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

August 19, 2008  
Esquimalt Rec Centre

**Members Present:**

Bays United     *Karen Adams, Hazel Braithwaite*  
Cordova Bay     *Drew Smythe*  
Gordon Head     *Murray Smith*  
Gorge             *Terry Marra*  
Juan de Fuca     *Glen Davis*  
Lakehill          *Derek Paul, Robert Kobenter*  
Peninsula         *Dave Erb, Bob Hope*  
Prospect Lake     *Fleming Anderson,Carolynn Ablitt*  
Salt Spring        *Malcolm Legg*  
Sooke              *Robin Saxl*

**LISA Board Members:**

Tim Satterford     *President*  
Bob Nex             *Vice-President*  
Ken Aitken         *Secretary*  
Maureen Mitchell-Starkey *Director*  
Terry Hughes       *Director*  
Ray Carfantan      *Director*  
                           John Charlton         *Director*  
Sharon Marejka     *Executive Director*

**Regrets:**

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**Recording Secretary:** Tracey Cottrell

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To adopt the Agenda as amended by Salt Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Juan de Fuca</i>	Carried
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**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRESIDENTS MEETING #3 APRIL 15, 2008**

<b>Motion:</b> <i>To adopt the Minutes, as circulated, of Presidents Meeting #3 April 15, 2008 by Bays 2<sup>nd</sup> Juan de Fuca</i>	Carried
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**Action Items:**

1. T. Satterford will discuss the U21 Women's Division with LIWSA, with an eye to keeping the youth eligible players playing "youth" as long as possible. He has been waiting until the new LIWSA Board is "up and running" before approaching them. It has been learned that the subject was raised at a recent LIWSA Board Meeting and therefore it is now timely to pursue.
2. Mr. de Frias will put out a request to Clubs for their suggestions on changing games times, especially where games are hindered by the availability of referees. Mr. de Frias was not present to address; T. Satterford will follow up with him.
3. S. Marejka has circulated the list of players who are registered with the DDC.
4. S. Marejka reported that a meeting of Technical Directors and LISA has been scheduled for August 28, 2008.



### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

#### **BCSA AGM**

A summary of the recent BCSA AGM was previously circulated by email from K. Aitken. No questions.

#### **Host Clubs for LISA Festivals and Tournaments**

S. Marejka put out a request for Host Clubs for the following LISA Festivals and Tournaments:

Mini Festival – Gordon Head are already confirmed  
U11 Super 8 (November 15 or 22) – Prospect Lake will consider  
U12 Full Field (March 28-29)  
District Cup (April 4-5) – Bays United will consider

### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

#### **CBSC and GHSA Pooling Arrangement**

Cordova Bay and Gordon Head requested that LISA and its member Clubs allow them to form pooled teams, as necessary, at the U13 – U18 Full Field Silver and Bronze levels, and the U11 – U12 levels for the 2008/2009 season. As explained by Cordova Bay President, Drew Smythe, the rationale is that these two Clubs are in the preliminary discussion stages of amalgamating and, in the meantime, are endeavouring to keep their “kids” playing within their respective jurisdictions.

Discussion ensued, with a few Clubs expressing their desire to see “pooling” allowed for all Clubs at the expressed levels. T. Satterford reminded everyone that there is a precedence to allow “pooling” between Clubs.

<p><b>Motion:</b> <i>I move to allow Cordova Bay and Gordon Head to form pooled teams at the U13 – U18 Full Field Silver and Bronze levels and the U11 – U12 levels for the 2008-2009 season</i> by Cordova Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge</p>	<p>Carried</p>
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After the vote, it was mentioned that the last time a similar matter was discussed the Clubs called for an independent study before agreeing to make any decisions. T. Satterford reminded everyone that it was offered by LISA, but not approved because of the expense of bringing in an “independent”. The matter has never been brought back by the Clubs for further discussion.

#### **Relaxation or Removal of Transfer Rules for U17-U18 Boys and Girls Teams**

Cordova Bay have agreed to table this matter pending clarification of Rule 23 as raised at the BCSA Semi-AGM.

#### **Multi-age Divisions (i.e. U14, U16, U18)**

Cordova Bay asks Clubs to endorse, for next season, the formation of Multi-age Divisions (e.g. U13/U14; U15/U16; and U17/U18). T. Satterford suggested that a committee be formed to review the pros and cons of this suggestion. To that end, S. Marejka will have this item placed on the agenda of the upcoming Technical Directors meeting.

#### **U14 Select Soccer**

Cordova Bay reported that they are of the understanding that the LISA Technical Directors are considering opting out of the Metro Division at the U14 level. The reminder was given by T. Satterford that LISA have already opted out of the Metro Division at the U13 level. If this ends up being the case at the U14 level, Cordova Bay President, D. Smythe, asks that Clubs consider forming Select teams by “zone” (i.e. in lieu of Metro there would be an island only league).



The Executive Director raised a couple of concerns. First, this is a National Year for U14s and you would be depriving players of the opportunity to play at the national level. Secondly, that it is doubtful that there would be enough talent on the island to form a sufficient number of teams.

T. Satterford also suggested that there may also be a number of issues raised out of BCSEA: teams forced to play "A" Cup; players may be considered "double registered".

This matter will be sent to the Technical Committee for review.

### ***Provincial "B" Cup for U13***

Cordova Bay were enquiring as to whether the LISA opt out of the Provincial "B" Cup at the U13 level was for a one year period, or if it was indefinite. The general consensus was that it was indefinite.

Following is the excerpt on this subject from the October 17, 2007 Presidents Meeting:

#### ***U13 and Cup Play***

Recommendations as submitted by S. Marejka, Executive Director, and D. Zanatta, District Head Coach, were discussed. It was generally agreed that player development should take precedence over competition at this age level. One concern that was voiced was the start date for the implementation of the proposed changes.

**Motion:** *I move that LISA U13 Gold and Silver Division teams do not compete in "A" Cup and "B" Cup effective immediately*  
by Juan de Fuca 2<sup>nd</sup> Salt Spring Carried

### ***Youth-to-Youth Permits***

Cordova Bay would like to see no limit placed on the number of times that a player can "play up". It was suggested that the Technical Directors have agreed to the number of seven times versus the current number of three. This would allow the opportunity for more "kids" to play up.

Cordova Bay would like to see the administration procedure of "permits" changed so that the permit forms do not have to be submitted to LISA in advance of a game. They suggest that permits be issued at the time of the game and submitted to opposing coaches and game officials, and then submitted to LISA within 24 hours of the game having been played. D. Smythe reported that they have witnessed a number of cases where teams have had to forfeit a game at the last minute because of the number of players available to play, when they have been unable to fax the permit form to LISA in advance of the game.

Discussion ensued and Cordova Bay was reminded that the original purpose for allowing players to "permit up" was to aide in the development of players. The intention was not to call players up to assist teams who were short on the number of available players for any given game. There was also concern voiced that coaches would have the ability to abuse the system if LISA were not available to provide control over the situation.

As several different opinions on the matter were raised, T. Satterford advised that LISA will put out a survey and ask each Club to respond with their position on this matter.

### ***Season Change***

Cordova Bay asked for an update on this matter. T. Satterford advised that this subject was discussed at the recent BCSEA AGM and the feeling was that a change to our soccer season is imminent in the future. It is recognized that access to playing fields is most likely the biggest concern in the lower island. However, any changes would be provincially mandated, which would include the involvement of Sports Services BC, who in turn would mandate municipalities to provide playing fields for the sport of soccer.

### ***U17/U18 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.

<p><b>Motion:</b> <i>I move that we give authorization to the Executive Director to administer the placement of released players in the U17/U18 division</i> by Peninsula 2<sup>nd</sup> Gorge</p>	<p>Carried</p>
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## 5. CLUB and BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

### ***Lakehill***

Reminder of the Girls Fall Classic (U12 – U18) being held October 10 – 13, 2008.

Advised that they will not complete their turf field project until next season. There are too many variables at the moment to guarantee that the field will be fully completed in time for this season, which would leave them with one less field.

### ***Peninsula***

After attending a recent Referee Committee meeting, Bob Hope, advised of a number of changes forthcoming.

To be a registered referee, referees must register with BCSA.

VISRA have been tasked to accept BCSA instructions for all referees (i.e. encourage all referees to attend at least the education portion of the VISRA meeting for development).

No cast policy has been implemented (fiberglass is alright).

The August 18<sup>th</sup> Referee Coordinators meeting was attended by only 4 coordinators.

Victoria referees were rewarded with gold level games at the BC Summer Games.

### ***Cordova Bay***

Reported that their turf field will be opened on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Juan de Fuca***

Voiced sadness over the amalgamation of Cordova Bay and Gordon Head, in that it is a shame to see that a Club will cease to exist. There should be concern that “big” clubs will absorb “small” clubs and that we could end up with only 4 teams in our district. Suggested that perhaps we should revisit the “boundaries” issue and provide the funding for an independent study. Would rather give up territory to create more equal clubs. Feels this subject warrants further discussion.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00 hours.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. S. Marejka will place the subject of “Multi-age Divisions” on the agenda for the upcoming Technical Directors meeting.
2. T. Satterford will send the subject of “U14 Select Soccer” to the Technical Committee for review.
3. S. Marejka will put out a survey on the subject of “Youth-to-Youth” permits and ask each Club to respond with their position on the items raised at this meeting.

