

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
CAMPBELL RIVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION  
June 21,2004**

**PRESENT**

David Wood  
Sid Shook  
Graham Sibley  
Sharon VanderDonck  
Don Williamson  
Gary Lawson  
Collin Nemeth  
Henry Roller  
Mark McRann  
Bill Rogers  
John Jepson  
Marsha Lloyd  
Ken Garraway  
Ernie Alberty  
Allison Wood  
Nanette Mann  
Martin Labelle  
Steve Koebel  
Linda Smith

Meeting convened at 7:10 p.m. Vice-President Sid Shook presiding.  
Previous AGM had 20 people in attendance.

Motion to accept the minutes of June 16, 2003 made by Sharon VanderDonck seconded  
by Gary Lawson - motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**President's Report**

- David Wood opened with remarks regarding the last season.
- Appears that all things that had to be worked out have been.
- We trained quite a few new referees.
- Spring and Fall League registrations were about the same as last year.
- David thanked Don Williamson for all his years of service and keeping us on our toes and within our budgets over the years.

- David had to leave this meeting as he was going to a meeting at City Hall regarding the Gaming Commission and the installation of slot machines. This could have a tremendous affect on the monies we receive from bingos if this is not passed.
- We hosted the Pony Mini World Cup Tournament in May 2004 and it was a great success.
- Thanks to everyone who helps make things happen.

### **Administrator's Report**

- See attached.
- We would like to update and expand our website. For example sponsors, schedules, results posted.
- Penfield School field coming online – we just need to put goal posts down there.

### **Clubhouse**

- Ken Garraway questioned the amount spent on the Clubhouse. It was for grounds, slab out back, steps, repairs around the Clubhouse.
- This amount could have been a lot higher but some materials and labour were donated.

### **Girls Soccer**

- Marsha Lloyd reports that we may have to revisit teams numbers for the U11 and up. It was U11/12 and U13/14/15.

### **Technical Director**

- Ken Garraway reported out.
- The Academy program was a resounding success. 70 players involved running over 8 weeks; excellent on both coaches' and players' sides. Ken wants to go to a 4-6 week session and do it earlier in the year. John Jepson brought up that the Academy program helped the younger kids see what the older kids were doing. It gave them something to strive for
- Bite-Size Coaching website: Ken reports that there has been a reasonable response. He reports that they are working on it to make it more user friendly. Ken says that we will need to reassess if we want to renew our subscription.
- Coaches Mentoring: not a very good response. Will revisit and see if we can come up with a different approach.
- Junior Development: Ken reported positive feedback on this program but things always need tweeking. Ken thinks that we are on the right track. Mick Pomeroy doing the girls was excellent. Good communication between Jr. Development coaches. Ken would like to see rep do something to generate this. Graham

voiced concerns about limiting number and having to be in Fall League. This will be brought up under New Business.

- District High Performance: Ken stated that he has entered into an agreement with BCSA to set up in Campbell River. We will identify U12 – U17 to prepare them for provincial teams. They will be able to train in Campbell River. This should open up avenues for our rep players. Ken will have all the details next meeting.
- Rep Coaches: Ken wants to get coaches named right away so teams can be selected and then have time off before the seasons begin.

### **Referees**

- Bill Rogers reported that they had a good Level 4 session that David put on.
- Bill reported that the standard comment he gets when talking to referees and/or parents is that they don't get called so they drop off the list.
- Bill says we need more referees and good quality referees.
- Bill suggested that we do more Wet Your Whistle and level 5 courses.

### **Equipment**

- Rick Donovan is not here.
- Sid asked Sharon to report out. Sharon reported that Rick has done a fantastic job. Having the \$50 deposit for Fall League resulted in all but one uniform coming back and that there were also many many jerseys returned that were part of missing sets.
- Rick has the equipment room all organized and stock on hand. Remember to contact Rick for any equipment you might need.

### **Fields**

- Graham reported that Robron is a disaster, that it is like playing on concrete.
- The rest of the fields appear to be doing great.

### **Financial**

- Don Williamson reported that we have a surplus of \$12, 703, thanks in part to Provincials.
- The Mini-World Cup generated a \$2814.46 profit.
- Tag Day this year generated \$3,653.22.
- Sid thanked Don for his years of service to the Campbell River Youth Soccer Association.

### **Registration**

- Fall and Spring Registration numbers were about the same as last year.

### Sponsors

- Graham reported a good response to our changed method of collecting \$200 for both Spring and Fall sponsorship.
- CIBC took over a complete division.
- Tim Hortons and Little Caesars bought uniforms for their divisions.
- Ken suggest a level of sponsorship and how it is advertised on our website be examined.

