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With some transitional challenges the SCYSA Board of Directors completed a successful year in operating under a governance model as it moved away from management. As indicated in the Presidents Report the membership stepped up to the call as each division had a coordinator that managed the volunteers and team selection as well as scheduling games and practices. Additionally, each divisional coordinator was able to handle most internal team issues which provided great opportunity for the board to continue with developing future plans. The focus continues to be on player development programs, field improvement opportunities, transportation and equipment. As the SCYSA moves forward with strategies to become less dependent upon financial support from the Province of British Columbia the association does requests the following support for the upcoming season.

Fields continue to be an ongoing issue for the SCYSA. Support from the Province of British Columbia has made a difference combined with a strategy by the SCYSA to utilize fewer fields for its needs to serve the membership. This past season the SCYSA had to cancel approximately 25% of its games due to field conditions. Improvements are making a difference. Budget constraints at all levels of government have an impact on field maintenance programs. Volunteers are able to participate but funding for material is required. To assist in this area the SCYSA requests funding support in the sum of **\$20,000**.

Equipment inventory for the house league has been reviewed with approximately another 20% of the team kit requiring replacement. Additionally, balls are quite worn with more than 50% being culled during the collection process. Representative team requirements are estimated to be just over \$12,000 combined with the house requirement of just over \$16,000. To assist this category the SCYSA request funding support in the amount of **\$15,000**.

Administration requirements have been reviewed by the board. In an effort to maintain some continuity as changes take place through the volunteer positions a decision to maintain paid positions is critical as revealed by the board assuming a number of roles to gain a clear understanding of what is required. An Executive Director will be hired to gain access to broader funding resources such as sponsorship. A Registrar and an administrative assistant will take on duties of maintaining data for the association. This is an area that the association would like full support as registration fees are to fulfill other needs of the membership. The budget shows this to be **\$16,800**.

Transportation will always be a cost to the various teams that must utilize the ferry system to gain access to the lower mainland. Many of the teams conduct individual fund raising events to assist in the costs. It is marginal in covering the overall costs. Each year

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the rep division grows as indicated in the number of players that attend for tryouts. Providing access to challenging and competitive environments for youth is an excellent way to develop character and build strong social skills. The SCYSA is proud to be a part of this development opportunity for the youth the Sunshine Coast. With an average team spending approximately \$225 per trip on the ferry, outside all the sundry expenses that take place on such an excursion, the cost of travel continues to climb. This upcoming season is expected to come close to \$25,000. The SCYSA would request that the Province of British Columbia support this area of operation in the amount of **\$10,000**.

Player Development includes not only the players but coaches and referees as well. The SCYSA is very focused on developing grass roots capabilities to provide programs for all members of the association that wish to gain further knowledge in the game. The funding provided by the Province of British Columbia to assist in the development of local talent to gain credentials that are acceptable to governing bodies such as the British Columbia Soccer Association are working quite well. A top scorer in the examination process of receiving his British Columbia B- License now has his eyes on the National Program. He brings over 30 years of experience to the association and dedicates a considerable amount of time in passing his knowledge onto coaches and players alike. The SCYSA invited the Vancouver Whitecaps to conduct a league wide training session over a 2 day period. It was attended by more than 85% of the membership and was very successful. The SCYSA paid strict attention to the details of the event and will utilize the event again this season and will develop strategies to have more of the community involved as part of the public relations strategies presently being implemented. The SCYSA requests support from the Province of British Columbia in the sum of **\$20,000** for player development.

In a community with a declining enrollment in the school system, the SCYSA continues to maintain a flat line in its membership. This indicates that the association is attracting new members. The present economic conditions have made it difficult to secure any long term funding support, yet the association is optimistic on its opportunities. On behalf of the SCYSA membership, the Board of Directors appreciates the continued support of the Province of British Columbia.

Kindest Regards,
Norm Blair, President

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