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KYSA Elects A New President!

Candace Dodson-Willis is the new President of the Kamloops Youth Soccer Association. She was elected by the seven-person board of directors of the organization at the last KYSA board meeting of 2016. The President of KYSA is elected on an annual basis.

The role of President is a volunteer position. All seven KYSA board members are volunteers who are elected by the membership at the organization's Annual General Meeting.

Candace joined the KYSA executive in early 2015. She was re-elected to the board at the association's 2016 Annual General Meeting in November.

The mother of two children, Candace has been a House League coach for the past six years. She is married to Colin who has also been involved with the KYSA for many years.

This past year she served as Vice-President and chaired the Select Program and Employment Committees. She has played in the Kamloops Women's Soccer League for the past decade.

Professionally, she is an independent Employee Benefits Consultant.

Candace replaces Graham Cope, who served as President for the past ten successive years.

Graham is going to complete the last year of a two year term on the board as the Immediate Past President and assist Candace in her first term of office.

In addition to Candace's re-election to the board at the AGM, KYSA members elected a new member to the executive: Brock Freathy (see photo P3). Brock has a long history in Kamloops having been born and raised in the city. He was active in the association from 1978 to 1990 and was involved in Kam High School Soccer and football programs during this time.

Brock returned to Kamloops last winter after an 18-year absence—the last twelve of which were spent in Revelstoke where he served as a coach and as Vice-President of the Revelstoke SC.

Brock has three children, including two boys that are presently enrolled in the KYSA's development program.

A Project/Construction Manager by trade, Brock and his family plan to stay in the Kamloops area for the foreseeable future.

Former KYSA director Ryan Susheski decided to not seek a return to the board at the 2016 AGM when his term expired.

Ryan served as chairman of the Select and Discipline Committees during his time on the board. These duties were in addition to his involvement as a select team coach and as a referee.

KYSA Director Rod Gurnsey—who has served on the board for the past three years—was elected as Vice-President. Rod served as the director overseeing the Small-Sided-Girls Program for the past two years. (See page 3 for a listing of all board members.)

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Candace Dodson-Willis



Mark Bell

Mark Bell Joins KYSA As Senior Staff Coach!

The KYSA is delighted to welcome Mark Bell as its new Senior Staff Coach. The 38-year-old will take up his new position in February, moving from Langley, BC where he currently resides.

Mark is a Canadian Soccer National B Licence coach. He also holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America Advanced National Coaching Diploma. He most recently served as an assistant coach of the Douglas College Women's Soccer Team in New Westminster. The Douglas College Royals reached the finals of the 2016 CCAA National Championships held in Montreal, November 9-12, where they finished with the Bronze Medal—the first time the College Women's Team has returned with some silverware.

In addition to his role with the College team, Mark was a staff coach for the Westview High School Soccer Academy in Maple Ridge as well as a paid coach with the West Coast Auto Group FC in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows. He also ran his own "Simple Soccer" Player Academy in the summer months.

Over the past decade, Mark has also had coaching roles in the Medicine Hat Soccer Association, the Lower Island Soccer Association BC Soccer Premier League and Super Y programs, the Vancouver Island Soccer Academy, as well as Bays United, Prospect Lake, Lakehill and Gorge soccer clubs in Greater Victoria. He also had the opportunity to work with the Victoria Highlanders Women's semi-pro team who played in the USL W-League.

"We are delighted to welcome Mark to Kamloops and to our association," says KYSA President Candace Dodson-Willis. "He will be a big

help to our TD Ciaran McMahon, who is stretched to the limit trying to service a membership of 3,500 players, 400 coaches and a myriad of coach and player development programs."

"We see Mark having a very visible on-field presence and spending a lot of time mentoring our volunteer coaches," adds Dodson-Willis. "He was a high level player in his younger days and has since become a well-qualified and very experienced coach. We expect him to become an integral part of our organization going forward."

The KYSA board of directors moved to hire a new full time coach in October of last year with the goal of providing assistance for their Technical Director, who, since joining the association over two years ago, has been working extraordinary hours expanding and improving upon the association's coach and player development programs.

Bell was selected from 60 applicants with resumes being received from all four corners of the globe.

Bell, who gained valuable experience working in the Arsenal Football Club's summer programs in England in 2000, before moving on to start his professional coaching

career a year later with Total Soccer Systems in Richmond, BC, says, "I have worked in some great environments that include youth clubs, high schools, private academies, and most recently at the college level, but to now have this opportunity with KYSA is a dream come true!"

I am very excited and honoured to work alongside Ciaran and the rest of the KYSA board and staff who have done an amazing job turning this soccer club into what it is today and I'm hoping my passionate, positive, patient style of coaching helps impact all the players and coaches in Kamloops for years to come!"

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KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.



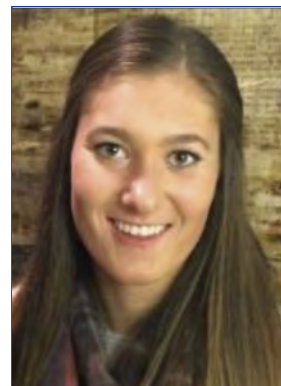
Canada's Tournament Capital

From the desk of Executive Director, Keith Liddiard...

I would also like to give special mention to two Kamloops-resident volunteer coaches who took part in the new BC Soccer "C License" course that was held recently in Kamloops and Kelowna—one half of the course was held in Kamloops the other in the Orchard City. Select team coaches **Victor Lizzi** and **John Saari** were Kamloops-resident coaches on the course.

Our congrats to **Gail Forbes** who was recently elected as the new President of the Kamloops Women's Soccer League. The other members of the KWSL executive are V-P **Melissa Dunn**, Treasurer **Fran Bruno**, Scheduler **Christine Feere**, Open Tier 1 Liaison, **Kathleen McDonald**, Tier 2 Liaison **Loredana Gough**, Rec Division Liaison **Cassy Jurista**, **Trish Meacher**, who looks after Stats and the League's web site, **Abbey McAuley**, who oversees discipline issues and League Secretary **Veronica Kernaghan**.

There's a few new faces on the Kamloops Soccer Referees Association board following elections that took place at the organization's AGM late last year. The new President is **Hailey Manke**, the Secretary is **Brian Flamank**, the new Vice-President is **Zeke Milutinovic**, and the three directors at large are **Trevor Johnson**, **Emily Ohama** and **Mario Salituro**. I am also pleased to report the association's referee allocators for the 2017 season remain the same: **Fahrudin Djelmo** will be appointing match officials for the U13 to U18 age groups while **Ali Campmans** will be



Hailey Manke

looking after the small-sided divisions from U8 to U12. These two individuals have done a tremendous job over the past few years trying to ensure all adult and youth games in the city are covered, which amounts to several thousand games when taking into consideration all league and tournament matches and school soccer that is played in Kamloops over the course of the year.

Mark your calendars! Here's the schedule for this year's pre-season coaches meetings:

Mon. March 13 - U6/U7/U8 teams
Tues. March 14 - U9 and U10 teams
Wed. March 15 - U11 and U12 teams
Thur. March 16 - U13 to U18 teams
All meetings will be held in the room above the KYSA office starting at 7:00pm. Equipment distribution will follow each meeting, as usual.

If you're interested in returning as a coach, assistant coach or team manager for the coming season, and you haven't already updated your profile, now is the time to do it. Please go to "Quick Links-Coaches-Team Officials Returning" on the club's web site to confirm your wish to continue as a team official for 2017. Need help with your password? Call the KYSA office and one of our staff members will be pleased to help!

Important dates established on the 2017 calendar:
Mike Bartram Tourney (U13 to U18) - May 6/7
Errol Wild Mini Festival (U5 to U12) - June 3/4
House League Playoffs (U13 to U18) - June 24/25
Fall Season Jamboree (U5 to U12) - Sept. 23/24

2017 BC SOCCER COACHING COURSE SCHEDULE

Dates:	Course:	Tailored For:	Times:	Location
Sat., March 18 & Sun., March 19	Soccer For Life*	Coaches of U13 to U18	9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm	