

# VANCOUVER ISLAND SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

Gorge Soccer Association Clubhouse, Victoria, B.C.,

**Feb 16, 2004**

**Members: 28**

**Guests: 0**

**Apologies: 8**

<b>Education</b> Dan Greco	Book Review - Practical Refereeing Tips Video - Myths of the Game
<b>Minutes</b>	Reviewed and Accepted
<b>Correspondence</b> Rick Firestone	Email - Offside Interpretation
<b>Treasurer</b> Darin Shimell (regrets)	Herb Harzan - The constitution requires VISRA to have the books audited prior to the AGM. Alex Milne has done this in the past. If anyone is interested in this task please contact Herb Harzan.
<b>Ways and Means</b> -	Herb Harzan - We would like to continue with the 50/50. Darin Shimell has the material but is at a game. Would anyone volunteer? <b>Jason Austin</b> volunteered.
<b>Paymaster</b> Dan Greco	A number of cheques have not been picked up. Please collect your cheques. Herb Harzan - VISRA distributes cheques at the monthly meeting. Money is not available for envelopes and stamps to mail cheques. If you cannot attend VISRA meetings you can send stamped, self-addressed envelope(s) to Dan Greco.
<b>VISRA Scheduler</b> Herb Harzan for Paul Almeida	Generally satisfied with members, however LIWSA is getting worse rather than better at notifying fields and changes. Any members trading assignments must tell Paul Almeida so that he can provide updates and make sure that the right person gets paid. No schedule has been published for March yet. Schedules will be produced and sent as soon as information is known.
<b>Standardization</b> Tony Troughton	VISRA Standardization is different from Provincial Assessment. The idea is for an assessor to be at a game to provide feedback, there is no pass/fail. It is still difficult to get standards checks done, to get assessors to games.
<b>Assessments</b> Tiberio de Frias	Everything is on track. A couple more requests have been received and a couple of assessments have been done in the last few weeks. Weather is still a problem. On a recent week-end 4 assessments were scheduled, none were done.
<b>Library</b> Andrew Foster	Library is here. A loan form has been produced an inventory has been taken and is to be posted on the website - <a href="http://www.visra.org">www.visra.org</a> If there is something that you would like to see added tell Andy Foster
<b>BCSRA</b> Dan Greco	<u>Online Registration</u> Referee Association registration is being added to BCSA's online registration. <u>BCSRA Badge</u> The BCSRA jersey badge is being dropped as only the BCSA badge is permitted. BCSRA is looking at doing a coin. <u>Rick Firestone</u> VISRA will continue to offer direct registration through the spring and fall. Referees have the choice registering directly with VISRA or through BCSA/BCSRA. <u>Herb Harzan</u> The membership year now ends September 30 <sup>th</sup> but VISRA would still like to see referees register in the spring for the next year.
<b>CSRA</b> Tony Troughton	At the request of the Ontario SRA, CSRA has sent a letter to CSA on the timely distribution of Law Books. Herb Harzan At the CSA AGM Andrew Foster was elected CSRA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, VISRA now has the honour of having 2 vice-presidents of CSRA.

<b>LIWSA</b>	Herb Harzan met with the LIWSA President and discussed problems with notification of games, fields and changes of venue. VISRA will not be seeking to do Referee Scheduling for LIWSA next year but will consider doing so if LIWSA requests it with good reasons for VISRA to continue.
<b>VISL</b> Danny Hood	Cheques are available. Thanks to everyone for doing such a good job. All are reminded of the changed rule for the coin toss for Kicks from the Penalty Spot. The winner now chooses to go first or second. Schedules for the rest of the season will be sent weekly.
<b>LISA</b> Mike Seal	LISA Vision for the Future is on the LISA website <a href="http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com">www.lowerislandsoccer.com</a> At the last President's meeting of youth associations more information was requested and the document is to be re-written, probably several times. Herb Harzan - Is there any possibility of this being in place for next season? Mike - No way, this will take time.
<b>BCSA Lower Island Referee Coord</b> Mike Seal	Nil
<b>Old Business</b>	Nil
<b>New Business</b>	<u>AGM</u> - April 19 <sup>th</sup> following the regular VISRA Meeting Election of Vice-President (Andrew Foster), Secretary (Rick Firestone) and Director 2 (Darren Clark). We are looking for a Nominating Committee - Tony Troughton and Trevor Williams volunteered. Anyone interested in an executive position should contact either Tony or Trevor. <u>Brian Royer-Collard</u> the video on Hand Ball is very good. Referees need to get a grip on swearing. <u>Spring Council Meeting</u> May 1 <sup>st</sup> has been proposed for VISRA to host the BCSRA Spring Council meeting. We want to keep the Jack Tinnion Shield (250/604) match going. Volunteers are needed to organize a field, meeting location, transportation and team. Brian Royer-Collard indicated that all municipal fields will be closed - probably will need a permit for a school field. Danny Hood commented that May 1 <sup>st</sup> is probably the best date based on play-offs matches to be played. <u>Field Conditions</u> Trevor Williams commented that field conditions have been really poor lately but that games continued to be played. Is anyone looking at this? Danny Hood replied that comments are forwarded to the city but that the only way that fields will improve is if everyone stays off them. <u>Danger at Braefoot</u> Tiberio de Frias commented that there is a dangerous situation at Lakehill (Braefoot) that there is almost no space between the edge of the field and the concrete block at the base of the light standards. It is up to Lakehill Soccer to address this situation with Saanich.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Moved Mark McNally-Dawes, seconded Boris Glazar

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:55 pm

**Next Meeting: Monday, Mar 19th 04, Gorge Soccer Clubhouse, Hampton Park**

Respectfully Submitted,  
***Rick Firestone***