### Upper Island Soccer Association

- Henry reported that the website is pretty good but is under Nanaimo at this point. They should be getting their own site up soon.
- Call Henry with any comments, questions, and complaints at 337-5146 or at roller@island.net.

### Spring League

- Things went well. There were a few problems but they have been worked out.

### Mini Soccer

- Gary Lawson reported that they had successful Spring and Fall Leagues.
- Smaller numbers on the field went over well.
- Gary says that we need to develop more coaches. It was tough getting coaches in some of the divisions.
- Graham says a lot of coaches have been asking about coaching clinics. Ken says he should have more time to organize these this year.
- Collin says that the 6 yard box caused some confusion with the referees. Graham responded that this was eliminated and that all the info regarding it went to all coaches, refs, and the scheduler by e-mail.

### Election of Directors

- Election Recorder was Graham Sibley
- Sid asked that Sharon circulate a blank sheet of paper and all those in attendance who wanted to be directors provide their name, address, phone number and e-mail address if they have one. Sharon will also call those who stood as directors last year to see if they would like to stand again this year.
- **President** – David Wood nominated by Sharon VanderDonck, seconded by Allison Wood. Before David left the meeting he had advised that he would let his name stand, Acclamation.
- **Vice President** – Sid Shook nominated by Ken Garraway, seconded by Graham Sibley, Acclamation.

- **Treasurer** – Allison Wood nominated by Ken Garraway, seconded by Mark McRann, Acclamation.
- **Secretary** – Sharon VanderDonck nominated by Ken Garraway, seconded by Mark McRann, Acclamation.
- **Directors at large meeting are held on the second Monday of the month.**

### **New Business**

- Motioned by Collin Nemeth, seconded by Martin Labelle that we allow Spring and Fall League players to participate in the Junior Development Program. Discussion held on the issue. Amended motion by Collin Nemeth, seconded by Martin Labelle that Spring and Fall League players may participate in the Junior Development Program but they must have played the prior Spring League if they don't register in the Fall League. Carried.
- Graham said that John has set up grids at Carihi that work very well. There was discussion using Pinecrest and Willow Point for the same thing.
- Nanette asked about funds for travel. Sid explained the procedures. Nanette needs clarification of what the cheque she has is for. She will speak to David about it. Sharon suggested that a sample budget be included in the coaches package and on the website.
- Mick Pomeroy was unable to attend tonight but wanted to know if a Junior Development team can get their own sponsorship. Graham said that \$200 needs to come to the club. Discussion on how sponsors should be handled. Issue will be discussed next meeting.
- Specific directorship responsibilities to be determined next meeting.
- Bank signing authorization needs to be changed due to the fact that Don Williamson will no longer be our Treasurer. It was agreed that David, Sid and Sharon be our signing officers and that Don will need to be signed off.

**Next Meeting:** July 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

### **Directors at Large**

William Rogers, John Jepson, Mark McRann, Gary Lawson, Ernie Alberty, Collin Nemeth, Marsha Lloyd, Ken Garraway, Henry Roller, Martin Labelle, Steve Koebel, Daryl Knowles, Gary Bechard.

NOTE: This list may change when Sharon contacts last year's directors who were not in attendance at this meeting.

## **CRYSA ADMINISTRATORS AGM REPORT JUNE 2004**

This has been another exciting and rewarding year for CRYSA as we have had some great success both on and off the field.

**CLUBHOUSE** The focal point of our association!!

The realization that our clubhouse was in need of a makeover to allow us to be proud hosts to other associations has transformed the building and its surrounds.

The garden area, which had been upgraded last year, has been upgraded again. The safety hazard with the hydro-meter has now been affectively dealt with and a lengthy concrete pad added at the rear. The city crews have fixed the leaky water service.

Inside the clubhouse we now have a brand new fridge and stove and plans are being formulated to makeover the concession area so that we are dealing effectively with any health and safety concerns.

Shelving for the furnace room is also being planned and our change rooms will be put back into operation.

**CUP PLAY** saw our club achieve some excellent results with teams making it through to the Provincials while we also enjoyed success at the Island Cup.

We also sent teams to the Coastal Cup finals. In all a great achievement this year with the boys and girls divisions doing equally well.

**FIELDS** with the exception of the Robron Oval our fields are in quite good condition.

We are proactive with field closures to maintain the quality of these fields, and with the introduction of grids we hope to reduce the wear. The first grid was introduced at Carihi for their school program and we plan on placing grids elsewhere.

Penfield school field will be made available to us for the fall program after its recent upgrade and posts will be moved there.

