

**CAMPBELL RIVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2004**

Present:

David Wood  
Marsha Lloyd  
Steve Babcock  
Henry Roller  
Bill Rogers  
Gary Lawson  
Sid Shook  
Roy Williams  
Graham Sibley  
Nanette Mann  
Wanda Donovan  
Rick Donovan  
Sharon Vanderdonck

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m.

The Minutes of the March 8, 2004 meeting were moved to be adopted by Bill Rogers, seconded by Henry Roller. Minutes adopted.

**Correspondence**

Letter from our Association went to the school principal and School Board office to pass on to Martin Cole and Barry Kegler regarding the locking of goalposts. Who is unlocking and then not locking the goalposts? Is it the school or it is us? Our posts are worth \$21,000.00 plus we are constantly losing locks and bearing the expense of new locks and chains. We have asked the School Board for \$200.00 to assist in these costs. The Board has refused.

Email from UISA thanking us for our support in their inaugural year. Good luck to teams in the provincial. The AGM is April 25 in Comox. Our Executive should attend and any other interested parties. There is an agenda that David Wood has. Lunch will be served before the meeting. There is one vote per 400 players. David and Graham will attend for our Association.

Best Western Austrian Chalet has again given us money for sports groups using their facilities. Thank you to Best Western Austrian Chalet.

Gary Bechard notes that there is now a Comox Valley Soccer Academy run by Josee Bruneau. She has started a program at Highland Secondary for the

2004/2005 season. The soccer academy is designed as a springboard for collegiate or professional careers or to develop individual skills. The format is on the Comox Valley Soccer Academy website.

Nominations for our Association's awards should be given to David. Three have been received already. **The deadline is June 1, 2004.**

### **Financial**

Cash in general account:	\$51,363.27
Bingo account:	<u>\$18,400.01</u>
Total:	\$69,763.28

Don reports through David that accounting is up to date. Don requests financial information as soon as possible. He requests the AGM be scheduled for the third week of June so he can have all financial statements in order. Don will not run again as Treasurer next year. **We will need another Treasurer.**

### **Administrator's Report**

Attached.

### **Mini Soccer**

Gary reports that the first week of the league went well. They were short of referees due to a mix-up. They are also still short of coaches. He said there has been no junior coaching clinic for one or two years so there is a shortage of new coaches. People are declining to coach because they don't know enough about soccer.

David says there was a scheduled junior coaching session with John Jepson that was cancelled. Henry says people aren't interested in a 2-day course but suggests a shorter course.

Roy recently held a coaching session for tots coaches and had 12 coaches attend the one hour session.

Gary suggests we need Beginners Introduction to Coaching held in 1-2 hours, such as Neil Sedgwick used to do. It was called "Fun-damentals of Soccer". The emphasis was on fun. We could continue a junior course, community coaching certificate for kids on weekends but before each season, spring and fall, put on a quick 1-2 hour course mid-week. Graham will contact Ken Garraway. If Ken is unable to fit it into his schedule, Gary and Henry will put on a coaching session.

Junior development teams are playing in tournaments and doing well. The program is excellent. Many outside our Association say they wish they had a similar program.

### **Equipment**

Rick reports that size 3 balls are coming next week. Size 5 are ordered. He was giving one ball per player for mini but ran short of balls. Everything is good and under control except for a couple of complaints. Rick will be working with Wayne and David to cement in a pad at the back of the Clubhouse.

Roy reports the tots are happy with their equipment and says that Rick has done a good job.

### **Referees**

There was a mix-up on the weekend. The schedule for two age brackets didn't get to Madison so there were no refs.

David conducted a Class 4 clinic two weeks ago. 18 registered, 14 showed, 12 passed. Bill Rogers obtained the highest marks in the class.

The referees do have to register with BC Soccer to get their insurance, badges, etc. They pay \$25.00 to BC Soccer. BC Soccer should be notifying them and if they don't, then the referee should contact BC Soccer.

Bill thanked David for a good job in getting his course together on short notice, and Madison for notifying the players who had Class 5.

Bill says we still need to start more kids so there are no gaps in future.

The U12's can take the Wet Your Whistle course. We need a lot because kids drop out. The biggest reason for drop out is parental and player abuse. Therefore, there are less Class 4's and then less Class 3's thereafter.

Bill talks about an approximately 2-month mentoring program where assistants stay with an experienced referee. David suggests a shorter mentoring program of 1-2 games because young refs need to experience different senior referees. Malcolm would have to coordinate this with Madison.

Bill also complains that referees are being put into games that they are not ready for. For example, inexperienced referees are put into B Cup games. Malcolm could assist Madison in choosing assistants for these games. Bill Rogers will coordinate with Madison and Malcolm on these issues. David Wood suggests that Bill Kennedy and Doug Fieldhouse would be great mentors.

**Clubhouse**

Kevin to install safety cage on intrusion from Clubhouse. David will instruct Kevin to do so. If Kevin fails to do it, Bill will do it.

A cement patio is being completed before the Pony Tournament.

**Discipline**

No problems.

**UISA**

Henry and Mark are the new reps.

Bill Rogers says UISA should contact BC Ferries to lobby for a 50 percent discount for teams and players. BC Ferries gives a 50 percent discount for school functions. UISA should also lobby BC Soccer for a consistent system with respect to use of cards.

**Registration**

725 spring league registrants. This is up considerably, almost as big as fall's. The registration system worked a lot better, with mail out and drop boxes, and only two live registrations.

**Fields**

Fields are in really good shape. Robron needs work. Willow Point #4, the top dressing was rough but it's okay. Gary reports in a recent tournament in Duncan the fields were rough. Our fields are excellent in comparison and we need to appreciate what we have.

Wayne's new paint machine works well. There is a problem refilling or replacing air cannister. Bill Rogers will talk to Dave Lacharite so the bottle can either be exchanged or refilled at CRES.

**Field Lining**

The lining done on the fields is good.

Bill seeks a letter from our Association asking the District of Campbell River for help in exploring the idea of developing a Robron sports facility. David will write a letter. This will allow Bill's contact to do an Auto Cad plan for the area. The letter will be addressed to the District of Campbell River's engineering office. Bill

still has the blessing of our Directors to explore the idea of developing a Robron sports facility.

### **Field Users**

Preparation of the baseball field at Willow Point has commenced and should be completed for July BC tournament.

No work on Penfield for soccer has started yet.

### **Risk Management**

Everyone is filling out forms. Equipment is not supposed to be handed out until forms have been filled out.

### **Unfinished Business**

The "A" Cup draw was sorted out. The "A" Cup was rescheduled to original date because of numerous complaints, including ours.

The U15 girls' protest was denied and they lost their \$100.00.

The U18 boys' protest was rejected. The 100.00 deposit was returned. This protest involved yellow cards and forms.

### **New Business**

The date for the banquet is set for June 11, 2004.

Roy Williams says tots are going great. They have 3 dates for pictures: April 18, 25 and May 2 before games.

The goal posts have arrived for Georgia Park and Graham put them together.

Tag Day is June 19. The Wind-Up for spring league is June 20.

We have 2 teams going to the Provincials, possible 3 if the U15's qualify for A Provincials.

Motion by Graham, seconded by Gary and carried, to pay \$1,000.00 to assist the U16 Cobras with their trip to the Provincials in Terrace; \$500.00 to assist the U14 girls with their trip to Penticton; and \$500.00 to assist the U15 boys if they qualify for their trip to Newton.

Graham suggests new posts are needed for Robron that are moveable to help preserve the field that is chewed up around the goalpost.

Registration dates have been set. Mail-out will be May 10. Live registrations June 12 and June 20. School flyers June 1. Ads in the paper June 9 and June 16. The same system, offering cost savings for early registration, will be used.

Graham says there is a fundraiser for the Gunners on May 18. There are also other fundraisers. Please attend or donate to these fundraisers. Graham has tickets for the Gunners' fundraiser.

**Next meeting May 10, 2004.**

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ADMINISTRATORS REPORT  
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**Spring League** registration this year has been much easier to handle, even with the usual flurry of late registrants. The Division managers, equipment manager, coaches, players and registrar all had more time to sort the season out. We will do much better next year with a slightly longer break between the last registration and the coaches meetings, a reworking of shirt numbers, and the issuing of team equipment to the coaches.

The tots, U10 and U11/12 divisions have a few openings but all other ages are full.

Opening day of the season was April 4th

**Pony Tournament** is slowly filling up and the bi weekly meetings are getting things in order to make this a great event. We do need more volunteer support for several areas, so please call me if you are willing to get involved.

**Sponsors** are now completed for both Spring and Fall and there are only 8 unpaid teams.

A thank you ad has been placed in the local papers.

Keep Your Shirt On! has been absolutely fabulous with churning these shirt orders out and then reordering a few more as the teams filled up. Note that late registrants may not have a sponsors logo on their shirt as the sponsors screen may have been removed and there would be further set up charge.

**Island Cup** will be on us very shortly and we wish all the CRYSA teams well

**Coastal Cup.** Congratulations to the Intersport Cobras U16 Boys for their victory on Sunday April 4 over the Lynn Valley Falcons at Willow Point, and to the Travel

Place Gunners U15 boys team for their historic win in Coastal A cup over the Point Grey Eagles at Pinecrest. The Gunners next game is in Vancouver against the Selects on Saturday April 10th

How wonderful to see so many people at both locations cheering these young players on.

Congratulations also to the U14 Girls Xtreme fitness Breakers who lost to Abbotsford 1-0 in a shoot out! Exciting!!

**Clubhouse** is looking great and should look even better by the time that the Pony is upon us, as we are planning to place a concrete slab at the rear of the clubhouse so that we can better utilise the area by the concession. Wayne has already started on a lawn maintenance program.

**Fields.** I have received a complaint from SD 72 that a goal post was left out unlocked on Thursday March 25 at Cedar school, chain and lock were missing. Please when you use the posts remember to lock the lock and chain to the post or they will disappear. **This is most important. Lock and relock chain and lock.**

Goalposts at Pinecrest Park left out on Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>!!!!!! Come on guys!! Goalposts were left unlocked and then vandalised at Carihi. These were SD 72 posts. I have sent a letter to all those schools which have CRYSA posts expressing our concern at being able to protect our financial investment.

**Goalposts** We now have 2 sets at Georgia Park, 2 sets at Robron Minis, 1 set at Ocean Grove, Cedar, Rockland, Carihi, Pinecrest Park and Pinecrest School. The mid size set has now arrived and will eventually be placed at Penfield if the field condition is addressed by the SD72.

Looking to the future we may have to replace the Robron Oval fixed posts. They contribute to goalmouth wear and portables have been introduced at most of our fields to alleviate this situation. Very successfully I might add.

**Banquet** will be upon us all too soon so please submit your nominations for awards into David as soon as you can.

**Referee clinics** for wet your whistle, class 4 and class 5 will take place again in August unless we have enough interested parties for us to run it sooner.

Fundraisers for several cup teams are ongoing so please show your support! Buy a chocolate bar, hand out a few bottles, buy some fish, or buy a raffle ticket as all these players have worked so hard to get to the big show.

G R Sibley

CRYSA Administrator