

LAKELAND DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Spring Operational Meeting

St Paul, AB

April 10, 2016

1.0 Meeting called to order at 10:12

Roll Call : those in attendance: Richard Smyl (LDSA/St Paul), Al Bertshi (llb), Joy Tremblay (LDSA/ St Paul), Kristine Ward (Vermilion), Wayne Roach (Vermilion), Steve Cupit (LDSA/ Cold Lake), Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA). Regrets: Al Bohrson (Vegreville), Jose Teixeira (LDSA)

Motion: Moved that Joy Tremblay, Richard Smyl, and Steve Cupit be allowed to remain at the meeting to represent their communities as well as act in their roles with LDSA. Moved by Al Bershi (LLB); Second by Kristen Ward (Vermilion). **Motion Carried**

2.0 Approval of Agenda: MOTION: Moved the agenda be approved with addition of a (ii) – Treasurer's Report and a (iii) – signing authority; and New Business – e (i)FC Edmonton and (ii) Provost Soccer Moved by Al B (LLB). Second by Wayne Roach (Vermilion). **Motion Carried**

3.0 Approval of Minutes of previous minutes: Motion: Moved that the minutes of October 25, 2015 be approved as circulated> Moved by Al B (LLB), Second by Kristy (Bonnyville). **Motion Carried.**

4.0 Business arising form minutes p none to report

5.0 Reports:

a. Administration:

- (i) New Excel spreadsheet from ASA. This s new central soccer registration system implemented by ASA. Lakeland is part of the test group. The excel spreadsheet needs to be completed in full. The information provided will be used to populate a provincial database. It was stressed that the information provided must be complete for teams to participate in provincial championship. The ASA roster form is no longer required for LDSA, but most tournaments require verification of team roster and this may still be used.
- (ii) Treasurer / financial report – financial statements presented and are on file.
- (iii) Signing authority – **MOTION:** Moved to have Al Bohrson, Richard Smyl, and Steve Cupit as authorized signatories on the LDSA accounts. Moved by Joy Tremblay (St Paul), SECOND al B (LLB). **Motion Carried**

b. Referee: Discussion surrounding relationship between referees and coaches and need for a process for feedback. Reminder to use community head referees for concerns and issues, who will in turn discuss with DRA and referee committee. List of referee courses available on both LDSA and ASA websites

c. **Technical:** List of coaching course available on the ASA and LDSA websites. The use of the “Festival” format was encouraged by ASA. This is the preferred pathway for long term athlete development. St Paul expressed an interest in hosting the training session. April 30 is target date for the coaching and practical sessions.

d. **Competitions:**

- (i) League play – communities provided information as to teams in specific age groups and genders. Kristy to draft league schedule based on this information.
- (ii) Outdoor Lakeland Cup – To be held June 17-19 in Vermilion and June 24-26 in St Paul. Communities confirmed dates.
- (iii) To be held July 8-10 – locations to be determined, by LDSA supported bid by St Paul to host.
- (iv) Tournaments – tournaments sanctioned by ASA and LDSA listed on the appropriate websites.

e. **New Business:**

- (i) Provost – Provost Soccer has requested they ongoing registration with LDSA. The soccer associations in Unity, Maclin, and Cutknife apparently do not wish to register with Soccer Saskatchewan. It was proposed Provost could play these communities if insurance was purchased to cover liability. It was agreed that next year these communities would be encouraged to join LDSA. MOTION: That one year financial assistance up to \$955.00 be provided to Provost Soccer for the purchase of insurance to play the communities of Unity, Maclin, and Cutknife. Moved by Steve Cupit (Cold Lake), second Richard Smyl (St Paul). **Motion Carried. **** I was noted that only Provost could play these teams and ASA referees cannot referee the games*****
- (ii) FC Edmonton – May 15 will be LDSA at the game FC Edmonton vs New York Cosmos. 500 tickets were purchased by LDSA for distribution to member communities. The aim is to sell additional tickets at \$22/ticket with proceeds back to the communities. Deadline for purchase is one week prior to the game. Steve Cupit is the contact.

U4/U6/U8/U10 Programs:

U4/U6 4v4 – no keeper

U8 5v5 includes sweeper / keeper

U10 7v7 includes keeper

U 12 8v includes keeper

There was discussion concerning U10 – Referees will be asked to give more distance from the ball for goal kicks. No rule changes. It is suggested that the LDSA rule for Mini Soccer be followed, but not mandatory for “in house” games or play. **However, these rules must be used for mini tournaments sanctioned by LDSA.**

Tier 3 – Teams wishing to play tier 3 are reminded of deadlines for declaration and rosters.

Alberta Summer Games – Age group is U13. Information regarding try-outs is on the LDSA website. Contact Mike Pomerleau for further information.

U 12 Provincials – ASA is proposing to eliminate Provincial championships for this age group. In their place, select districts across the province would have talent showcases. More information is to follow from ASA.

Age group changes – There is a proposal to adjust age groups to be in line with the preferred soccer pathways. U15 to U17 Tier I will continue to be on track for national championships. It is uncertain how and when it will trickle down to tier iv.

Children with Disabilities – Children with disabilities may “play down” at a lower age group at the discretion of LDSA. Safety of the child should be the number one consideration.

6.0 Date of next meeting – Date of Fall planning is to be determined

7.0 Adjournment – Motion: To adjourn meeting at 1230. Moved by Joy Tremblay (St Paul), Second Al B (LLB) **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Joy Tremblay