Cheviot school which is in the process of construction will have the field completed before the actual buildings, and I am told that \$100,000 has been earmarked for Southgate

Hopefully there will be field assignments for tackle football at other fields.

We may need one possibly two more set of posts.

**TAG DAY** was held on June 19<sup>th</sup> with beautiful weather to help the many young players and parents achieve a record amount of \$3653.22. Great job by everyone involved.

Special thanks to the U10 Green Gators who double shifted at two locations with all 12 players participating.

**UISA** changes continue to be made by the executive of UISA under the guidance of Deryck Cowling which will benefit us all. Those players wishing to play at an elite level should soon have that opportunity available to them as district teams will be formed.

A U21 league has been proposed for the upcoming season with a projection of 7 teams entering.

**SUPER Y** is here! Our own Ken Garraway has been involved with the U16 boys as a coach with Dave Dew from Victoria. He can answer any questions regarding this non-sanctioned BCSA program which appears to be such an excellent opportunity for elite players. There will be more opportunities for our elite players with the introduction of further programs.

A High Performance Centre is soon to begin operations and will be headed by Ken Garraway. This program will be based in Campbell River for CRYSA players and will ID potential Provincial players.

**PONY WORLD CUP** This was a huge success for all of us as the weather was absolutely great and our club was able to turn a profit of \$2800.

Comments were overwhelmingly positive, however if the weather had not been so cooperative I am sure that this would not have been the case.

Some divisions registered huge lopsided scores, which benefited no one, possibly due to the different ways that member associations of UISA make up teams for the various age groups. We allow players to “move up” and “play up” leaving a huge hole in the vacated division. Other associations do not allow this and therefore huge discrepancies in playing abilities are evident.

Port Alberni and Powell River associations both require their players to take part in house if they play in the rep program.

Teams in the U10 division for instance from CRYSA were being thumped 15-0 even with the introduction of the mercy rule after the first 5 minutes. Who benefits from this? Why should a team from out of town have to sit out players who came to play in a house tournament because they are too strong?

We have slowly changed the rules over a few seasons to benefit a few.

I have been involved with the 1989 age group from day one and have seen this group maintain their numbers, be successful in all tournament play and provide excellent competition for other associations. What is wrong with this picture? They all played at their age group, stronger players benefited their peers and were still able to attain their desire of playing elite soccer under the guidance of coach Ken Garraway.

This is an opinion in response to so many parents questioning me regarding this rush to the top and the pressures that these parents and their young players have to go through and the impact on those still playing “down”.

Is it time for a reassessment of this program to address these concerns?

**SPONSORSHIPS** were a lot easier to handle this year and I am still receiving requests to be able to sponsor “my child’s team” in the lower age groups.

I understand that we have been approached by another sponsor who would be willing to sponsor an entire division. We already have three such sponsors. Incredible!

Would it be a good thing to have a sponsors recognition page on our website? All of our sponsors listed for all to see?

**BANQUET** This really important event was held on June 17 chaired by and arranged by President Wood. This was another very successful evening

It is with much regret that I have to report that Don Williamson has decided to hang up his boots after such a long career with CRYSA. Don's dedication to our clubs financial well being has been incredible and he will be sorely missed, however his focus can now be shifted to the golf course. We thank you Don for your long time soccer commitment!!

**FALL REGISTRATION** is here again! CRTV have been approached regarding placing an ad on the wheel. SD72 have been given copies of our fall program plus a permit for distribution at our schools.

A live registration was held on June 11 and a final live registration was held on June 20. Drop off boxes for registrations are at Action Sports, Intersport and 343 Dahl Rd. Please call me at 923-2493 if you plan on coaching a particular age group or if you would like to take on the division manager's job for a particular age group.

**THE HACKS'n QUACKS** have come through for CRYSA again, with the Hacks donating \$130 from their recent game.

**MONTHLY MEETING** attendances are definitely of a growing concern to me. I have expressed concern for several years now at the lack of club interest by our members. Unless a member has a specific personal concern the only people attending our monthly meetings are of the core group. Mini soccer which is where the overwhelming majority of the participants are involved is so poorly represented as to be considered almost extinct! Why? Is it because the people who are involved with development are focused on that and are not part of the everyday mini scene because their players are not part of it? However, where are the members from the development group? Take Gary out of the picture and again almost a zero attendance. Why? Rep attendance has been good with a team member's parent, the coach or manager at most of our meetings. Decisions made at monthly meetings affect everyone, and everyone's opinion is invaluable in making correct calls so please bring your good looks, knowledge and skills to these incredibly important once a month two hour sessions.

Hey! Who knows you just might get hooked!

Yours truly, Graham Sibley  
CRYSA Administrator