

LAKELAND DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Spring Planning Meeting

St Paul, AB

March 6, 2016

1.0 Roll Call – those in attendance: Richard Smyl (LDSA/St Paul), Al Bertschi (Lac La Biche), Mike Pomerleau (Bonnyville), Steve Cupit (LDSA/Cold Lake), Kristy L'Hirondelle (LDSA), Derek Bales (Wainwright), Allan Bohrson (LDSA/ Vegreville), Cathy Bartley (Vermilion), Joy Tremblay (LDSA/St Paul). Meeting called to order at 1015.

MOTION: Moved that Al Bohrson, Joy Tremblay, Richard Smyl, and Steve Cupit be allowed to remain at the meeting to represent their communities as well act in their roles with LDSA. Moved by Al Bertsci (LLB); Second by Derek Bales (WW) **Motion Carried**

2.0 Approval of Agenda – MOTION: Moved that the agenda be accepted with the additions of New Business: v. U10 rules changes and vi Alberta Summer Games

Moved by Al Bohrson (Vegreville); Second Al Berschi (LLB) **Motion Carried**

3.0 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Fall planning/Operational) – tabled to next as minutes not circulated.

4.0 Business arising – Old Business:

a. Administrative:

- (i) Accounting/bookkeeping/audit; All T4A forms have been filed on behalf of the past executive director with CRA with copies sent to her home address. This process is now complete. Discussion as to whether the LDSA Board will be notified if action has been taken by CRA. Kristy indicated she can, in her role as bookkeeper, make inquiries but if action has been taken and nothing more. Kristy will continue to provide information as it becomes available.
- (ii) Outstanding invoices – cheques issued to St Paul and Vermilion for hosting Provincials have not been cashed. These are now stale dated and new cheques issued. St Paul also requested outstanding invoices for referee fees incurred from neutral games played in St Paul be paid. There were fees outstanding from Cold Lake (2014 and 2015) and Vegreville (2015). LDSA is to continue to pay the mileage for referees used to cover neutral games

b. **Referee Courses/Education** – Jose Teixeira at referee instructor refresher – not available for this meeting. Kristy scheduled the referees for the indoor season and LLC after the resignation of Shellie Kirkham. A list of referee courses is available on both the LDSA and ASA websites.

MOTION: A meeting of the community head referees/referee directors be called prior to the LDSA Spring Operations Meeting April 10, 2016, to determine the referee representative to LDSA. Moved by Joy Tremblay (St Paul); Second by Derek Bales (Wainwright). **Motion Carried**

The rationale for this is noted in the 2015 AGM minutes. Steve Cupit expressed a desire to act as ex-officio on the district referee committee.

There was discussion surrounding the retirement of long time and beloved referee from Vermilion, Merle Klumph. She will no longer instruct, mentor, or referee. It was decided Joy will contact her to ask if she would agree to an award in her name to be given annually to a Lakeland Referee. Details to be decided by district referee committee.

MOTION: LDSA nominate Merle Klumph as lifetime member of ASA and provide a plaque with a value up to \$150 to commemorate the honour. Moved by Joy Tremblay (St Paul), second Al Bohrson (Vegreville). **Motion Carried**

- c. **Technical** – Mike Pomerleau acting temporarily as DHC until committee of community head coaches and technical directors meet.

MOTION: A meeting of community head coaches/technical directors be called prior to the LDSA Spring Operational meeting April 10, 2016 to determine the technical representative to LDSA. Moved by Joy Tremblay; Second Derek Bales (Wainwright). **Motion Carried**

Coaching courses/Education – courses will be listed on the LDSA website

ASA Festival Format – ASA has expressed a desire to have member districts adopt the Festival format for mini soccer. ASA will attend an LDSA community willing to trial the new pathway, train the coaches, and provide a \$2000 grant form RBC is the program is run for the season. Mike provided an explanation of the program and it's rationale. St Paul indicated it was willing to host should no one else chose to do so. ASA requires 80 players and 8 to 16 coaches. Those coaches who attend will receive NCCP credit for Fundamentals. Steve Cupit was to confirm if the grant was still available if mini tournaments were help in the host community. He also encouraged all member communities to investigate the festival pathway on the CSA website.

It was stressed that coaches taking teams to provincial tournaments MUST have age appropriate soccer course. Age appropriate courses are encouraged for league play but not mandatory. An NCCP number is, however, mandatory. ALL TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS MUST INCLUDE NCCP NUMBERS AND CRC EXPIRY DATES FOR ALL COACHES LISTED

Please see ASA and LDSA website for dates and locations of courses.

d **Competitions**

(i) **Outdoor League Play**

Stats coordinator – this is included in the job tasks of the Executive Director

Referee assignments – communities will be responsible to schedule referees for games in their communities. It is the home team’s responsibility to schedule games in a neutral location. Please coordinate with referee directors in the neutral site – usually St Paul or Vermilion.

Neutral games – please ensure any changes to neutral games are verified by field assigner in the neutral host community. That is, neutral games may not be scheduled in St Paul without the consent of St Paul assigner – Richard Smyl. This is to ensure field availability. Teams must also continue to inform Executive Director of any game changes or defaults.

(II) Outdoor Lakeland Cup

June 17 – 19 (Vermilion) U14 and U18

June 24 – 26 (St Paul) U12 and U16

- The World Cup format for draws will continue for all Lakeland Cup age categories.
- There was discussion about a change in the Tie –breaking procedure for pools of more than 3 teams. This will be discussed further at the Spring Operational meeting with the aim of instituting it at the outdoor LLCs.

(III) Provincials

Indoor – Lakeland Cup was very successful this season. Thank you to LLB for hosting. The following teams are to attend indoor provincials: LLB U 12 BOYS, LLB U12 GIRLS, CL (BOUCHER) U14 BOYS, LLB U14 GIRLS, CL U16 BOYS, VEGREVILLE U16 GIRLS, CL U18 BOYS, BV U18 GIRLS.

There was consensus that the LLC tournament determines which teams will represent LDSA at provincial championships. A girls team may, with permission of the LDSA Board, play against the boys during league play, but not in LLC. To do so would cause them to forfeit the right to compete for provincials at their own gender.

Outdoor - St Paul was the only community to bid to host outdoor 2017. This offer to host was forwarded to ASA. LDSA will only support one bid.

- (iv) **Tournaments** - See LDSA and ASA website for listings. LDSA will support and sanction one tournament for age group per weekend. Please ensure mini tournaments are sanctioned with LDSA. Please inform LDSA when teams are leaving the District to attend tournaments. Teams planning to travel out of the province must be aware of ASA policies and procedures for this, including the need for travel permits. There will be fees associated with travel out of province and country.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(i) MINI PROGRAMS

U4/U6 – 4v4 no keeper

U8 – 5v5 includes sweeper/keeper

U10 – 7v7 includes keeper

U12 8v8 includes keeper

LDSA mini rules listed on LDSA website

- (iii) CRC and NCCP – Inclusion of these is mandatory on all team rosters. ASA now uses a central registration system and incomplete rosters cannot be entered.

Coach education – many coaches, managers, and parents are unaware of league play procedures, especially the need to honour game commitments. Teams must compete in league play and complete all scheduled games in order to be eligible for LLC. Please ensure all coaches and managers are aware that the team cancelling the game is responsible for rescheduling the game. This includes contacting the community representative to cancel and reschedule the referees and well as the neutral host community if appropriate. Please also remind community registrars there are no new registrations after the proposed date (May 31). It was also noted that no more than 4 coaches may be on the bench at any given time, and all must be listed on the game sheet.

There was general discussion about coach and parent conduct. **Each community is responsible for the conduct of their teams and parents. Please be diligent with coach education!!**

- (iv) **FC Edmonton tickets** – Steve Cupit reported a promotion by FC Edmonton for LDSA to purchase ticket vouchers for FC Edmonton home games which could be sold as a fund raiser. There is also the chance of special recognition of LDSA at an FC Edmonton home game, depending on number of tickets sold. It was proposed that LDSA purchase tickets to give to players, with the anticipation parents would purchase their own tickets to attend the game. **MOTION: LDSA sponsor 500 ticket vouchers for FC Edmonton home games, at a cost of \$6000, to distribute to communities.** Moved by Steve Cupit (Cold Lake); Second Cathy Bartley (Vermilion). **Motion Carried.**
- (v) **U10 Rule changes** – it was agreed to ask the referees to give a greater distance for goal kicks at the U10 age group.
- (vi) **Alberta Summer Games** – u13 age group to be represented in Leduc. July 14 -17 2016. Boys coach is Mike Pomerleau, with Ian Diaz coaching the girls. Trails are set for May 14-15 in St Paul, May 27-28 in Ft Mc Murray, and June 11/12 in Ft McMurray (by invitation only). \$10 fee per session. Players asked to arrive one half hour early for ensure registration completed prior to the session.

6. Calendar of Events:

(i) Outdoor Administration: DEADLINES

- Player Registration Fees to office – May 15
- Play ASA roster to office – May 15 (**use roster on ASA website**)
- CRC lists to office – 7 days prior to LLC
- Tier III declaration – June 27
- Tier III Rosters – July 31
- New player registration - May 31
- Adult provincial declaration – May 31
- Adult provincial roster August 15

***** REMEMBER PLAYERS MUST PLAY TIER IV PRIOR TO PLAYING TIER III *****

(ii) Outdoor League play:

- Number of teams per age groups and gender to office - April 15
- Black-out dates to office asap
- Filed names, nights of play, practice times to office asap
- League games start at 7 pm unless otherwise agreed upon by coaches, communities, and referees
- League play to start may 4/5, weather permitting
- Weekend games may be scheduled

(iii) Outdoor LLC

- Lakeland Cup registrations and fees to office – May 15
- Roster and coaching changes – 7 days prior to LLC

(iv) Outdoor Provincials

- Tier IV provincial rosters to office – June 29
- ASA dates rural Tier IV provincials – July 8 – 10

- Tier III provincials – August 12-14
- Senior Soccerfest Sept 2-5

(v) TOURNAMENTS – see also ASA and LDSA websites

- Bonnyville mini Wetland – June 11 (U6 to U10)
- Vermilion 3v3 -? May 29 (U12) TO BE CONFIRMED
- Vermilion Mini – May 14-15 (U6,8,10) TO BE CONFIRMED
- St Paul MINI – May 28 (U8/U10)

(vi) Referees Courses – see LDSA website

7. Date of next meeting – Spring Operational meeting April 10, 2016 in St Paul

8. Adjournment – MOTION: the Spring Planning Meeting be adjourned at 2:43. Moved by Joy Tremblay (St Paul); Second by Richard Smyl (St Paul). **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Joy Tremblay