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MINUTES OF THE VANCOUVER AREA SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Held: Monday, August 29, 2011 at South Burnaby Metro Club, Burnaby, B.C.

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Call to order: 7:17 p.m.

GUESTS WELCOME: none

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED: none

ADOPT AGENDA: On motion by Elvio Chies, seconded by Dominic Pace, M/S/C.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: Minutes of the June 27, 2011 meeting were previously circulated by email for review and were adopted and approved on a motion by Robbie Battle, seconded by Tony Giorgia, M/S/C.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None

EDUCATION: Our speaker was Nick Hawley who did a fabulous presentation on the method of scoring, reviewing the Laws of the Game (Laws 4, 5, 12 and 15) and the technical points on goals scored. Nick encouraged referees to give coaching to young assistant referees on positioning and the proper signals when a goal is scored. It is important for you to check the particular rules in your tournament, cup or match competition for goals in extra time (golden goal, silver goal, FIFA overtime, straight to penalty kicks, etc.). Nick showed and discussed many video clips illustrating referee positioning on goals, how running and fitness are very important, playing advantage, and particularly the need for concentration on goals by deflections, from pushing, when actually offside, through handballs, or on fouls. The summary messages: positioning is key, communicate with your AR's, be ready for the unusual, apply the Laws and use good mechanics. It goes almost without saying but the decisions on goals are game changing decisions!! For more contact Bill (but much better is to come out to the meetings to experience and benefit from the education sessions!).

LEAGUE ITEMS: Burnaby Mens League is starting and contact Dante Maglio (604-522-0191) to get on the list. Metro Women's League has a new head referee, Michelle Pye, and she is holding a meeting for league referees on Sept 7.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Schaeffer advised that the chequing account is at \$7,272.80 and the GICs are at \$5,500.00.

REFEREE ASSOCIATED REPORTS

BCSRA EXECUTIVE:

- Nick Hawley, BCSRA President advised that BCSA is requiring a criminal records check for adult referees who are working with youth officials. BCSRA had suggested this was redundant given the minimal contact between referees and assistants but BCSA has proceeded. You should get a request for BCSA for this. Some discussion ensued on how to do the checks (via local RCMP or through BackCheck) and on the cost. Some jurisdiction may do it at no charge.
- Nick also reported to the meeting on the work BCSRA are doing in both Coquitlam and on the North Shore in promoting and assisting with youth referee development programs.

CSA REFEREES COMMITTEE: No report.

BC SOCCER REFEREE COMMITTEE: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Library Update: There are some new materials, check them out
- Christmas Party: set for November 25, mark your calendars now, tickets out soon, and recall that when it was raised if we should continue the party there were 44 people with hands up saying "yes" so we are really looking forward to getting good support and a great turnout this year.
- **BEACH BLAST** was August 6 and 7 and a lot of fun, one of the best ever (remember that good weather promise!), although there were less teams in it this year and so fewer games. We have a cheque from them for \$2000. We honoured the young referees who participated and Jaiden Simmons, Colin Chia, Zach Millin, and Chantle Schwartz were at the meeting to get a reward, recognition and a membership for the year in VASRA. We also recognized Yu Higashigaito as the Ironman this year, and he was given a well deserved round of applause.

After a call for questions there was no other business for the meeting. The 50/50 draw and the raffle was held and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, September 26, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH BURNABY METRO CLUB