



EMSA Covid-19 Response Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Committee members:

In attendance: Eliana Caranci (EMSA), Mark Locker (Tillsonburg), Mark Mohammed (Alliance), Abbi Lezizidis (Whitecaps), Tom Partalas (BMO), Dave Humphrey (EMSRA), Kayla Marcoux (West End Blues), Dan Wybo (WOSL), Chris Gardiner (EMDSL), Chris McCurdy (LOSL)

Regrets: Jenn Groen (St. Thomas), Michelle Orsini (EMSA), Simon Karahalios (EMSA), Nelson Rodrigues (LAWSL), Dave DeBenedictis (London FC)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03pm

1. Welcoming Remarks by Eliana Caranci

2. EMSA Report:

- Eliana: Looking for questions and concerns to bring to the Board on Tuesday. We will be having a meeting for all members in the future and want to be prepared.
- Eliana: We recognize the bit of turmoil as we moved from lockdown to RED to ORANGE. Happy to see programs running again at BMO. Now looking to support RTP for outdoor.

3. Committee Initiative Updates:

- Eliana (Survey Monkey): John Laverty just wants to review the survey prior to it going out and Dave is organizing a template. Just 9 questions. Ideally completed and answered prior to membership meeting.
- Eliana (COVID funding): No real new updates, some opportunities have been posted to our EMSA website
- Eliana (Mentorship Initiative): Having a mini mentorship, club to club, to help with RTP. Will be taking this idea to the board on Tuesday. Thank you to Mark & Kim at Alliance for volunteering.

4. New Business:

- Tom: Lisa McLeod announced that bubbles will remain at 50 players even for outdoor.
- Chris: City fields will not be cut until out of grey. Not allowing bookings.

5. Round Table:

a) League Updates

- Chris (EMDSL): Planning to play in 3 or 4 team division, then change it. Maybe 7 v 7 or 9 v 9. Could be 1x or 2x a week, leaving 2 weeks in between changing.



- Tom: Bubbles of 50 of 13 & up, may see 3 teams play each other or 4 teams in 9 v 9, teams of 12; Younger players can do 5 v 5 or 7 v 7 will be easier to schedule for sure. All the older teams, no idea how they are going to do bubbles with 20+ players on a team. Registration not open yet. Proposing our format and waiting to hear what teams say.

- Tom (WRSL): Waiting to hear from province. Right now teams from Windsor, KW etc... not sure how summer will look. No festivals. No challenge cups. We need to be very creative to make this work.

- Dan (WOSL): We need to be flexible, we have a start date, mid-point date etc. We are complicated because we are in 7 different health units. We talked about doing weekend bubbles. There are 42 teams that are committed in 4 divisions that want to play. Concerned about availability of fields. Still waiting to understand how the format will be depending on COVID restrictions. Bubble structure not decided yet.

- Eliana: Question: What if a team has a player from a different Health Unit than where the team is located? Board is looking to get an answer.

- Chris (LOSL): Within our own league we are canvassing captains to gauge interest. Best scenario 9-11 team league. The short notice will hurt captains trying to get their teams together. Bubbles are a problem because teams will bring anywhere from 14-18 players. Just a "wait & see" right now. Our teams are made up of an organized captain who takes care of their team. Each team is unique, some have 20 registered, a bubble with cap 16 players may not be possible.

- Tom: Could have some games in BMO for LOSL, if needed.

b) EMSRA

- Dave: We are still prepping our match officials with education. We tried a recruitment panel – not as much registration as we had hoped so pushed out the deadline. The event entails 4 panelists that can be asked questions (on zoom) with myself as the moderator. Hoping to discuss benefits, experiences etc. Prepping refs for a regular start date even though that is up in the air.

c) Club Updates

- Kayla: AGM coming up. Not a whole lot to update. I have prepped what I can for now. Working on a RTP. I feel like we are doing OK so far. Just working on setting fees and deposits.

- Mark: We have been planning and budgeting based on as close to possible to a regular year. Moving along to have at least have a district season. Question: Would it be advisable to have zoom league meetings over the next month?

- Tom/Dan/Chris: WOSL, EMDSL typically has meetings.

6. Next Steps

- Eliana: Looking to bring concerns, questions to Board. Prepare for the membership meeting. Also touch base with city, Health Unit to see if we can get clarification on restrictions as we are all still unclear on some details.

7. Meeting adjourned by Eliana at 8:05pm.