

November 1st, 2023

Call to order - 6:35pm

**Roll Call:**

Active Care Reccos

Four Star

KDL

West Eco

Jimmy's Ice

Crooked Crown

RBD

Twisted Steak

Kelly O'Bryan's

Fastcut

Ronik

Secure IT

North Shore Shoppers

Fulton

Peter's Pasta

A535

Golden Girls

Sweet & Salty

United Chaos

United Masters

Crooked Crown

**Missing:**

Baileys

Metro

Number in room: 34

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Motion to accept: Jacquie Powers

Second: Lindsey Stobbe

Passed

**Board Reports:**

**President:** Referee issues but otherwise smooth season

**Secretary:** absent

**Vice President:** absent

**Scheduler:**

Fields

**Webmaster:**

Suggestion for game reports. Changing game report box to a comment box. Registration instruction change. Changed to send fees to Team Reps and only new player fees go to Treasurer. Over 60 players in the draft for the first time. Only 5 games forfeited, also a change. Big issue was with officiating. KWSL Exec members will attend the KSRA AGM to address this issue. KSRA did assign over 1300 games this season. Purple Air monitor are live on the KWSL website now.

**Open Liaison:** Nothing to report.

**Member at Large:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income was best for a long time. Over 35 helped in this. Waiting to hear back from BC Soccer before we have the final financials. Equipment fees down as only providing game balls every second year. Were playing on cheaper fields this season, this could change. MVP awards were new so this increased costs. Officiating costs were down but KWSL was helping with mentoring. Bursary and scholarship were awarded this year. No field increases this season.

**Spare List Report:**

Only 2 players. June 5th to July 31 they were booked. Feedback was that some teams used the spares but then would have 4-5 spares already while other teams were still short. Courtesy would indicate just giving the spares to the teams that were short players. Cannot book spares the day of the game, needs to be 24 hours before, would also be nice if the team rep made contact as well.

Discussion: 2 spares are high level players should they play in both divisions? The feedback from the spares was that they would like to be contacted by teams they were playing for. Some bookings were in advance made it difficult for other teams to book them. If more players join the spare list the call out is in an order to ensure fair play.

**New Business**Spare List:

Suggestions from Melissa Keresztesi that bookings should be managed differently. Priority given to teams who haven't used them when multiple teams are calling. Will use this information when we discuss the use of the Spare List with Ali Campmans next season.

Fee increase:

There will be fee increases within the next couple of years. There will also be a BC Soccer increase of \$25.00/player.

KSRA Mentoring fee increase to bring in officials from the coast for mentoring (Michelle Pye)

Discussion of how long will KWSL be giving money to KSRA to support more officials. President responds that need to have more mentoring of new referees as many are aging out. KWSL can only support recruitment. Member points out that some of the player treatment of officials is not appropriate. Suggestion that Over 35 be a good place for new/young referees to begin as it is a less challenging environment. Webmaster pointed out that she contacted youth via Athletic Directors at schools but only received one response. Ali pointed out that players treatment of young officials has impacted their willingness to referee. Webmaster pointed out that we are paying less than other leagues, maybe increasing their wage will improve this.

### **Schedule:**

President explains that field availability is a problem so the schedule may have to be adjusted, making 3 days as possible play but only 2 would be played.

Jacque suggested that the days of play be noted on the website.

### **35 + Games**

Tracey Epp suggested that the games be played at 4:00 in the spring as well as the fall. Room agreed.

7:00 pm game start in June.

Discussion: Lindsey Stobbe stated no difference. Fran Bruno stated that they were having player issues. Emma Pigginn stated the heat was better and more players were able to attend at 7:00 pm. Temperature was a bigger issue than attendance for them.

### **Amendments:**

#### **Melissa Byrhe**

1. Each team must have:

D. Their players are properly dressed and equipped. Each team is required to have two sets of jerseys, home (dark) and away (light). (Note: New teams to the League are only required to have one full set of jerseys and are given a one year grace period to come up with the second set of jerseys). All jerseys shall be numbered according to FIFA regulations. Teams are responsible for having players numbered as shown on both team lists and game sheets. The same number may not be allotted to more than one player in any season.

Amend to:

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Called to vote: Number opposed 1

In favour: 33

Motion passed.

Motion: Jacquie Powers

Second: Ali Campmans

Discussion:

Teams have just bought new jerseys not happy with this amendment.

Ali suggested that team colours be recorded and assessed in order for new jerseys to be ordered.

Fran explained that their sponsor picked their colour.

Could colours be grandfathered in? Colours chosen based on what is existing in the league already.

Melissa Dunn motioned

Ali Campmans second

Addition:

9. If for any reason the referee calls the game forfeiture after the game has begun, but before the prescribed end time (for example, inclement weather or player injury), the score will stand at the time the game was called.

Vote:

All opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

In favour: 34

Motion carried

Bylaws:

2. The League shall consist of three fixed divisions (Competitive, Open, & 35+ Years Old). The structure and placement of teams within those divisions is based on skill level and pace of play.

Motion submitted by Danielle Odiome

2. The league shall consist of three fixed divisions (Competitive, Open, & 35+ Years Old). If 17 teams or more are registered in the Competitive and Open leagues in the season, then a fourth division shall be added called, "Recreational Division". The Competitive, Open, and Recreation divisions will be divided into 6 teams and will be classified based on previous years statistics, standings, and level of play. The Recreational division will be used as the "entry level, or slower pace of play" division. The 35+ league is not affected by this change.

Second: Melissa Keresztesi

Discussion:

Standings fluctuate season to season.

Changing from one division to another changes game night which is difficult for players to adjust to.

We have a large draft number, (4 recruits) to alleviate that.

Have movement between Open and Recreational divisions only.

Losing and not playing competitively in games drives players away from the game.

Question: are there enough “competitive” teams in that division as there is not a true Recreational division?

In the past there have been issues with players playing in a Recreational division who don't belong in that division.

Has been done in the past but competitive became too small.

Suggestion that there be one round of play to seed teams. There are currently 17 teams, those teams could request a tier then a round be played.

Problem would be the days of play would change.

Danielle would be open to using a round of play to tier just the Open division.

Suggestion: take top 4 Open teams and have them play a round with the Competitive division.

Often who showed up determined wins or losses rather than actual skill level.

Suggestion it be tabled closer to team registration.

President: Suggests we table this or vote on it knowing that Open may be tiered.

Call to question Ali Campmans

Tracey Epp second

Vote:

Opposed: 21

In Favour: 0

Abstaining: 8

Motion defeated.

35+ League

Motion: Sandy Blacquiere

Second: Fran Bruno

2(c) +35 Years Old

i. A division meant for players who:

i. Are 35 years of age as of January 1st of the current year, and

Amend to:

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i. A division for players who:

i. Are 35 years of age with in the current year; and

Discussion:

Fear of younger players moving in and changing the division.

Vote:

Favour: 8

Opposed: 8

Abstaining: 14

Motion defeated.

Elections:

Nomination for Ashley Moskalyk

Lisa Thompson

No vote required.

Full fees draw -

Ashley McCallum

½ Fees -

Desiree Wells

Meeting called: 8:25 pm

Number in the room: 31 (3 players left)