

## CVSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug 15/22  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: CVSA Club House  
Recorder: Darian Achurch

1. Call to order: 7:04 pm
2. Present: Neall R, Dan L, Elliot FP, Stacey D, Courtenay M, Darian A, Peter D, Bill K, Eric N
3. Regrets: Ryan C, Richard B.
4. Motion to adopt Agenda: Dan L, Neall R
5. Motion to adopt July minutes: Darian A, Elliot FP
6. Reports:

### -Treasurer (VACANT):

- As per Ryan C.'s email:
  - Somewhat familiar with Quickbooks option that Dan V was using before but will need time to catch up and familiarize himself. There will be a monthly subscription cost for this moving forward (will present options at next meeting).
  - Recommend we utilize and hire the bookkeeping option to start up the season. Ryan C. can coordinate this with the bookkeeper and be a go between for the club until he feels comfortable enough to take on the role fully. He expects this won't be more than a couple of months to help keep the monthly bookkeeping fees down.
- Peter has some people in mind for bookkeeping for the start of season and is waiting to hear back.

### -Registration (Peter):

- 787 Registered. Some divisions quite high (U5/6) while others (U18 Girls) quite low.
- Neall working on solution to U18 Girls placement (blending into adult team without going over max number).
- Concerns brought up around lack of communication for travelling team-aged players over the summer months (especially those who did not make a Tier 3 / Gold team). Lots of feedback from parents who feel they are being kept in the dark. There is a call for an immediate email to re-connect these players and parents to the club. Courtenay is reaching out to Tyler to send this to all players and parents so they have an expectation around timeline for the start-up. Peter may send an email from the club as well. In the future (next season) we will look at an automated

email that is generated upon registration that gives players and parents a timeline of when they will start up the season.

- Dan L provided his email transcript with Stuart Bancroft (LISA President) around clarification of players switching clubs after Tier 2 season. As there was no obvious cases of “poaching” and players are free to move to clubs outside their “club boundaries”, there is not much to be done. The issue was brought up again with TDs though and most seemed open to encouraging the players to return to their original Tier 3 clubs. This ties in with Dan L’s point under “New Business”.

-Equipment (Peter):

- Peter will put new nets up on turf field before the start of the season. He has priced out a new set of corner flags as well for possible purchase (current ones have some with broken bases).
- Peter asking North Cowichan to move the compactor that they have left in the changeroom.
- Baseball fences will be removed and lines painted on field in time for Sept 9 weekend games on Evans field.
- Travelling team coaches can reach out to Peter to meet with him and pick up balls, uniforms, pinnies, etc.

-Adult soccer (Neall):

- Schedules are just coming out. Neall will share with Bill K as soon as they are confirmed and adjustments are made.
- McGavin Cup starting this weekend for Div 1 and 3. This should be posted on website so Neall will reach out to Will for posting.
- Div 5 team is now in Div 4. We will most likely have another team registered in Div 5 next year.
- All Adult teams start on Sept 9 weekend except Men’s Masters.
- There is a severe lack of adult officials in Cowichan (only 4). We need more or will have to officiate our own games. Neall is sending an email to all adult teams to encourage players to take the referee course and will look at incentives.

-House league (Peter):

- Starting on the Sept 17 weekend. There will be a Coaches Meeting organized before that (Date TBA).
- The date for the Super 8 tryouts should be posted on the website. Eric will reach out to Greg / Will to ensure this.

-Risk management (Richard): Not present.

7. General Correspondence: None.

8. Old Business: None.

## 9. New Business:

- Academy Night development (Dan L will discuss on behalf of Tyler): Dan L shared his email transcripts with Tyler about Cowichan setting up a High Performance Academy. This is directed towards Tier 2 level players who are looking for more high-level soccer with the hopes we can keep them in Cowichan. It will be once a week (proposal is for Fridays) with the possibility of adding the players into a Futsal league that TIDE is running on Monday nights. Tyler has been lining up good, experienced coaches (especially female role models) for this and there will be an extra cost for it. Tyler has been working with Cody Ackinclose (part of the VI Wave program) in the design for this program as he has helped other clubs set up their similar ones. There is a possibility for games against other similar programs on the island. It will run for 10 weeks before the December break and 10 weeks after the December break. It will be discussed with all Tier 3 coaches so they can identify who would benefit the most from this program.
- Thor J. resigned from the board. Neall has shifted to a shorter-term length for balance on the board.
- Current term lengths of board directors:
  - 2022-2025: Bill Keserich, Darian Achurch, Eric Nelson and Ryan Connelly
  - 2021-2024: Richard, Stacey, Courtenay and Elliott
  - 2020-2023: Neall, Jordan, Peter and Dan Lomas.
- Elliot FP asked how our club could improve with its language and behaviours towards inclusion (especially in the area of gender non-conforming players and parents). Two examples of this are our registration page only having two boxes to choose from, Male or Female and our younger house league teams being termed “Boys and Girls” instead of “All Genders”. Neall has shared language from the North Shore club that they recently added that seemed more progressive. He also shared that it is wonderful to be a leader in inclusion but we are also governed by BC Soccer and Soccer Canada so must follow their guidelines as well. Bill has asked Elliot to look at different ways our club could improve its inclusion and report back to the board and Elliot has agreed to take on this role.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn: Elliot FP / Peter D

Next Meeting: Sept 19, 2022 7 pm