglio reported on the Burnaby Mens League. The season is over. The league final occurred two weeks ago. Danté expressed his thanks to all the referees who assisted.
- Metro Womens Soccer League: They again wished to express thanks to referees for the season. Finals occurred last weekend.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Schaeffer gave the report and indicated that our liquid assets are \$4,748.53 in our chequing account and \$5,500.00 in term deposits. Ron has engaged Emil Ludich to conduct an audit of the VASRA books and hopes to have a report for the next meeting. A question arose as to what return was being obtained on the term deposit? We are getting an interest rate of 4% (as opposed to getting nothing on the chequing account balance).

#### **REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS**

#### **BCSRA EXECUTIVE:**

- Elvio Chies confirmed that the Spring Council Meeting will take place May 3 in Victoria. Information should be coming out very shortly. People can take the 7 a.m. ferry and will not need a car as rides will be provided. The return ferry is at 3 p.m. The 604 v. 250 game will take place after the meeting.

#### **CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE:**

- Although there was no official report José Branco mentioned that Werner Winseman, Neil Ellett, Dominic Pace and Paul Ward attended a camp for national level assessors and a pro camp for referees. CSA is stressing the importance of fitness. All our people passed this year. Fitness requirement is now such that you must pass, and if not then you have 28 days in which to re-take the test and pass or you are dropped from the national down to the next level.

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

- Paul Ward and 2 or 3 others from Canada attended in the United States for the Major League Soccer (MLS) camp. Alain Ruch attended a U.S. referee camp last weekend.
- The Dallas Cup Tournament took place March 16 – 23, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. José Branco attended with four referees from our area: Marco Arruda, Candace Brown, Josh Miller and Chris Wattam. There were over 150 referees at the tournament. There was high level competition including teams from Liverpool, Sao Paolo and Benfica. Three of our four referees were on finals as assistants. The fourth was on a semi-final. This is quite an achievement because getting on a final was based on assessments and rankings throughout the week. There were some very tough games and our people did very well.
- There was another assessor training session held last week. New training for instructors is taking place for the new entry level courses. The courses are tougher but it's a much better course including field work.
- Coastal Cup and Provincial Cup starts next week. There are four games on the first weekend and then the weekend after has 16 – 20 games. BCSA Board of Directors are requiring only one game per referee per day. José hopes to have an assessor on every Coastal Cup and Provincial Cup game.
- José was pleased to announce that Tiberio DeFrias from Victoria has been promoted to the national assessor level.
- 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. There is no online registration. Call or email BCSA, pay your registration fee and you will get your new badge and a copy of the laws of the game. **NOTE, IN ORDER REGISTER YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED YOUR 2007 REFRESHER COURSE.** A reminder this is not your BCSRA/VASRA membership renewal but rather your BCSA registration as a referee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Burnaby Lake (8 Rinks Fields) training games commence on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 7 p.m. We must fill out a form and need a number of people attending from Burnaby or the price for the field goes up.
- José Branco recognized George Tweedlie who was able to get full female referee crews on both the semi-finals and finals of their female cup games.
- Werner Winseman expressed his appreciation and recognition to Paul Ward for the leadership he provided on the weekend pro camp. Paul lectured for an hour on refereeing.
- Paul Ward mentioned that with Darren Clark as a FIFA AR we now have a full Canadian three person crew as a FIFA complement. The crew will be going to France for a pre-Olympic tournament. Paul also suggested there are a number of opportunities for people to move up now with a greater emphasis on a performance-based system.
- The meeting recognized Joe Hrgovic as our newest Life Member.
- VASRA has come up with a new badge. An example was shown at the meeting. It features the slogan "Striving For Excellence". We hope to have this available shortly.

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, April 28, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB.**