



PRINCE GEORGE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Meeting Title: January Board meeting

MINUTES JAN 22, 2015 START: 5:35 PM LOCATION – BOARD ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Craig Briere
TYPE OF MEETING	Board Meeting
FACILITATOR	Craig Briere
RECORDER	Len McNamara
ATTENDEES	Scott Redpath, Craig Briere, Gilbert Wankling, Barry Hirtz, Sandra Elson, Melanie Ramsay, Davis Rodrigues, Ted Swarts, Marti Ranu, Garry Nielson Len McNamara, Steve Hood

1. **Motion** to accept the Agenda (Garry N., Sandra E.) **Carried**
2. **New Business**

a) Timberwolves program – 2015 Outdoor season

Discussion	<p>Steve: Information as submitted and open to any questions.</p> <p>Scott: Evaluations are based on dual age group – are we eliminating ‘playing up’</p> <p>Steve: We could have an exceptional player that would move up but having dual age groups obviously will produce less instances of players moving up.</p> <p>Davis: I’m against dual age groups. I would like to know the advantages and disadvantages of both dual and single.</p> <p>Steve: In brief, dual provides an opportunity for more like-skilled and like-minded players to be involved. The problem our Association has is mainly with the ‘second’ team; players that are playing up that shouldn’t and providing competitive events for the team.</p> <p>Davis: I coached the ‘second’ team under this dual age group system – there is a real disparity in skills between players; much different than the ‘first’ team and therefore very little development of the players takes place – dual age groups is more for ‘winning’ vs. single age group promotes player development.</p> <p>Steve: Grouping players based on growth and development as well as skill development, strategy, etc. is good and in single age group the better players can always move up.</p> <p>Craig: With dual age group, a younger player can displace an older player. ‘Second’ team with dual age group can provide an alternative to House League.</p>
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Ted: If we displace an older player with a younger one how many players are we talking about

Saundra: We could have more than two teams in an age category depending upon registration

Scott: I saw this scenario under Joel – I see the dual age group as a ‘bad’ scenario – there is a big difference between players within a dual age group – ‘second’ team was always trying to find players – a bit of a nightmare for the coach to administer the team.

Craig: How many teams last year in the single age group were pulling from the House League

Steve: On the boys side it worked fine but on the girls side we needed to pull some girls from House for tournaments.

Garry: The concern I have with the dual age group is team chemistry – we are constantly ‘shuffling’ the deck each year with the players – hard to coach players as ‘cliques’ develop – if you have enough good players at a single age group we should be going this route.

Marti: I would like to echo Garry’s points – players should play in their own age group

Saundra: Teams shouldn’t be pre-judged and have the same grouping every year – there shouldn’t be ‘cliques’ and I don’t think there is at the younger age groups – we have a Tech team that has recommended the dual age and our job is to support those efforts.

Barry: If we had sufficient numbers I would support the single age group – but I feel dual accommodates more players in the program.

Mel: if we only have limited numbers what will we do with the extra players

Steve: We try to provide something for everyone but it really depends on the numbers

Mel: My fear is we are going to have more players fall through the cracks

Ted: ‘Cliques’ are a concern – does BC Soccer have a preference to one or two year age groups

Steve: It really depends on the Club or Association – BC Soccer will recommend at times where numbers are low but nothing is clearly defined – as an example in our 15-18 House League we combine three ages in order to make sufficient teams for a league

Barry & Scott: passed along emails from Grant and Sonny

Craig: There is no vote for members not in attendance – spoke about our process here and is supporting our Technical committee.

Davis: I question the process the Technical committee went through

Craig: A point of clarity – the Technical committee was asked to review the decision when Steve was bringing forward a recommendation that was different from the committee

Ted: I hear repeatedly the authority of the Technical committee but there is a bias here

Craig: This is a very difficult topic

Steve: It’s a question of philosophy

Ted: Is there going to be an exodus from the lower age group

Steve: We discussed this in our Tech meeting the need to have squad based training where there is movement of players up and down – we just don’t have the resources as of yet – we need to wait and see our registration numbers and coaches need to be on board with the philosophy.

Question called: To approve PGYSA Timberwolves Program for the 2015

	<p>Outdoor season as presented (Barry H., Gilbert W.)</p> <p>All in favour: Carried - 5 votes to 4</p> <p>Scott: Now that we have decided on the dual age group, I will be fully supportive of the decision and I encourage all the directors to do the same.</p>
Conclusion	MOTION: To approve the Timberwolves Program–2015 Outdoor season
Action Items	Motion carried
Person Responsible	

b) Stoke City/Mike Norris summer camp

	<p>Craig: This is part of the Timberwolves program and part of the registration fee - the Finance committee met and is recommending the fees be included provided only the cost is included – revenue neutral to the Association – other camps are being considered</p> <p>Sandra: is this the same format as last year with other players able to register for the camp</p> <p>Len: No. Stoke and Mike Norris have now been embedded in the Timberwolves program and these services are only for Timberwolves players – as Craig mentioned, other camps are being considered for other players</p> <p>Barry: Is there a contingency plan if the services are not performed – what about the extra payments</p> <p>Steve: It is unlikely that this would happen – Stoke has been here the past two years as has Mike and we have now combined the two for the betterment of the Timberwolves program</p> <p>Garry: I have had some experience with the Stoke camp the past two years and I think this is a great camp for our players and coaches</p> <p>Question called: To approve Stoke City and Mike Norris as part of the Timberwolves program for 2015 (Garry N., Melanie R.)</p> <p>All in favour: Carried unanimously</p>
Conclusion	MOTION: To approve Stoke City and Mike Norris as part of the Timberwolves program for 2015
Action Items	Motion carried
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Motion to adjourn meeting: 6:35pm (Sandra E., Gilbert W.) Carried

Next Board meeting: February 4, 2015