

APPROVED

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Meeting #1

10 JULY 2001

ESQUIMALT RECREATION CENTER,
FRASER STREET, ESQUIMALT, VICTORIA

Members Present:

Prospect Lake	<i>Adriano Sumberac</i>
Cowichan	<i>Bill Keserich</i>
Admin. & Boys	
Gorge	<i>Terry Marra</i>
Registrar	
	<i>Lorne Jones</i>
Juan de Fuca	<i>Phil Bernard</i>
Peninsula	<i>Lorne Shaw</i>
Protests	
Sooke	<i>Paul Simpson</i>
Bays	<i>Mike Brodie</i>
Cordova Bay	<i>Stuart Wills</i>
Lakehill	<i>Jules Nagy</i>
Gordon Head	<i>Dave Marsden</i>

LISA Board Members:

<i>Tim Satterford</i>	Chair
<i>Bob Nex</i>	Vice President
<i>Harold McNeill</i>	Secretary and
<i>Paula Nagy</i>	Treasurer
<i>Brian Davis</i>	Scheduler
<i>Bob Hope</i>	Referees and
Regrets:	Salt Spring
Recording Secretary:	<i>Sharon Marejka</i>

The meeting was called to order at 18:50 hrs. There was a quorum present.

The Chair welcomed the Presidents and called for a roll call.

Explained by the Chair was the purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss and approve the budget which was previously distributed. *As the discussions tended to jump in and out of topics for the purpose of these Minutes the subjects have been grouped together and are not necessarily in the order they were discussed.*

BCSA AGM 23 JUNE 2001:

Mini Team Fee Increases and BCSA budget:

The Chair gave a brief synopsis of the recently held BCSA AGM and in particular the fee increase to the mini program, which was passed with a 65% majority. Spoken of was the frustration of attending the AGM. It was nice to have a large contingency of Lower Island representatives (9 board members, one club president and the administration assistant). This gave a first hand opportunity to view the meeting process.

An example was given of an incident whereby a vote was being taken and yet a speaker was allowed to opine on the subject during the voting process, which directly contravenes "Robert's Rules of Order". Further spoken of was how certain divisions have developed between the youth and adult delegates on matters such as mini fees and zoning. Effectively the vote on mini fees was "a done deal" before the youth vote was cast.

Asked was how did it occur that the BCSA voted at the CSA for the increase. Director Bob Hope replied they (BCSA) apparently made a telephone poll of some districts. This may have been adult and may have been youth where they (BCSA) felt they would get support. There is no way of knowing how this was done or how much support was received. Simply stated, the process is wrong.

There have been changes to the BCSA Executive, Laurel Pokoyski (ex Director of Discipline) is now VP of seniors and the Senior VP is Leeta Sokalski (ex VP Seniors). Spoken of were the varying temperatures of welcome the LISA Board received from the BCSA Board.

A new Technical Director, Gord Rodgers has been hired who seems to be very interested and cooperative towards the Lower Island. We will also be developing bridges with new staff coming into the BCSA as turnover in the past few months has been very high.

A friendly Motion was passed unanimously by the floor at the BCSA that will recognise the Lower Island as one District. This was well received by the membership and the BCSA board.

On a further positive side, there appears to be a move on the part of the BCSA Board to consider items such as "Governance Models" and Board/staff interaction as being important items. This may be somewhat influenced by discussions and documents emanating from the Lower Island. Following on this, Prince George made a request for more regional autonomy and that within BCSA themselves there should be more regional representation. A quiet warning was made that BCSA must adopt a governance model that is more inclusive and respectful of the membership.

After much discussion, Rule 23 (Zoning) was passed with a large majority. Rule 23 now states that there will be only three transfers, however a transfer cannot be denied. There are no exceptions to the rule. The punishment for having more than three transfers has more than doubled. Clubs of offending teams will also be subject to significant fines. Discussed was how

the rule could effectively dissimulate teams in smaller districts in the Lower Mainland (e.g. Vancouver Girls) and the difficulty that could be encountered by the Upper Island districts.

The Lower Island voting block at the AGM was 22. This makes the Lower Island the largest District; the next is the North Shore with 21 votes.

There are grants for mini tournaments or up to \$1,000 a-piece, the Chair urged the clubs to apply every time they have a tournament.

LISA Budget:

The part of the budget covering the mini program was introduced and explained by the Chair. The increase to the clubs will be \$5 per team for the boys, from \$55 to \$60 (based on 12 members per team) and a **reduction** for the girl's teams from \$75 per team to \$60. However the Chair pointed out that the BCSA have implemented another \$1 increase for next year and another \$1 for the year after. These increases will have to be absorbed by the clubs through the years.

The 11-aside players have been increased by \$3 per player.

Discussed was how this budget is mainly guess work as it is the first budget of the two organisations being merged together.

The new LISA Director John Nash will actively working to develop a "vision" for the district in order that we can more effectively seek sponsorship. The sponsors may be asked to fund such things as Cups or Tournaments and the money that is currently budgeted for these events could then be directed towards development in other areas..

Noted by Cowichan was that "Mini Cup" should read "Mini Year End Festival" or "Mini Jamboree". This was agreed and will be amended.

The surplus carried by both organisations is not listed in the budget.

The money spent on the Girls Provincial "B" Cup is recoverable from BCSA. However it is uncertain whether the LIGSA were operating on advanced funds or not.

Motion: <i>I move we accept the 2001/2002 budget as circulated.</i> by Peninsula 2 nd Gordon Head Carried

Motion: <i>I move we go 'In Camera' 19:47 hrs.</i> by Peninsula 2 nd Gordon Head Carried
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Motion: *I move we come 'Out of Camera' 20:16 hrs.* by Peninsula 2nd
Cowichan Carried

RTC:

Regarding the RTC, there are funds left from last year that will be used to start the operation. An additional \$5,000 has been budgeted for new expenses such as holding an inventory of books. Mentioned was how it was not desirable to have the same problems as in the past of living from hand to mouth. A question was asked if the BCSA budget had money allocated for the RTC to which the reply was they had. It is not clear why the BCSA have included the Lower Island in the RTC budget; we will perhaps be able to clarify this over the coming months.

Cowichan spoke of how the clubs received a refund from the girls' organisation, which was marked "refund from RTC". Mentioned was how it was previously agreed during the merger discussions that this money would be returned to the new organisation and that the clubs would merely hold the money "in trust".

Other:

Cowichan talked of how the Shriners are willing to sponsor mini leagues. He also spoke of how Tim Hortons might have money to provide uniforms for the divisions 5, 6 or 7 year olds. They call them the "Tim Bit Division".

Lakehill spoke of how, in his opinion, the Lower Island Board should be more recognisable at events and tournaments and suggested the Presidents approve the purchase of an item of clothing that would identify them as being from the Lower Island.

Motion: *I move we give the Lower Island Board permission to purchase an item of clothing at no cost to themselves in order to make them recognisable as being representatives of the Lower Island Soccer Association.* by Lakehill 2nd Cowichan Carried

Gordon Head has a delegation visiting from the Nigeria team "The Flying Eagles" in early August. He asked if the Presidents would be interested in attending a social evening with the delegation at the newly built Gordon Head Clubhouse. When a time and date has been set either the Gordon Head President or Mary-Jo van Bergen will send details to the club Presidents. Suggested was that clubs who have pennants or pins bring them to give to the delegation as gifts.

Spoken of was how next year teams representing the Lower Island would be given pins or pennants to give out to their opponents.

The President talked of how suggestions were asked for changing the playing times of certain divisions at the last Representatives meeting. Suggested was that the 12 O'clock time slot was filled on Saturdays and possibly the 12 O'clock time slot on Sundays. Also there is a possibility of moving the girl's U18's back before the woman's games to allow the U18 girls more opportunity to play up with LIWSA teams.

Discussed was the U17 and U18 girls age groups who are experiencing problems. One solution might be to merge the two age groups together as one division either a U17 or U18 team, with the clubs declaring their team makeup. When it comes to cup competition they would fall into their own division. For example a U17 Gold team playing in that division when it comes to BC Cup they would become a U17 cup team.

Lakehill spoke of how their U21's play on Saturdays at 4:40 p.m. which allows the senior team to play them on a permit.

Director Bob Hope spoke of the difficulty referees have identifying players when they do not have numbers on their jerseys and asked what it would take for the clubs to make numbers mandatory. The discussion was lengthy regarding the cost of putting numbers on (from 85 cents for a brand new stripe to \$2 for existing uniforms). Some clubs spoke of the difficulty of sharing uniforms when there are numbers as there is a possibility of repeat numbers on the field. As it was clear the subject would not be settled this evening the Chair suggested a study is made and presented at another meeting.

Motion: <i>To Adjourn 20:42 hrs.</i> by Gordon Head

Approved

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Meeting #2

20 NOVEMBER 2001

ESQUIMALT RECREATION CENTER, FRASER STREET, ESQUIMALT, VICTORIA

Members Present:

LISA Board Members:

- Tim Satterford Chair
- Carol Ogborne Vice President Operations & Girls
- Bob Nex Vice President Admin. & Boys
- Harold McNeill Secretary and Registrar
- Brian Davis Scheduler
- Bob Hope Referees and Protests
- Terry Hughes Select & Metro
- Diane Quayle Euro Program

- Prospect Lake Adriano Sumberac
- Cowichan Bill Keserich
- Gorge Terry Marra and Maureen Mitchell-Starkey
- Juan de Fuca Phil Bernard
- Peninsula Lorne Shaw
- Sooke Paul Simpson and Wendy Cole
- Bays Mike Brodie
- Cordova Bay Stuart Wills
- Lakehill Jules Nagy
- Gordon Head Dave Marsden

Regrets: Salt Spring

Recording Sec: Sharon Marejka

The meeting was called to order at 19:02 hrs. There was a quorum present.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: *I move we adopt the Agenda as presented.* by Juan de Fuca 2nd Gordon Head **Carried**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 10 JULY 2001:

Motion: *I move we approve the Minutes of 10 July 2001 as circulated.* by Peninsula 2nd Juan de Fuca
Carried

3. DISTRICT FINANCES AND OUTSTANDING INVOICES:

On behalf of the Treasurer who sent her regrets at not being able to attend tonight's meeting the Secretary gave the following financial breakdown:

- There is \$131,592.12 in the bank.
- There is \$114,653.00 in outstanding bills.
- There is \$22,252.94 due from the clubs. This includes money from coaching clinics
- The Secretary spoke of how when this year's 60% was billed to the clubs the BCSA fee increases were not taken into consideration, therefore the true invoiced amount is nearer to 50%. The omission did cause the organisation to be a trifle 'cash poor' for a while but we are now in a position to be able to pay the BCSA invoice. The practice of billing only 60% to the clubs might be revisited at some point in the future and voted on at the next AGM.

4. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Player and Coaching Development Plan was previously distributed. There is one other set of Minutes that will appear on the web-site shortly. The communications and rapport between BCSA and the LISA are greatly improved from a year ago. Expressed by BCSA to the LISA was the regret they had for the events that transpired last year. Many Technical Development Coaching Certification courses have been held and there may be two further courses held before the end of the season. The Bays asked if BCSA have removed the RTC program from their budget in regards to the Lower Island. The Secretary replied he did not know if it has been taken out and the Lower Island has not yet asked the question. The Chair spoke of how there have been discussions in regards to mutual co-operation and that BCSA would, through the Technical Committee help in the funding of certain programs. They seem to be open to considering helping administratively through the Technical Program such as initiating a common office in the Victoria but shared with the BCSA, Men and Women's organisations. A detailed report was provided to BCSA as to how much money this District gives them through the various programs. They acknowledged that they could in return do more for us. Spoken of was that any money received would go into development from the bottom up rather than the top down. A National Training Centre is being considered for this area (U17 girls). Neither the board nor the BCSA have been made privy to these discussions and this will be pursued. A national centre could provide many opportunities to enhance soccer's profile on the Island.

5. NUMBERS ON PLAYERS UNIFORMS:

Motion: I move that all players in the Lower Island District playing full field soccer in the U12 and above age categories be required to have numbers on the back of their uniforms. by Juan de Fuca 2nd Lakehill
Defeated 6 for 4 against (see note below)

Note: The Standing Orders provide for a 66 ²/₃% majority to pass a motion of this nature.

Speaking for the motion:

- Concern from both coaches and referees as to the unfair advantage to those players who do not have numbers on their uniforms.
- At least one or two complaints a week come in regarding not having numbers.

Speaking against the motion:

- It makes it unwieldy to manage the numbers so as they are not duplicated on a team.
- The only time numbers are mandated are in BC Cup finals.
- It is a costly endeavour. Should it be implemented the target date would be next season. In response to a question from Gordon Head regarding could it be considered only for Gold teams it was thought it should apply across the board as per the 'full field soccer' part of the Motion.

Discussed was the possibility of a player not giving the correct name to the referees and to how if they are numbered both the number and the player must agree. Those seven clubs who do have all numbered uniforms said that they did not find it logistically difficult to distribute them as this was normally accomplished within one evening to outfit all of the teams. Lakehill who were in their second year since returning to numbered uniforms said they also did not find duplication a problem. They also spoke of how they were delighted with their decision as both the players and the referees like it. There was a question as to whether a six-to-four vote could be considered a majority under the Constitution. The Secretary will research and report back through a memo and these Minutes.

6. CUP PLAY:

A Cup:

- The Lower Island has been awarded both the girls and boys 'A' Cup.
- The venue will be at SMU on July 4-7 2001.
- Three more fields are still needed and it is hoped to have either Beckwith or Braefoot.
- Each team will play at least two games at SMU. Other possible fields might be Henderson or Tyndall.
- The banquet will be held at SMU.

District Cup:

- After Christmas preparations will begin for District Cup which will be held at Juan de Fuca.

Mini Tournaments:

- Cordova Bay, Lakehill, Prospect Lake and Gorge have all been awarded mini tournaments in March.
- There will be some overlap with the Boys U11 Spring Games, which will be on one of the March weekends
- It is possible the Euro tournament might coincide on these weekends.
- Cowichan are still to submit their tournament application.
- Spoken of was that BCSA does provide money for mini tournaments. The Lower Island is happy to assist any club getting this money.
- The BCSA criteria for mini tournament funding is that it must include U10 and down and must be for both boys and girls.
- Anywhere from 2 to 6 fields are needed.
- The CSA also fund mini tournaments. There is money available from sponsors such as MasterCard, Sunlight Soap. This also applies to internal mini tournaments.

Other:

- The Challenge B Cup for both boys and girls, the Island regional qualifier (Upper Island vs. Lower Island) is on March 9/10.
- There are conflicting dates from BCSA so we are unsure of the dates for boys and girls 'B' Cup play the Lower Mainland teams.
- As above for the Coastal finals.
- As above for the 'A' Cup finals. Until we have this information we will not know when we will hold the Lower Island play-downs.
- We will be hosting the Island Invitational Cup for both boys and girls. No site or date has been arranged.
- The Island Classic Cup for girls is up-Island no dates have yet been given.
- The girls 'A' Cup is in Parksville on April 6/7.
- Provincial Finals in 'B' Cup for girls July 5-7 in Vernon.
- Provincial Finals in 'B' Cup for boys July 5-7 in Surrey, Newton Athletic Centre.
- Regarding the 'A' Cup if the District has more than one representative it will not be a straight play-off between those two teams. If the Upper Island submits two or three teams a draw will be made. It is conceivable we may take both spots.
- The Upper Island has until the end of the month to announce their teams.

7. SEEDING OF CUP GAMES:

In the past girls have seeded but boys have not.

Motion: *I move we do not seed either 'B' cup teams or District Cup teams in either Boys or Girls.* by Cowichan 2nd Juan de Fuca Carried

8. RETURN OF CUPS:

Cups and trophies are due at the December 18 Christmas Social, which will be held at the Gordon Head Clubhouse on Tyndall Road at 7p.m.

9. METRO AND SELECT TEAMS:

The draft copy was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. This has been approved by the Board to pass out as a 'draft' copy. Any suggestions or deletions please put in writing to the Secretary's attention. Regarding try-outs Juan de Fuca asked could they be moved so as they are completed before June 20. Explained by the Chair was that it is possible the previous year's teams could still be playing in the 'A' Cup finals which are held in July and how it would be difficult to get a player who had been cut to come out to his/her game.

10. CALLING UP PLAYERS:

There was much discussion regarding calling up players from lower teams when a team is short of players or to give a player experience in a higher level. BCSA's rules were read how a player must transfer between one team and another. The player can transfer back after 30 days and this can only be done twice in one year. The discussion took many turns from a U18 player having unlimited opportunities to play senior to the possible abuse should the rule be changed. Of greatest challenge was that this would have to be changed at a BCSA AGM. Director Quayle spoke of how she attended a meeting at BCSA which discussed this very subject and how it is difficult to write this rule in a legal manner if it was changed to ensure there was no abuse.

Motion: *I move we pursue the idea.* by Juan de Fuca 2nd Peninsula 5-5 vote Defeated

11. RELEASE OF PLAYERS TO GOLD TEAMS:

The Chair read Rule 706 (6), which states released players are not eligible to go to a gold team. The Gorge spoke of how he had a situation whereby a player who was enticed back to soccer after a three-year absence wanted to play on his team and could not. The player's home team was willing to release him as they were full but as the Gorge had reached their transfer

quota they could not take him. Suggested by Cowichan was that the rule is amended to give exceptions to the rule but still allow the intention of the rule, at either the AGM or an General Meeting of the Association on a 50% vote. For the benefit of new Presidents the reasons behind introducing the rule was explained, which was mainly abuse by coaches trying to stack their teams and asking players they were interested in to wait to register so as their home clubs were full and they could then get a release. The Secretary spoke of how it is not as clear-cut as it might initially seem. The Chair said likely if a club has only six players and they could not form a Gold team once they have released them they would be gone for good as it is very rare that the players would return. Gordon Head noted that a released player might not go where s/he thinks s/he will go. If another club does not have three transfers or reached eighteen players they could quite feasibly be placed there. Gorge was asked to rewrite the rule allowing for flexibility but keeping the intention of the rule and the Board will present it to the other clubs.

12. REFEREES GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Prospect Lake's letter regarding referees was read aloud by the Secretary.

Points from the discussion:

- An education and support system needs to be put in place within all clubs.
- Clubs must deal firmly with their coaches when they abuse young referees. If necessary casting them out.
- Substituting physical aggression for skilled play should be encouraged.
- Bringing problematic players before a club discipline board should be encouraged.
- The Board receives 2/3 complaints from parents per weekend regarding referees. The Chair asked these complaints go through the clubs not directly to the Board. Often the clubs themselves can deal with the problem.
- There should be referee scholarships available.
- Gordon Head has the model system whereby referee practices are held once a month helping referees know how to deal with certain situations. They can see the growth and confidence in their referees due to Brian Burgers influence.
- 30% of the referees fall away each year.
- The Chair asked Gordon Head and Lakehill to send the LISA their program in written form for distribution to the other clubs.
- A suggestion by Gordon Head was that clubs that do have referee programs might be able to take on referees from other clubs.
- There should be a uniform pay system so as all clubs pay the same. Bays who currently pay the most are looking at increasing their payments to their referees.
- Any abuse to a young referee will not be tolerated by the LISA and may well be suspended from coaching.
- Spoken of was the men's league and how bad language is prevalent.
- Demanding the referee send off players for bad language was encouraged.
- Recommended at the last Referee co-ordinators meeting was having two referee co-

ordinators, one to deal with development and one to book the games. The discussion moved to the ages of the referees and perhaps mandating that a referee not be able to officiate teams who are older than him/herself.

Motion: I move there be a minimum of 2 years (older) age difference between the age of the referee and the players he is officiating. by Gordon Head 2nd Lakehill

Suggested was this should be a guideline not a rule. Also spoken of was that games have been set for this year and the program should be introduced next season.

Motion: I move there be an amendment to the Motion to insert "a guideline be addressed to the referee co-ordinators"" by Cordova Bay 2nd Gordon Head Carried

Motion: I move a guideline be addressed to the referee co-ordinators that there be a minimum of 2 years (older) age difference between the age of the referee and the players he is officiating. by Gordon Head Carried

A Referee co-ordinators meeting will be held in the New Year and two individuals per club were asked for. The Chair asked the Presidents to talk to their Executives about uniform referee fees and bring their decision to the co-ordinators meeting.

Send Off Reports: Juan de Fuca spoke of how it seems to be taking an indomitably long time for referee reports to reach the discipline committee. Discussed was how a referee has 48 hours to submit their reports. It was decided that the Presidents go back to their referee co-ordinators and tell them they have 48 hours from the **game being played** to get the reports in not from when they receive them.

Jewellery on Players: Read was Law 4 (equipment) from 'The Rules of The Game' which states no jewellery. Hoops should come out but they can be covered as they do not have the same impact. The referee co-ordinators will be informed via their Presidents that this should be enforced.

13. FIELD WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Motion: I move that the Lower Island Soccer Association, on behalf of its constituent membership, contact the Regional Water Supply Commission to request that, if watering restrictions are necessary, they be limited to a stage 2 status on all municipal and school playing fields for the summer of 2002. by Bays 2nd Peninsula Carried

Spoken of by Bays was that the estimated total of water that is needed to bring the fields back to standard was 18 million gallons, considerably less than one days consumption.

14. DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS:

The Secretary spoke of the immense and overwhelming amount of requests that come in daily. At last week's Board meeting the Board voted to have only the administrators e mail address on the web- site. Correspondence will be forwarded on to the correct department or back to the club depending on it's content. Another concern was that the clubs often did not know about some of the requests being made. Again the Chair asked that any requests go through the club and that individuals not broadcast their messages far and wide throughout the organisation. Spoken of were 'rage e-mails' that are fired off in the heat of the moment to all and sundry.

15. STANDINGS AND SCHEDULES:

Patience was asked regarding the Standings and Schedules. It is not possible everything can be done immediately. Protocols will be developed. A question was asked if coaches could e-mail in their scores. The reply was that was between the coaches and their score-recorders. Please note that the Standings program does not process scores over 10 goals it shows as a > symbol. Very soon scores and outstanding games will be shown. Late score fines have started to be issued. Cowichan suggested that the web-site indicates those goals for and against has no impact on the final result.

16. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ASSISTANT:

- Previously distributed was the estimate of what it would cost to contract more help.
- The Secretary spoke of the size of the District compared to the smaller Districts who have hired full time administration assistance.
- The need for preparing the District for the future was touched on.
- Becomes more difficult to attract Board members if to much work is piled on (clubs have same difficulty and that has sometimes lead to paid positions head coach, registrars, etc).
- Cost would be about 50% more than that currently budgeted (as a starting point).
- The work would be contracted out to more than one person, there would not be a full time employee as this would evolve over time.
- The Bays will send the Secretary guidelines regarding Canada Customs Revenue guidelines to hiring.
- Sponsorship might be sought to help with the cost.
- Support in principal was given to move in this direction.

17. RISK MANAGEMENT:

The deadline has now passed to have the forms in and we are into the grace period. Only three clubs have submitted their

forms. A proposal has been made to move the grace deadline, for this year only, to midnight December 9 2001. This would give the clubs until January 12, 2002 to get their forms together. Explained was that forms that were submitted last year are no longer valid as we are now a new organisation. The Risk Management process is explained on the Internet. Each form must be in a sealed envelope with the name of the Coach, position in the club and the club name written on the outside. If there is a question on the forms regarding a question of a crime they are sent immediately to BCSA. Form 'A' is good forever, Form 'C' must be filled in each year. A suggestion from the Chair was that referee and coaches like players must fill in their registration forms by October 15th each year.

18. CLUB REPORTS:

Lakehill:

Regarding the U14 Division Lakehill asked what size ball should be used. After checking the BCSA web-site the answer is size 4.

Bays:

The Bays talked of their non-support for the performance bond. The Vice-President spoke of how, when he was President of Sooke, the Presidents themselves at their District Presidents Meeting held on 25 April 2001 asked for and passed with a very large majority (this was checked through the Minutes notebook) to again enforce the bonds for the current season. Two clubs were missing from the vote Cowichan and Salt Spring. Spoken of was that BCSA are putting more and more bonds on teams on the Lower Mainland. The Select and Metro teams are all put on bonds. Having performance bonds is recognised as another tool in trying to keep some form of discipline at the higher age groups. If a team or player breaks the bond the bond must be replenished before the team can resume play. Usually it is the club who puts up the bond not the coach or the team. Bays had been waiting to air their disagreement with the bond before posting for their teams, an action, which drew criticism from other Presidents who had posted theirs. Bays promised they would rectify this as soon as possible. It would take a Motion at either the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting to rescind it. The Secretary will send the Minutes from the meeting to Cowichan.

Peninsula:

Peninsula requested that the home club takes responsibility for finding out if their fields are open and not expect the visiting team coach to do it.

Motion: To Adjourn 21:35 hrs. by Lakehill

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Cowichan to submit their mini tournament application.

2. Gorge to rewrite Rule 706 (6) to allow for flexibility.
3. Lakehill and Gordon Head to give their written referees program to the LISA Secretary for distribution to the other clubs.
4. The Secretary to distribute a guideline to the referee co-ordinators that their referees be at least 2 years older than the team they are officiating.
5. All Presidents To talk to their Executives about uniform referee fees.
6. All Presidents To tell their referee co-ordinators that they have 48 hours from a game being played to submit their reports.
7. All Presidents To inform their referee co-ordinators not to allow the players to wear jewellery.
8. President to send a letter to the Regional Water Supply Commission.
9. Director Ogborne to put a notice to be put on the web-site that goals for and against have no impact on the final result.
10. The Bays to send the Secretary guidelines as to Canada Customs and Revenue Guidelines.
11. The Bays to post their performance bond as soon as possible. **Done.**

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LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Meeting #3 30 APRIL, 2002
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LISA Board Members:

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- Bob Nex Vice President Admin. & Boys
- Harold McNeill Secretary and Registrar
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- Sharon Marejka Board and Technical Department

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- Gordon Head Dave Marsden
- Salt Spring Ken Byron

- **Recording Sec:** Heather Fairbairn

The meeting was called to order at 19:07 hrs. There was a quorum present.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

To add: Under New Business

Financial Support for Travelling Teams

Referees Fees

Motion: *I move we adopt the Agenda as amended by Lakehill 2nd Cordova Bay* **Carried**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 20 NOVEMBER 2001:

Amendment:

Page 5, Item #2 should read "Substituting physical aggression for skilled play should be discouraged"

Motion: *I move we approve the Minutes of 20 November 2001 as amended. by Gordon Head*

2nd Lakehill

Carried

Action Items: All actions have been attended to or are obsolete. A request was made for return of the bond money posted by the Clubs. The Chair directs the Treasurer to refund the Bond money to the Clubs.

3. TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

U14 GIRLS METRO:

The Lower Island Technical Committee and Board recommend the formation of a U14 Girls Metro team as parallel to the existing Boy's Team. There is interest in the community from both players and coaches.

Motion: *I move that Lower Island, in parallel with the U14 Boy's include a U14 Girls Metro Team*

by Cowichan 2nd Bays United Carried

U11 BOYS EURO:

The Lower Island Technical Committee has discussed and recommends that U11 Euro Boys play an 8-aside format in inter-club play.

There was discussion as to the advantage of building tiers from U7, starting at 4-aside, and it was agreed that player development is the goal behind the changes to the mini program. There was concern as to field size and the fact that not all clubs can provide a half field for the U11 games. 8-aside on less than a half field could cause congestion and impair player development.

Motion: *I move that Euro rules will apply to U11 Boys in inter-club play for the coming season with the following*

restrictions: Will play 8-aside Euro if a full half field available. If the field is less than half size the teams will play 7 aside Euro. by Gorge 2nd by Cordova Bay Carried

The Euro rules will apply to all U11 teams in inter-club play. Clubs that play only “in-house” may will continue with their usual format at they think fit.

4. BUDGET FOR 2002 - 2003: Document distributed

The Chair called attention to new items in the budget:

- 1) Administration: The Association does not want to rely heavily on volunteers to cover administrative duties which have grown over the last few years. The organization will need more paid staff if the level of service that has come to be expected is to be maintained.
- 2) Office Space: As the numbers of players has grown, so has the amount of paperwork required. It is no longer feasible to operate out of a person's home. A fee for office space rental has been included (see Item #7: Fields and Facilities) as, at a minimum, office furniture and equipment would need to be purchased. There may be a possibility of sharing the space with the VISL. It was noted that LISA administration staff would not be provided as part of an office sharing program. The other groups would have to pay for their own staff.
- 3) Fields/Facilities: There is a need to develop a fund for facility development (see Item #7: Fields and Facilities) The Board feels that in order to seek sponsors/partners for such development projects, there must be an existing fund in order to attract more money. CSA officials have expressed interest in developing programs locally which could potentially generate funding but we will need to provide facilities. The monies set aside could be returned to the Clubs in the event that they are not needed or are not going to be used for facility development.
- 4) Financial Assistance/Goodwill: No player should be prevented from playing due to lack of funds.
- 5) Referee Registration: Budgeted for 250 Class 4 referees to be registered and is included in your registration.

Other Items of Note:

- 1) CSA fees are up, \$1 per player (across the board).
- 2) We will be over the amount budgeted this current year for Cups and Medallions as there was a need to purchase several cups for the Girls program. All of the old cups have been replated and several older awards have been rebuilt.
- 3) Final late registration billing has not been received from BCSA. There was

discussion as to the per player fees (the bracketed figure is the increase from last year). LISA subsidized the Minis last year so the increase reflects that the Clubs are now paying for their Mini player registration. The per player fees indicated in the budget report are the fees that will be charged. It was noted that the U12 category includes U12 - U18. It was pointed out that the cushion of funds will be needed to carry the District over the summer, especially for the Nike "A" Cup Tournament.

Motion: I move agreement, in principle, of the 2002 - 2003 budget by Peninsula 2nd by Cowichan

Carried

5. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTIFIED PLAYERS PROGRAM:

The Player Identification 4-month start up program has just concluded this week and was a success. Attendance was good and feedback was positive. It is estimated that in the coming year the program will sustain itself in terms of paying for a coach and administration.

The program for the coming season will begin in September or October. Clubs and Club Technical Directors will be involved in identifying player to participate in the program. This will make selection for dispensated teams at the end of the season a lot easier. It was noted that it is not necessary to for a player to participate in this program in order to try out for a dispensated team. It was clarified that coaches Brian Hughes and Tracy David will be asked to stay with the program.

It was noted that a "B" Prep Course was held locally last weekend with a commitment from BCSA to run a "B" License course next year if there is interest.

6. FIELDS AND FACILITIES:

LISA has reached an agreement, in principle, with the DND as a partner in the development of their new fields on Colville Rd. We could have access to two all weather lit fields, and possibly access to the gym, pool and office space.

It is not known yet what LISA's obligations will be to the agreement or the amount of time that a lease or agreement will run. A further meeting will be held in June. There is hope that this facility will be ready for next season.

These fields will be used for the Select/Metro Programs, player and coach development as well as helping out Clubs who are having field problems. It will be advantageous for the District to have their own facility both in terms of profile and identity.

The Chair indicated that LISA would support those Clubs who are trying to upgrade their facilities.

7. TICKET SALES FIFA U19 WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:

The intent regarding junior volunteers for this event is to draw equally from all Clubs including the Metro/Select Program. Clubs will be asked to put forward names for positions to be identified soon.

There will be 5,000 to 7,000 seats available for the games at a cost of \$5 for youth (it is believed that this would be up to U18 age) and \$10 for adults for preliminary double-header games. Tickets will be available at SoccerWorld and All Sports within the next two weeks. The Clubs may be asked to help sell tickets.

The draw for teams will be made on May 13th. The U.S. team will probably be playing in Victoria.

Event organizers have visited Victoria and are impressed by the venues. Our city is the only in Canada that can host year round events and it is hoped that the success of this tournament will attract others. The media blitz will begin in conjunction with the Nike "A" Cup Tournament and while promoting the sport it will also be an opportunity to draw attention to the lack of facilities.

Motion: The Club Presidents support the attracting of international games to our district by Cordova Bay

2nd by Bays

Carried

8. FUTURE EVENTS:

The District has been approached regarding the hosting of a CONCACAF Women's World Cup Qualifier and the FIFA U17 Boys World Championship. These events, along with the U19 would put Victoria on the world front in terms of soccer. We need to demonstrate that Victoria is a soccer city "we have about 1 soccer player for every 30 persons in the City "and we need to let everyone know this.

9. COMPETITIONS REVIEW:

Due to scheduling problems at the end of the season with league play and tournaments, the Chair suggests that the Mini and Euro Tournament be scheduled at the beginning of the season to eliminate double booking of tournaments and to free up playing time at the end of the year. Thanksgiving Weekend will be considered as a date.

It was noted that C Cup play on Saturdays was disruptive to the league play schedule this year. Sundays will be considered for the cup games. There was discussion to the continuation of the Invitational "C" Cup, one problem being the time gap between the end of regular season play and the tournament. This will be discussed with the Upper Island this summer.

10. SCHEDULES AND PLAYING TIMES:

There was discussion as to playing times for U18 girls. One of the considerations of the current 10 am time is to accommodate girls who wish to play in Women's games. Different times were discussed, including the conflicts with field and referee scheduling, and the fact that numbers will always be a problem in this age group as the player get jobs, etc. It was decided to keep the current time slot.

11. GORGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL:

Motion: I move that the proposal be accepted as distributed by Gorge 2nd by

Cowichan**Defeated****Clarifying Points from Discussion:**

- § Players are released to Lower Island and not to other Clubs.
- § A player is released because they have nowhere to play.
- § A Club cannot release a player from a team with less than 16 players.
- § A gold player can transfer as long as they adhere to the three player transfer rule.
- § A release does not count as a transfer.
- § The majority of releases are at the Bronze/Copper level.
- § A player is not a transfer into the geographical area in which they reside.

Points from Discussion:

§ The intent of the proposal is to ensure that all players can play at the level of their capability.

§ In regards to item 'B', there was concern that a player could not try at their assessments in order to be released to play for another gold team.

§ LISA used to have a meeting at the beginning of the season to deal with released players on an individual basis. This is not feasible as there could be a significant number on the list with little information available about the players. There is also the problem of players jumping from team to team every season. The smaller Clubs could also lose a lot of players in this case.

§ There was question of there being an exemption for a player after playing for a number of years as a transfer with the same club? It was noted that BCSA tried this and it did not succeed. Certain districts were torn apart and the attempt was abolished after two years. Smaller Clubs tend to lose from this process.

12. \$10 TRANSFER FEE

The Secretary pointed out that the fees (\$3,700 in the new budget) needs to be paid to LISA from the Clubs through the transfer fee

or in another fashion such as registrations. This fee was voted in by the Clubs and the amount covers all administrative costs involved every year. It was noted that it costs \$35 to administer a Metro/Select player.

