



President's Report 2021

We are very happy to be able to offer soccer again this year. With all the challenges of the past 18 months behind us, the League is back, and we are excited with the numbers of returning players to commit to playing this season.

It has taken many meetings and phone calls between Jo-Dee and the Board members to get our full season off the ground again and I must acknowledge the time and patience they all have shown to facilitate this season. We have been working very hard behind the scenes to pivot and respond to all the changing PHO orders and the updates from Via sport and BC Soccer. With the current PHO order regarding the Vaccine Mandates, we are hoping that the MWSL is leading the way to keep compliant with the order and to facilitate the process.

We are again pleased to offer our "Learn to Play" program, that will begin at the end of November. The League was able to secure some grant monies that will help us to offer these programs on an annual basis

Communication with all our members continues to be an important factor in keeping everyone informed of our many issues in the operation of the MWSL. Our hope is the Coaches and Managers read what is presented and understand that whatever we are sending out to them, is of importance and needs to be understood. We have dealt with a number of Coaches who have not read the Rules of our League and has resulted in fines and sanctions that could have been avoided.

Sending out emails to the members also is our way of presenting any important info that we feel all the members should be informed of. All of us on the Board are willing to answer any questions the members may have, so please continue to ask us, so we can support all of you.

The Zoom platform has certainly been a blessing in getting our Board members together this year and we will continue to use this media to help us through AGMs and monthly Board meetings. We are also using it to deal with any Discipline meetings as it makes attending easier as there is no need to travel. I do need to state at this time

that some of the Discipline matters have been more than what we were expecting for the beginning of a season, but we are getting through them using the BC Soccer Judicial Codes and Policies as our ultimate guide.

We are looking forward to hosting league finals this year and will be offering Scholarships again to our members. Getting back to running a successful full season is our greatest wish for this year. With your continued support, the MWSL is hoping to be the choice for Inclusive and Diverse options for Women in the Lower Mainland to get back to playing the sport of Soccer we all enjoy.

Thank you all and Stay Safe - Albert Stewart, President MWSL