

TECHNICAL/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lacombe Memorial Centre

January 24, 2018

PRESENT:

Bentley: Juanita Bender
Blackfalds: Wayne Murphy
Camrose: Chad Mitchell
Clive : Kelly Cole
Angela Gessleman
Innisfail : Bobbie Nelner
Lacombe : Jon Mulder
Penhold ; Glen Aldi
Ponoka : Michelle Blanchette
Rimbey : Robyn MacEachern
Rocky Mountain House- Jeannie Hawksworth
Stettler : Teresa Walker
Brian Johnston
Sylvan Lake – John Salsbury
Wetaskiwin : Henry Effen
Alison Sherrer
Les Sherrer

EXECUTIVE:

Jeff Zacharias – President
Tracy Everett – 1st Vice President
Clint MacPherson – Secretary
John Salsbury - Treasurer
David McCarthy – Technical Director
Philip Ignacio - DRA
Tammy Olson – Executive Director

ABSENT:

Spruce View
Lonny Behm- 2nd Vice President

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03

Roll Call taken – 13 of 14 Current Members Present

Review of minutes of September 27, 2017

No Errors/Omissions

Rimbey (R. MacEachern) moved minutes be accepted as presented. Penhold (G. Aldi) seconded. **CARRIED**

Business Arising:

- Re: Outdoor Program Update – 4. Penhold U10 Parent entered the field of play and manhandled an official. The case is an open RCMP investigation as confirmed by Penhold (G. Aldi)

Financial Update:

Executive Director presented the Financial Report

Outdoor League Prepayment Invoices

As in the past six seasons (implemented 2012) each Local Association will receive a Prepayment invoice within the next month. This invoice is calculated based on player registration fees from the previous outdoor season and will be broken down into two equal payments. Payments at this time do not include League Fees, Referee or Coach Development, Prov.Fees (if applicable). A final invoice will be sent out at the end of the Outdoor Season

ASA Fee Structure Committee Discussions: Report by T. Olson – Executive Director). The executive Director is a Rural member of this ASA committee.

Moving forward the recommendations (requests) is that Rural Soccer Districts continue to receive the support of Alberta Soccer (Value for our contributions). This is going well. In 2017 Alberta Soccer added the U13 Rural ID Camp. This was a success and will be continued every year. Several Districts have taken advantage of the Free Development sessions offered by Alberta Soccer. The E.D. encouraged our communities to take advantage of these valuable opportunities.

League Structure

A) U9 Development Program

This program will take over from the former U10 Development program as the U10's will now be on U11 teams.

Recommendations

- Coaches receive training equivalent to the age groups
- A minimum of two practices per week to assist in player development
- When a schedule is made Larger communities be separated out from the Smaller Associations

B) U11 Program

Discussion held regarding the U11 competitive program. CASA will once again allow teams to opt for a non-competitive U11 League (Tier 5) – there must be a minimum of 4 teams to make any League viable.

Many scenarios were discussed including splitting the League into Geographical boundaries – this does not work as the size of the community or their geographical location does not determine the strength of a team. Blackfalds (W. Murphy) requested that the U11 schedule be made two weeks at a time and games be determined upon the strength of the teams playing. Discussion held - The majority of the membership was not in agreement with this suggestion. The expectation that in a 6 week Season the Executive Director change the schedule several times was not feasible.

Final resolution – U11 will run as always with the option of a Tier 5 program offered (as it was last year). A minimum of four teams must choose this option if it is to go forward

The same recommendations were made as those stated above for U10

Technical Director (D.McCarthy) comments – Development of players is the key to them having a quality sports experience not whether they win or lose.

C) U17-U19 Division

With the addition of U19 to the Alberta Soccer Youth Division, dependant on the Number of registered teams CASA may opt to offer a U17 / U19 Division both Male and female. With the changes we cannot be assured that either age groups would be viable without working together. It is a common occurrence in CASA for U16 players to play up into U18, so this would not be a major change. It Will be structured as U18 it was last year, without playoffs for League Champion to accommodate Exam schedules. However, U17-U19 teams still take part in the Provincial Qualifier. No objections raised.

Coach

- Membership was asked to submit all requests to the CASA Office as soon as possible so they could be applied for with Alberta Soccer.
- Confirmed – Soccer for Life – Ponoka – March 16 & 17, 2018
- All U13-U19 Head Coaches require Soccer for Life Training. Senior and Youth Level Coaching certifications will no longer be accepted by Alberta Soccer when attending Provincials. It is recommended that they also take the MED (making Ethical Decisions) course. This is not yet a requirement but will be in the near future. There are several ways to take this course including on line. CASA will cover 50% of the registration fee.
- C License – CASA will be looking into running the level of Certification. Currently this is required for all Coaches interested in Coaching a Summer Games team. We would like to be able to have qualified CASA Coaches for those teams

- Alberta Soccer will run a variety of training clinics for free, all associations should take advantage of these opportunity as fees pay for them.

Spring Development Program- Technical Director (D.McCarthy)

- As in the past Dave will visit communities. Partnerships are once again requested between communities as there is such a small window of time in the Spring season.
- He will be Highlighting U9-U11 Development, but requests for other divisions will certainly be considered if that is what is needed. Once the Googledoc is shared with you please confirm your dates on the document no later than April 3, 2018
- Dave requested that the communities strongly encourage all coaches to participate
- A maximum of 1.5 hours

Referees (P. Ignacio)

- **Mentorship program** – Senior Referees assisting in the development of new referees. All Associations are asked to submit the name of the Referee you are assigning as a mentor to Philip. *Contact him via email with any questions regarding the program. Philip will assist small communities without Senior Referees in finding a mentor*
- Membership was asked to submit all requests to the CASA Office as soon as possible so they could be applied for with Alberta Soccer. No confirmed dates currently. All courses must be booked for after March 11.
 - a) Refreshers now must be a minimum of four hours in length, because of the large amount of rule changes which are occurring. Please consider this when booking your Refresher, it cannot be held after a full day course any longer.
 - b) Request that all associations submit their New Referee information to the office so that they can be registered for the upcoming Certification Clinics
 - c) **Referee recruitment is vital** – Many CASA Communities are struggling

Referee Registration

- Executive Director has emailed all current referees to inform them that they must register with the office. She will take care of registering on line for all referees

Registration Deadlines (to be sent out by Executive Director to all Members)

- Competitive Team (U9 to U19) PreDeclaration – April 1
- Final Team Declarations / SunBreaker Registration – April 15
- Late player registrations are always allowed_as long as there is room on teams and **subject to Local Association Deadlines**. CASA supports that whenever possible children be allowed to play
- **Note that ID cards will be required by all players U11-U19 at the SunBreaker.**

SunBreaker and Provincial Qualifier

- a) SunBreaker will be held April 28&29, 2018 in Camrose
- b) Provincial Qualifier will be held June 22-24, 2018 in Ponoka

Keeper Clinic – Wetaskiwin – April 14 – keeper names to be submitted to CASA. Coach Development is a part of the Keeper Clinic. Coaches should attend as well

New Business

- Rocky Mt. House (J. Hawksworth) mentioned that there will be a U17 Tier III girls tournament team once again for 2018.
- Philip Ignacio (DRA) was presented with the 2017 CASA Award of merit. Members were reminded that they could submit the names of people within CASA that they felt warranted this recognition.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 pm – Next Meeting March 7