

**CENTRAL ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 2016

LOCATION: Lacombe Memorial Centre

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Present: Jeff Zacharias –President
Tracy Everett – 1st Vice President
Lonny Behm – 2nd Vice President
Clint MacPherson- Secretary
Philip Ignacio - DRA
David McCarthy – Technical Director
Tammy Olson- Executive Director

Voting Members: Bentley – Juanita Bender
Blackfalds – Wayne Murphy
Camrose-Chris Howard
Clive – Kelly Cole
Lacombe – Tracy Zacharias
Ponoka-Michelle Blanchette
Rimbey – Robyn MacEachern
Rocky Mountain House – Trevor Hovdebo
Stettler – Brian Johnston
Sylvan Lake – John Salsbury

Not Present: Wetaskiwin
Innisfail
Penhold
Spruce View

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President (J. Zacharias at 7:00 pm)

Roll Call: Roll call was taken with voting members noted above. Ten of Fourteen members present. Quorum met.

2) Minutes of 2015 AGM were presented and reviewed.

- Errors/ Omissions- Dollar sign instead of # sign – Page 2 – Point 3
- Spelling error- Acclamation – Page 2

Sylvan Lake (J. Salsbury) moved that the minutes be accepted as read with amendment. Camrose (C. Howard) seconded. **Carried.**

Budgets & Finances:

The financial report was presented by Executive Director (T. Olson)

Budget Items:

1. Referee Kits- All new referees will receive a Referee Kit – to include shirt, cards, whistle. This program will continue. Kits will be ordered.
2. It was requested that an honorarium of \$2,000.00 be paid to the District Referee Assistant (P. Ignacio).
3. An increase of \$2.00 per player Administration fee was recommended

4. Requested increase in phone charges from \$145.00 to \$160.00- has not increased since 2005. It is a set fee any overages are paid by Executive Director. It was only a phone - now multi -purpose. Must keep home phone for fax line as well - \$106. 00 per month - Cell phone \$60.00 - Internet - \$45.00 - TOTAL \$211.00

Motion:

Sylvan Lake (J. Salsbury) motioned that “The Budget with requested items be accepted as presented”

Seconded by Lacombe (T. Zacharias)

All in Favour:

CARRIED

Reports Presented:

1. Presidents Report: (J. Zacharias) – Attachment 1
2. Technical Director: (D. McCarthy) Attachment 2
3. DRA Report: (P. Ignacio) Attachment 3
 - a. Comments from Referee Report
 - we need to continue to recruit Mini Referees and help to Develop them in our communities.
 - It is also important to implement Referee Mentors in every Community. Smaller communities could work together with neighbouring communities.
 - There needs to be a consistent protocol for reporting issues with Referees so that the DRA can deal with the situation in an appropriate manner

Election of Officers:

Treasurer

1st Call –no name put forward

2nd Call – no name put forward

3rd Call- no name put forward

Position remains vacant- Position will be combined with Secretary position until a suitable candidate can be found

2nd Vice President

1st Call – **Lonny Behm** nominated by Ponoka (M. Blanchette)

2nd Call- no name put forward

3rd call – no names put forward

Lonny Behm elected 1st Vice President by Acclimation

President

1st Call – **Jeff Zacharias** nominated by Sylvan Lake (J. Salsbury)

2nd Call- no name put forward

3rd call – no names put forward

Jeff Zacharias elected President by Acclimation

Sylvan Lake (J. Salsbury) motioned that the Election be closed. Seconded by Ponoka (M. Blanchette)

Carried.

ASA Report

- Going forward CASA will need to revise their by-laws to include a dissolution clause. This will state what is to be done with any remaining funds should the Association Dissolve. This is a Directive from Alberta Registries and the Alberta Soccer Association
- Discussions have been held at Alberta Soccer regarding the issue of gender identity and how this will affect soccer play going forward in our Province. Further discussions will be held at Alberta Soccer and going forward a Policy will be put in place to deal with the issue.

New Business:

- L. Behm will continue with the College Showcase in Ponoka (May 2017). This is an excellent opportunity for U16-U18 players to be seen by College Scouts in hopes of receiving a scholarship. It is a successful Showcase with many players receiving college scholarships to play soccer.
- Alberta Soccer has requested that we put forward a name for their award of Merit. The executive has put forth the Philip Ignacio's name.
- The Alberta Soccer Mini Stars Program will go forward in Camrose in the New Year. C, Howard reported that registration numbers are low, and they will still accept registrations
- The next meeting is the Technical Meeting in January. Please ensure that a representative for your Association is present.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:44 pm

REPORTS
Attachment 1

CASA Presidents Report 2016.

As I reflect on another year as CASA President I am surprised how fast 12 months go by in a seasonal sport like ours. Again, December is quiet where I got out to Red Deer to watch a few CAYSL league games. January always starts with ASA AGM which was attended by myself and our executive director. One of the big discussions was the changing of age groups from even years to odd (ex U-12 & U-14 to U-13 & U-15) where we were adamant this change would ruin rural associations due to the makeup of teams which was supported by many other rural districts. Also, Jeannie Hawksworth from Rocky Mountain House was elected as a Rural Representative to the board. In February I was able to attend AGMS in Rocky Mtn House, Lacombe as well as Sylvan Lake. Also in February our technical meeting which was attended by Jeannie Hawksworth from ASA. March and April there was many texts and emails between the executive in the planning of the outdoor season. In May and June was able to attend the SunBreaker tournament as well as attend as many league regular season games as my job would allow talking with officials, players, parents as well as coaches. I was once again able to attend the provincial qualifier tournament in Rocky Mountain House for both days and other then weather delays, I would like to offer a huge thank you to Mike Lundstrom and the Rocky Board for their time and effort in bringing this tournament back to their community. I want to congratulate all our league winners as well as provincial playdown medalists. In July I was able to attend provincials in Ponoka where I was able to watch Ponoka pull off the U-18 Golden Double. The U-18 boy's final between Lacombe and Ponoka was the final match in a very storied rivalry between these two teams. Again, thank you for the fine jobs of hosting provincials in your communities. When it comes to provincials what I am extremely proud of as an association is the fact that between U-12 to U-18 there is a potential for 24 medals (gold, silver and bronze for each age group both boys and girls). As a Rural district we came home with 6 medals (25%) and one fair play award. This is a testament to our commitment to training, coaching and values our association abides by. In June and July, I was also able to offer a small part of time to the summer games teams with uniforms and taking in some of the practices as well as time watching our tier 3 summer teams practice and play in a tournament in Red Deer. As most of you know I do officiate for another sport in the fall which does take up a good chunk of time, but though August, September, October and November my time for soccer has still been there as we have met as an Executive as well as board meetings, going to indoor facilities to see if the fields are legitimate sizes and attending ASA meetings.

In conclusion this year with a new job which has taken away some of my time freedom, I do apologize to all associations. When I was elected President two years ago my hope was to show all our associations of our commitment and transparency as an Executive to be accountable, open and available to allow kids to play this wonderful game. Growth does not come without growing pains and I know some of the letters, conversations, opinions, and options we have initiated may not be to everybody's liking but in the big picture we will learn from our mistakes as well as face adversity to make our association better with every associations help and input. To the Executive a huge thank you for the time and effort you have all put in to the last year. To the Associations again a huge thank for your attendance at meetings as well as the availability to provide fields and officials to play the game.

I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season from The CASA Executive!

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Zacharias

CASA President

Attachment 2

Technical Report 2016- CASA - District #5

This past year has brought with it continued development with the technical programming in CASA. We have highlighted many different avenues and are continuing to progress further programs as well. I will briefly summarize the two main areas of Coaching and Player development

Coaching Development

We ran 3 NCCP courses in the spring Active Start, Fundamentals and Soccer 4 Life. Our courses were once again well received and continues to provide a strong link directly to the coaches.

We continue to offer an in-house Mentorship program for our coaches. This program comes in two phases and is no cost for any CASA coach. It progresses from organizational to an on-field assessment.

Player Development

This year within the CASA communities they were once again offered the opportunity to host development day. Communities had the opportunity to identify what they felt was their target for their community's needs. I worked with the coaches and players in several different communities: Clive, Camrose, Ponoka, Rocky Mountain House, Sylvan Lake, Bentley, Innisfail, Wetaskiwin, Stettler, Rimbey, Spruce View and the ASA run Festival in Penhold.

