

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, November 24, 2008 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:16 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: John Jukes (MWSL), Bob Sawtell and Neil Ellet

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: none

ADOPT AGENDA: Werner Winseman, seconded by Laurie Miller: M/S/C

MINUTES OF October 2008 MEETING: Minutes of the October 2008 meeting were previously circulated by email & mail and were adopted on a motion by Laurie Miller, seconded by Robbie Battle: M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

EDUCATION: Group discussion, lead by José Branco, on “playing in a dangerous manner”. Discussed the definition of “dangerous play”, what is involved and required, did a small group discussion and exercise.

Presentation by Michelle Pye on the U-17 World Cup in New Zealand (from which she had just returned): She left on October 20 and on arrival they did a week of training, education & fitness tests. Michelle did her first game in Wellington: England 3 – Brazil 0; Next day went over (as a group) the game clips and focused on cautions and game control; Her next games were two as 4th official back to back; on the debriefs FIFA added a “please explain what you were doing” category and everyone’s goal was not to have their performance raised in that category! Lots of training: every day that not have a game spent a couple hours on fitness and couple in class; Michelle’s next game was in third round Korea 2 – Germany 1 and felt a very easy game; quarter finals not game for her but picked to stay for the semis and finals; did the semi-final Korea v England in Christchurch: lots of stuff in that game, lots of decisions and big plays, and FIFA advised she got all the big decisions right! Overall it was an awesome experience, there was a lot to learn and a lot learned from people all over the world, and she had a blast (including using the FIFA headset communication system)!

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- John Jukes for MWSL: please check and verify details when submitting game reports, team lists and permits. John had addressed and stamped envelopes to give out for those at the meeting to use to send in reports. For rainouts or field unplayable where you attend, the MWSL pays \$20 not the teams. Note: there should be corner flags on turf fields, if teams do not supply flags put that in your report and the League can deal with them.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer advised that our current account situation is: Chequing Account \$5,595.31 and GICs \$5,500.00. The GICs were renewed on November 21, 2008 and we earned \$238 in interest income.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies mentioned the CSRA Annual General Meeting is on February 21, 2009 in Calgary and Michelle Pye will be the feature speaker. Ontario is voting to decide if they will stay in the Association. We need help to get our

members renewing, Elvio has a list to call and needs some people to help make calls, requesting volunteers speak to him at the meeting. Elvio passed on his Christmas and Holiday wishes to all, and also provided a written report that will be copied and forwarded with these Minutes.

- Discussion arising: Laurie Miller raised the question of getting more members for BCSRA (so VASRA) by contacting the Head Referees in each area. Elvio: are doing some of that, could do more. Jose Branco: supports the idea. Laurie: indicated she would contact the North Shore Head Referees. Nick Hawley: have been pushing, issue is to get assignors to use BCSRA/VASRA referees. General agreement – need to get Head Referees to do more education for all, members of BCSRA or not, so that more help generally. One person on North Shore is not enough. Where should this responsibility lie: BCSA or BCSRA? Need more involvement to build the mentor program.

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: Bob Sawtell advised that November 16 was the teleconference call on selecting Nominated National referees. Letters are drafted and going out shortly. On November 17 at an Ottawa meeting discussed the rolling out of the Regional Referee update program and the upgrade of the entry-level program. Taking things in stages, have upgraded entry-level, working now on Regional level and next will be Provincial level with materials in 2010. Next meeting is in January. Noted that 2008 was a great year for referee performances and Bob expressed how proud he was of the BC contingent at the national level: Darren Clark, Mauricio Navarro, Paul Ward & Michelle Pye.

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco advised that December 12 is the meeting for the review of referee performance and upgrading and downgrading. The program is performance based. There are no age allowances. José used himself as an example: he did not meet the fitness level so he will be downgraded from Provincial to Regional. This year the focus of the program has been on Provincial level, next year will be on Regional level.

José advised that this next year will see the roll out of the new Regional referee course. They plan 4 to 5 courses with two instructors per course. There will be a CSA component and 4 hours allowed in the course for provinces to focus on their priorities. BC plans to use the 4 hours for on-field training components. He also plans to do more assessor clinics and hopes to get in 500 assessments. Remember: you can ask for an assessment online.

The soccer conference in 2009 is scheduled for May 1 to 3 in North Vancouver at Capilano University. The semi-annual AGM is January 9 & 10. Most things at BCSA are now online, lots there, if any problems let BCSA know. You can get information about who to contact at BCSA also online.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The VASRA Christmas party was set for December 6, 2008 but unfortunately there were not enough tickets sold to justify the cost (projected loss could be \$1,200) and the Executive made the decision to cancel the party. We just did not get the support needed to put on the party.
- Our mentorship initiative is underway. Please do some mentoring.
- Nominations and elections will occur for new executive in January. The positions up for election are: President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and one at large director. Dominic Pace agreed to head up the nominating committee.
- Proposal to the meeting to vote on recognizing Bob Allen as a Life Member. A vote was taken with Bob Sawtell acting as scrutineer. The vote was unanimous. We will ask Bob Allen to attend to be honored.

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, January 26, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB