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**LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MEETING #1**

June 21, 2005

Esquimalt Recreation Centre

**Members Present:**

Bays	<i>Hazel Braithwaite</i>
Cordova Bay	<i>Drew Smythe</i>
Gordon Head	<i>Murray Smith</i>
Gorge	<i>Terry Marra</i>
Juan de Fuca	<i>Glen Davis</i>
Lakehill	<i>Stu Hackett</i>
Peninsula	<i>Dave Erb</i>
Prospect Lake	<i>Adriano Sumberac</i>
Saltspring	<i>Malcolm Legg</i>
Sooke	<i>Wendy Cole</i>

**LISA Board Members:**

Ken Aitken	<i>Vice-President, Chair</i>
Bob Nex	<i>Vice-President</i>
Keith Smith	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mike Seal	<i>Director</i>
Terry Hughes	<i>Director</i>
Brian Hughes	<i>Director</i>
Len Bridgeman	<i>Director</i>
Mark Brittain	<i>Director</i>
Maureen Mitchell-Starkey	<i>Director</i>
Garth Dunn	<i>Director</i>
Randy Wachtin	<i>Director</i>
Sharon Marejka	<i>Executive Director</i>

**Regrets:**

Cowichan

**Recording Secretary:**

Tracey Cottrell

**Meeting Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 19:07 hrs.

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Chair recognized Director, Len Bridgeman for having been awarded a "Life Membership" with BCSA. The Chair recognized Secretary, Harold McNeill for being appointed as a "Director at Large" for BCSA. Mr. McNeill will be resigning from his position with LISA within 60 days.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To adopt the Agenda as amended</i> by Juan de Fuca 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gorge	Carried
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**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2005 AND MARCH 1, 2005:**

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To adopt the Minutes of President's meetings held February 15, 2005 and March 1, 2005</i> by Saltspring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gorge	Carried
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**Action Items:**

None



#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

##### **Victoria United Partnership**

K. Aitken confirmed the recent “Joint Venture Agreement” made between LISA and the Victoria United. A copy of the agreement will be circulated to Presidents.

##### **Requirement for IPL players to attend LISA Academies**

This was an outstanding question raised from the floor of the LISA AGM.

The Executive Director explained that prior to the implementation of the IPL, Dispensated teams were formed late in the season, just prior to competing against the upper island for a berth into the “A” Cup, which did not allow the players with ample opportunity to develop as a “team”. With the introduction of the IPL it was recognized that players needed to be provided with the opportunity of extra training throughout the year in a “team” environment. The LISA Academy provides such a forum, and although preferable, there is no requirement for players to participate in the Academy at the beginning of the season; players may commence with the program at any time.

The Executive Director confirmed that it was a requirement that IPL players attend the LISA Academy, as both fall under the jurisdiction of the District Development Centre. Discussion ensued and because there was a wide variety of opinion on the subject, the matter was deferred to the District Technical Committee (District Head Coach, Club Head Coach/Technical Director, Board member).

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To defer the subject “requirement for IPL players to attend the LISA Academy” to the District Technical Committee by Lakehill 2<sup>nd</sup> Cordova Bay</i>	Carried
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##### **Promotion and Relegation of Teams**

This item, based on the December 30, 2004 memorandum from LISA President, T. Satterford, was brought forward from the March 1, 2005 President’s meeting. It was agreed that the memorandum would be re-circulated, along with previously supplied comments from President’s, for discussion at the next President’s meeting.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

##### **Intra Provincial League U14**

BCSA have introduced the IPL at the U14 age group, which conflicts with forming teams (coaches and players) for the Super Y League. The Executive Director would like direction from the Clubs on how to proceed. One suggestion offered was to allow the coach of the team designated as “league winner” to form an “all star” team, which would play in the IPL. Discussion ensued. LISA will circulate a discussion paper on this subject and request input from Club Presidents.

##### **Releases U17 and U18**

The Board is seeking flexibility in its allocation of released players to (gold level) teams that may already have their maximum number of “transferred” players. The U17 / U18 division was specifically mentioned because there has been a historical need for flexibility at this age level.

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To give authorization to the Executive Director to administer the placement of released players from all age groups, at the discretion of LISA, but only if a club can not place an age appropriate player by Gorge 2<sup>nd</sup> Juan de Fuca</i>	Carried
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The Presidents would like to explore changing the rule governing this subject well in advance of next seasons AGM.



### U13 “A” Cup

The Executive Director reported on the BCSA rule that states that the highest level of play dictates what Cup you play in. For example, we do not form U13 Metro/Select teams, therefore our U13 Gold players competed in “A” Cup (highest level) and our U13 Silver players competed in “B” Cup. This creates an unfair challenge to the U13 players who are forced to play at a considerable disadvantage (in most cases).

It was brought to the attention of the Presidents that the Upper Island Soccer Association’s answer was to form “select” teams and have them compete “up a year” (U14 gold) They did not compete in any local competitions (ie. District Cup), but used the U14 level as a higher level training ground and then dropped down to U13 to compete in “A” Cup.

Some concern was voiced regarding this strategy and it was suggested that LISA apply for “dispensation” for this age group to allow LISA to enter a dispensed team for the U13 “A” Cup. K. Aitken reminded the President’s that this would not be possible because BCSA rules do not allow for “dispensation”. Some of the President’s were insistent and the following motion was made.

<b>Motion:</b> <i>I move that we don’t create a “special” team at the U13 level and that LISA applies to BCSA to form a “dispensated” team by Lakehill 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge</i>	Carried
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The Executive Director asks that a decision be made at the next Presidents meeting, on how to proceed with the U13 division.

### Host Clubs for LISA Tournaments

S. Marejka announced that venues are required for all 2005/06 tournaments. While some clubs have already put there names forward, it was agreed that the Executive Director would canvass all clubs and determine a final list of venues.

### Renaming Leagues (gold, silver and bronze)

The Executive Director had received some comments that the “bronze” league should be renamed in such a manner as to lessen the connotations of it being a “lesser” league. An example provided was “recreational league”. Discussion ensued and other suggestions were made.

<b>Motion:</b> <i>I move that the leagues be renamed from “gold, silver, bronze” to “gold, silver, silver B” by Juan de Fuca 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge</i>	Defeated
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### Small Sided Games

A (third party) document on the topic of “small sided games” was presented as recommended reading, for information only. The document is quite lengthy, therefore T. Cottrell will provide Presidents with an “electronic link” to the information.

### Office Workload

It was brought to the attention of the Presidents that the workload at the LISA office has been dramatically increasing, especially with the implementation of the Y League this Spring. The Executive Director will send a notice to Club Presidents asking that they encourage their members to direct inquiries to their respective club executive prior to contacting the office.

### Interlocking between UISA and LISA

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that LISA would not participate in an interlocking schedule with UISA. However, support was offered for exhibition games as coordinated between UISA and individual LISA coaches.

### Gorge Jersey Approval

Gorge presented a jersey designed to commemorate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are seeking approval for their players to wear this jersey for the upcoming season.

<b>Motion:</b> <i>I move that we approve the jersey presented by Gorge, to be worn by players during the upcoming season</i> By Gorge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lakehill	Carried
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### **U12 Gold Teams**

The Technical Directors have made the recommendation that clubs encourage the formation of two gold teams at this age group (if the numbers warrant). The reason is to provide as many players as possible with the exposure to play at a higher level, which in turn will make the transition to U13 full field play easier for a greater number of players.

Discussion took place regarding the meetings of the Technical Directors, which are called by LISA and attended by the LISA Head Coach. K. Aitken advised that in future the meetings would also be attended by a Board member assigned to the "Technical Committee", and that the meetings would be minuted.

### **BCSA AGM**

<b>Motion:</b> <i>I move that the BCSA AGM be tabled by Cordova Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Prospect Lake</i>	Carried
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### **Strategic Plan and Continued Development of the District and Board Structure**

It was generally agreed that having a professional facilitator assist the Board and membership with redefining the Strategic Plan to ensure the continued development of the District was a good idea. However, concern was raised regarding the cost of the proposal recently submitted to the Board and subsequently circulated to the Presidents. It was requested that the Board pursue other options. K. Aitken will discuss this further with LISA Secretary H. McNeill and report back to Presidents.

### **Private Academies / Leagues**

K. Aitken reiterated to the Presidents that, "affiliated teams who fall under the jurisdiction of LISA / BCSA are not permitted to play against any non-affiliated teams". This is a LISA/BCSA/CSA rule, and as such LISA has no latitude in this matter. Discussion ensued, however LISA Board members stood firm in their adherence to this rule.

<b>Motion:</b> <i>I move that the LISA Board of Directors meet with FC Victoria and discuss the issue surrounding their position on affiliation versus non-affiliated teams by Lakehill 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge</i>	Defeated
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### **Unaffiliated Spring League**

Gorge voiced exception to letters received from LISA President regarding their Spring League. It is Gorge's contention that they were attempting to affiliate their Spring League, but were unsure of the process. This procedure has since been provided to Gorge (April 20, 2005 letter from LISA Executive Director). Gorge ensures it will adhere to these procedures and any further discussions or concerns regarding this matter will be made with K. Aitken.

### **Intra-club Transfers**

B. Nex confirmed that there is no rule prohibiting Clubs from promoting players from one level to another (ie silver to gold). It was requested that a set of LISA rules be written to cover this item, for presentation and approval at an upcoming Presidents meeting.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To adjourn the meeting at 22:00 By Bays 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge</i>	Carried
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Next Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2005, location to be announced.



## ACTION ITEMS

1. T. Cottrell will forward a copy of the “Joint Venture Agreement” made between LISA and the Victoria United to the Presidents.
2. T. Cottrell will re-circulated to the Presidents a copy of December 30, 2004 memorandum on “Promotion and Relegation of Teams”, for discussion at the next President’s meeting.
3. LISA will circulate a discussion paper on the “Intra Provincial League U14” and request Club input.
4. S. Marejka will canvass all clubs and determine a final list of venues for all 2005/06 tournaments.
5. T. Cottrell will provide the Presidents with an electronic link to the document, “Small Sided Games”.
6. S. Marejka will send a notice to Club Presidents asking that they encourage their members to direct inquiries to their respective club executive prior to contacting the office.
7. K. Aitken will discuss with H. McNeill the proposal re “Strategic Plan and Continued Development of the District and Board Structure” and report to Presidents.