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

June 20, 2006
Esquimalt Rec Centre

Members Present:

Bays United *Hazel Braithwaite*
Gordon Head *Murray Smith*
Juan de Fuca *Glen Davis*
Lakehill *Stu Hackett*
Prospect Lake *Flemming Anderson*
Sooke *Joel Butler, Brad McEwan*
Peninsula *Dave Erb, Terry O'Keefe*
Saltspring *Malcom Legg*
Cordova Bay *Drew Smythe, Chris Graham*

LISA Board Members:

Tim Satterford *President*
Bob Nex *VP Girls and Operations*
Ken Aitken *Secretary*
Mike Seal *Director*
Maureen Mitchell-Starkey *Director*
Tiberio de Frias *Director*
Robert Gutierrez *Director*
Sharon Marejka *Executive Director*

Regrets:

Gorge
Cowichan

Special Guests:

Harold McNeill
Alan Churchard

Recording Secretary: Tracey Cottrell

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 19:06 hrs.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: <i>To adopt the Agenda as amended</i> by Sooke 2 nd Saltspring	Carried
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRESIDENTS MEETING #7 APRIL 18, 2006

Motion: <i>To adopt the Minutes as circulated of Presidents meeting #7 April 18, 2006</i> by Lakehill 2 nd Saltspring	Carried
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Action Items:

None.

3. SPECIAL GUEST HAROLD MCNEILL

Mr. McNeill, VSOC Chair for the 2007 FIFA U20 World Cup, provided an update. Clubs have been notified of the number of allocated tickets and have been asked to confirm their numbers. Only four day passes are available at this time. The VSOC is exploring payment options for Clubs to help cover their respective ticket costs. Gold/Silver/Bronze tickets will be allocated to Clubs on a percentage basis proportionate to the size of their respective memberships. It is possible that additional seats will be added to the venue.



4. OLD BUSINESS:

LISA Board and Executive

Chair T. Satterford introduced the Board Members and Staff that were present. K. Aitken advised of an error on the LISA “Nominations Report” in that Director Randy Wachtin was omitted. Director M. Mitchell-Starkey tendered her resignation to the LISA Board of Directors and was subsequently appointed to the LISA Board of Directors for a one year term.

BCSA AGM

T. Satterford reported on the BCSA AGM, including the election of officer results. K. Aitken will provide a written synopsis in due course.

Constitution Committee

At the request of the Club Presidents, the Constitution Committee met to review the issue of declining youth player numbers and the impact on clubs. Chair, B. Nex, reported that a “weighted system” solution would provide some relief, at least in the short-term.

A long-term solution would take considerable research from an experienced individual or firm. The Committee recommends that a Consultant be hired to research these areas of concern and report to the LISA Board and Club Presidents with recommendations.

Discussion ensued, with some Clubs arguing that although the recommendations would help some Clubs, they could prove detrimental to others.

It was suggested that the recommendations of the Constitution Committee be agreed to as a “short-term” solution, allowing LISA the opportunity for a feasibility study to assess the growth patterns of the District as whole.

T. Satterford called for a show of support to take the recommended Rule changes to a Special AGM. Defeated.

T. Satterford called for permission to ask the Constitution Committee to provide more specific “terms of reference” to support their recommendation for hiring an independent Consultant to explore and report on this issue. Approved.

The Constitution Committee was dissolved as of the LISA AGM. Chair, B. Nex, asked members to stand again and all have agreed.

K. Aitken invited Clubs to provide their written comments on this issue.

Player Releases

In past years the Board has requested flexibility in the 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.

T. Satterford confirmed that players must be released to the office, or requested from the office. If a player wants to play with a certain club (other than their own) they may register at that club, but then they are considered a “transfer”.

<p>Motion: <i>I move that we give authorization to the Executive Director to administer the placement of released players in the U17/U18 division by Peninsula 2nd Bays</i> Carried</p>
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Youth-to-Youth Permits

It was requested that this matter be referred to the Constitution Committee.

Motion: <i>I move that the subject of "youth to youth permits" be referred to the Constitution Committee</i> by Juan de Fuca 2 nd Lakehill	Carried
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B. Nex to re-circulate the applicable rule(s), requesting input from Clubs.

Forfeitures and Scheduling

This topic was raised at the March 2006 District Reps meeting. It has been tabled until such time as Head Scheduler, Brian Davis, can thoroughly review the matter and prepare his report for LISA. It is anticipated that this information will be available prior to season start up.

Small Sided Game Format / Rules

T. Satterford reported that definitive rules will be brought back to the BCSA Semi-AGM. It was suggested at the BCSA AGM that the basic rules and regulations be followed because they most likely will be passed at the Semi-AGM.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Private Soccer Academies and BCSA

T. Satterford reported that an organization of Private Academies recently applied to CSA for membership, but were turned down. He also reported that litigation is pending by Private Academies to force BCSA and CSA to accept them into their membership.

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.

The general consensus was to wait until a decision is handed down by the Court.

Gold Team Lists and Start Dates

Team Declarations

Gold U13-U18: August 11, 2006

Silver and Bronze U13-U18: August 18, 2006

Mini's and Super 8's: September 8, 2006

Start Dates

Gold U13-U18: September 9, 2006

Silver and Bronze U13-U18: September 16, 2006

Mini's and Super 8's: September 23, 2006

Team Lists

Gold U13-U18: September 15, 2006

Silver and Bronze U13-U18: September 22, 2006

Mini's and Super 8's: September 29, 2006

With respect to the Metro Division, team selection is well underway. All teams will be announced shortly after the completion of the A Cup.

Registration Fee Percentage Charged to Clubs in September

K. Smith has advised that the initial percentage of Association Dues paid by Clubs will increase from 60% to 80%. This is to accommodate the BCSA billing to LISA, which is for 90% at the beginning of the season.



Club Visits

T. Satterford reminded Clubs that LISA was available to attend one of their Board Meetings.

6. CLUB and BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Lakehill

Will apply for girls Thanksgiving Fall Classic tournament.

Prospect Lake

Turf field temporarily on hold due to budget constraints.

Bays

Windsor Park Pavilion will be complete mid August. Hoping to host District Cup.

Peninsula

Blue Heron Park has been seeded and it is hoped to be ready for play late September or early October. Clubhouse temporarily on hold.

Gordon Head

Reminder that it's their 50th Anniversary this year.

Executive Director

Mini Festival (Gordon Head) – October 21, 2006

Super 8 Festival (Cordova Bay) – November 18, 2006

U12 Full Field Festival (Sooke) – March 10/11, 2007

District Cup – March 31 – April 1, 2007

Island Tournament of Champions – April 28/29, 2007 (tentative)

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 21:47 hrs.

ACTION ITEMS

1. K. Aitken will provide a written synopsis of the BCSA AGM in due course.
2. B. Nex will re-circulate the applicable rule(s) on Youth-to-Youth Permits.