I think year after year we continue to see improvement in the delivery of our technical program within our district and continue to see an improvement in the relationship between our district and the communities, themselves. The communities continue to work with the district and communication has vastly improved thus making for a more cohesive program within CASA. This year continue to see dramatic numbers in us program with me seeing over 600 players during the program. Each year we continue to work the development program and have identified through communication the specific needs the communities are looking for. We will continue to evaluate the program and make necessary changes to execute what the priorities are in each community

Summary

Program Development will be ongoing. We have set a firm base of technical programs and implementation. We will be hoping to meet the needs of coaches throughout the district and am hopeful we can establish a strong line of communication with the coaches and the coordinators. We continue to be optimistic and positive about the steps we are taking in the area of player and coaching development in CASA

Respectfully Submitted by:

David McCarthy

Technical Director

Central Alberta Soccer Association

Attachment 3
2016 CASA DRA REPORT
Report submitted to the ASA Referee Development Officer at:
refs@albertasoccer.com
October 31st, 2016

Communication Responsibilities

I Continued to Maintain the CASA Referee Education Website:

<http://dra1casa.wix.com/referee-page-casa#!referees/ch6q>

This website is a great tool that I use to communicate with the referees within the district, I post videos and other educational referee articles. The coach feedback form which the coaches are supposed to use to communicate with the DRA any issues that arose during the games instead of approaching the referee after or during the game is continued to be used by the coaches I have also gotten feed back from Parents and concerned spectators on issues that arise during games, coaches also continue to use the form to give praise reports on jobs well done by our referees.

Recruitment Responsibilities:

The recruitment responsibilities are shared with the different communities within the District, the communities have their soccer player recruitment and referee sign up night.

Education / Mentoring Responsibilities

I am fortunate to have within the district 3 ASA certified instructors that assist with the education of our entry level referees, this enables us to have simultaneous entry level classes on the same weekend during our short entry level season. This is also good for our mentorship program which was expanded this year, I was able to go to various communities throughout the season to mentor our new entry level referees, and likewise have Tracy Everett assist as well. we have started using wireless communication during the games that we are present at to assist the referee, some of the feedback from our communities (Philip was out to our community of Sylvan Lake to mentor and I thought that was done very well. - Bentley. Really appreciated the mentorship program. As a small town we have a tough time with refs staying around long enough to mentor up coming refs. Thanks Phil for helping us out. You have a great way with these teens. Very patient. It does take a few years for these refs to gain confidence and knowledge. Camrose, I have had 7 responses and here are a few of the comments received so far:

2 out of 7 tried out the walkie-talkie, 1 liked it, 1 thought it came loose too easily

3 out of 7 were mentored and thought it helped

Person A:

If mentored, did it help? Yes

Did you like the walkie Talkie? Yes, what can be improved for next season? Respect from coaches & parents as an official.

Scheduling Duties:

The scheduling duties are a shared responsibility with the referee assignors in each community responsible to assign referees to the games in the community during league play and only call the DRA if there are any schedule issues, scheduling for tournaments are handled by myself the DRA. Our District has not yet invested in that common scheduling tool like I suggested last year but I will be asking at our next Board meeting to have this done ASAP because I do believe it would simplify our scheduling process greatly, because I can as the DRA see who is being scheduled where and when, this will assist in our mentorship program where I can either send a mentor or go myself as time permits.

Personal Development Responsibilities:

I did lots of research on the different types of mentoring programs from around the world and tried to build a program to fit our district. I am also trying to recruit senior retired referees from our district who want to continue giving back to soccer and who would love to mentor new referees within their communities. I am awaiting the completed ASA mentorship directives.

Additional Activities or Comments:

We held a total of three Tournaments this year

Our Annual Sun breaker soccer tournament was held April 30 & May 1, 2016.

The Camrose Night Classic June 3-5, 2016

U 16 Tier 4 Provincials were held in Camrose July 8-10. I did the assignment schedule and because I was away during the tournament I nominated Tracy Everett as the RIC

The U 18 Tier 4 was held in Ponoka July 8-10. I nominated Glen Aldi from Red Deer to be the RIC for this tournament this tournament was also assigned by myself. This year we held 3 three entry level courses 1. Lacombe - 2 David Thompson High School for referees from Rocky Mountain House Sylvan Lake and Bentley. 3. Camrose. We also held a Mini course in Lacombe