Discussion - Clubs with no transfers do not want to pay for other Club's transfer players.

Gorge withdrew their proposal.

13. COACH OF THE YEAR/EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR:

Please forward your nominations for the Coach of the Year and Executive of the Year in letter form to Lower Island as soon as possible.

The AGM is scheduled for May 26 at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

14. AGM NOMINATIONS:

Please forward nominations for the Board at Lower Island as soon as possible. Please note that a LISA Board Member cannot also sit on a Club Board.

Six members of the current Board will be stepping down and seeking re-election in order to stagger the two year terms.

15. TRAVEL FEES:

Motion: I move that any teams travelling out of district to Cup games receive support from Lower Island in a manner consistent with past years by Peninsula 2nd by Lakehill Carried

16. REFEREE FEES:

B. Hope presented recommended fees, at the request of Club Presidents at the last meeting, to promote uniformity in fee scheduling. These fees are recommendations and will not be legislated by Lower Island as ultimately referee fees are up to the Clubs. Minimum referee age continues to follow the rules of a two year age differential. This information will be distributed to all Clubs.

Div	Game Time (Mins)	Ref Fee	Asst Fee
U6-U8	50	\$10	
U9-U11	50	\$12	

U11	60	\$15	\$7.50
U12	60	\$15	\$7.50
U13	70	\$20	\$10
U14	70	\$25	\$12.50
U15	80	\$30	\$15
U16	90	\$35	\$17.50
U17	90	\$40	\$20
U18	90	\$40	\$20

Motion: I move that the Clubs accept and strongly consider the recommended guidelines by Peninsula Carried
 2nd by Gorge

17. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

L. Bridgeman: Reminder that trophies need to be accounted for and handed in at the end of the season. It is not only the actual cups that we lose if they are not handed in, it is their history.

T. Hughes: Accepting applications for Metro/Select coaches for U14-U18 boys and girls. Information is on the web site or contact T. Hughes as soon as possible.

B. Nex: Please appoint your Risk Management Directors soon so that a meeting can be arranged. Deadline is October 15. There will be some changes from BCSA this year.

B. Hope: Referee registration is requested by September 30. A refresher course will be scheduled at each Club which will include a fitness component.

T. Satterford: 17 scholarship applications have been received. If you know of other applicants, please have them submit the forms as soon as possible.

18. CLUB REPORTS:

Gordon Head:

Would like to see a resolution to the outstanding boundary issue, perhaps by the intervention of an independent third party and binding arbitration.

Gorge:

Lower field work has been completed and work on the Lorne Jones building should be complete soon. Please attend the opening on May 11 from 1 - 3 pm.

Subject to funding, Gorge will be putting in an artificial turf field in the lacrosse box area.

Saanich and SD 61 want to enter into a partnership with Gorge in the Colquitz development. An artificial, lit grass field will be installed at a very high cost. Gorge does not have the funds to participate and suggests Lower Island may want to discuss the issue with Saanich and SD 61.

Bays:

Bays have had their AGM and have an almost complete Board. The Club is looking at field development. The Oak Bay Rec Centre will be putting in a field turf in the existing curling rink in 2004.

The Club is having problems with Soccer Registrar, the registration database, as more customized information is required. The Secretary suggests that the Club continue to use the program and assures that design changes are being looked at.

Salt Spring:

Have had a successful year and are looking at lighting the field and improving drainage. Have put together a proposal to BC Parks to attain land for more fields.

Peninsula:

Have had AGM and have an opportunity, in partnership with the Lions and the municipality, to purchase land for 2 full-sized fields.

There is concern that names were missing from the program for the District Cup. LISA was instructed not to include the names as the players had been red carded and were not eligible to play. It was noted that a team list and program are not the same thing.

Lakehill:

Please remember when scheduling for Lower Island, the Lakehill Fall Classic on Thanksgiving weekend. This tournament will include Girls Metro teams and Division 2 and 3 women's teams this year.

There is concern over recruiting of girls for a U21 women's team. Better clarification of the "C" Cup for next year is requested as well as a directive to limit the amount of movement between silver and gold teams after Christmas.

Cowichan:

The Island Cup was very successful. There is concern over player representation at the selection camps in Vancouver. T. Satterford acknowledged that this issue has been raised and will be worked on.

With the increase in fees from BCSA for the Mini Program it is hoped that there will be a contribution to the programs.

Motion: To Adjourn 21:41 hrs. by Gordon Head

ACTION ITEMS:

1. LISA to address the issue of the Invitational "C" Cup with Upper Island and to review tournament scheduling.
2. LISA to distribute Referee Fee information to all Clubs.
3. Metro/Select coaching applications to T. Hughes as soon as possible.
4. All Clubs Risk Management Directors to B. Nex as soon as possible.
5. Referee registration to Lower Island by September 30.
6. All scholarship applications to Lower Island as soon as [possible.
7. Nominations for Coach of the Year, Executive of the Year and/or LISA Board to Lower Island as soon as possible.