

MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, October 27, 2008 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:12 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOMED: John Jukes (MWSL)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: Peter Sauve, Mark Waterworth

ADOPT AGENDA: Nick Hawley, seconded by Robin Woods: M/S/C

MINUTES OF September 2008 MEETING: Minutes of the September 2008 meeting were previously circulated by email and were adopted on a motion by Augustino Claudio, seconded by Werner Winseman: M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None.

EDUCATION:

A series of video clips were run and discussed at the meeting as follows:

- Spain v. Russia at 24 minutes: A Russian player hit a Spanish player in the back with his shoulder and knocked the Spanish player down. A foul was called and free kick given. Spain tried to play quickly but the Russian player had picked up the ball. There was then a grabbing incident that occurred as they tussled for the ball. The referee handled this by managing the situation without giving a card. He pulled the offending player aside and spoke with him. Consensus was the referee handled the situation very well and no card was required.
- France v. Italy at 6:50 minutes: French player committed a foul and the French player was injured in the incident. No yellow card. Only result was a free kick given to Italy against France and unfortunately the French player had to go off as it looked like he broke his ankle. Too bad for the French player but he caused the foul so Italy still got the free kick. Well handled by the referee.
- Turkey v. Czechoslovakia at 92 minutes (obviously in extra time): Turkey scored. The Czechs then attack and the Turkish keeper makes a save with the result that the ball rolls out for a corner kick. An incident occurs behind the play and the referee gives a direct red card to the Turkish keeper. On the replays it becomes clear: a Czech player had jumped up as the keeper was trying to parry the ball. He missed the keeper who made the save. The Czech attacker appeared to have said something to the keeper after the ball was out. The keeper retaliated with a two-handed shove that sent the Czech player to the ground. That was the reason for the direct red card: we assumed it had to be for violent conduct since the ball was out of play. There was some discussion on whether there was a foul by the attacking Czech player who appeared to jump at the keeper rather than trying to play the ball; however, he missed the keeper and attempting to jump into an opponent is not a Law 12 offence. As is often the case the retaliation is what gets observed and punished.
- Turkey v. Czechoslovakia in extra time (same game as above): Yellow card is given to a Czech player for a foul or dissent, it's not entirely clear. The Czechoslovakia bench then becomes involved and the referee determines a card is necessary. The referee's technique was very good in deliberately controlling the situation, advising the Turkish player to hold the ball and not restart until he had dealt with the situation, calmly walking over to the Czech bench and right up to the touch line, motioning the Czech player (substitute) who had committed the

offence up from the bench so it was clear who was involved and clearly and deliberately giving the yellow card to that player.

- Portugal v. Germany: Ronaldo is fouled by a shirt pull and trip and goes down. Then as the German player is moving away he steps on Ronaldo's foot. The foul was called and a yellow card was given to the German player. The question that arose in discussion was whether the act of stepping on Ronaldo's foot was intentional or not and if the referee had seen it. The general view was the referee was giving the card for the foul (shirt pull and trip) because if the referee had seen the German player step on Ronaldo's foot and thought it was intentional it should have been a direct red card for violent conduct.
- France v. Italy at 23:50 minutes: French defender fouls the Italian player approximately 8 to 10 yards from the goal line, inside the penalty area while the Italian player was cutting through with the ball. Foul called, red card is given to the defender and penalty kick to France.
- Mexico v. Argentina at 17:50 minutes: There's obviously an incident just prior to the start of the video where the Argentine keeper is injured, however Argentina is on a breakout attack and the referee (our own Mauricio Navarro) lets the play go even though we see later that the Argentine keeper is bleeding from the leg. Argentina by this point is down in the Mexico end attacking and they score. At the restart the referee halts the game and goes and attends to the Argentine keeper. Good example of assessing the need to stop the game for an injury, letting the game proceed and a goal resulting. The injury appeared to be fairly minor although there was some blood.

LEAGUE ITEMS:

- John Jukes for MWSL indicated that lately a number of coaches were getting tossed from games, the red card equivalent. He mentioned that coaches should have ID cards. He also asked referees to be careful on the language they use with the women players. Terms such as "honey", "sweetie", etc. are not appropriate. John had a handout for those who were there. He reiterated a request that referees be early especially for the first game of the day as it sets back everything if that game doesn't start on time. The league would like to have referees send in team lists so John handed out to those at the meeting who are doing MWSL games some stamped and addressed envelopes for them to use in sending him team lists.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer sent his regrets as he was not able to attend but has advised that our current account situation is: Chequing Account \$5,910.32 and GICs \$5,500.00. The GICs are up for renewal on November 21, 2008.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Elvio Chies mentioned the Fall Council Meeting is coming up on Saturday, November 22, 2008. We need someone to volunteer to assist in picking up those attending from Vancouver Island at the ferry terminal. That person will get a gas coupon. The meeting goes from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Richmond High School. The focus of the meeting will be on area association monthly meetings and how to make those meetings more attractive.
- Elvio also provided a written report that will be copied and forwarded with these Minutes.

CSA REFEREE COMMITTEE: No report.

BC SOCCER REFEREE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: José Branco was unable to attend, no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Our mentorship initiative is underway. Please do some mentoring. Marc Bowley asked that mentors send in reports to him. Bill McNaughton related a story of mentoring Assistant Referees and the technique used. You get to mentor 2 people in 1 game (3 if you spend some time on the referee as well).
- Marc Bowley indicated that there will likely be one more refresher course in November. Watch the BCSA website for the time of the course and register quickly. Once registration is full they can't take further people because of fire restrictions in some of the buildings that are used.
- **The VASRA Christmas party is set for December 6, 2008.** The cost is \$45.00. It will take place at Lockdale Hall, 490 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby. Werner Winseman proudly purchased tickets number 1 and 2. Get your tickets from Marc Bowley.
- The Beach Blast people provided to Marc a monogrammed sweatshirt for presentation to Candace Brown in recognition of work she did at Beach Blast.
- Michael Nameth addressed the meeting concerning our library situation. He was the VASRA librarian for 7 years until he retired. This meant bringing books and tapes to the meeting that people could borrow for their review and use. He was looking for a volunteer to take over the position because no one had really taken it up since he retired. The meeting generally was of the view that we need a new librarian. If you're interested in volunteering please advise. Michael is looking to see if we can get some space at the Bonsar Centre to hold the library cart. Contact any of the Executive to get a hold of Michael Nameth.

After the 50/50 raffle the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, November 24, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB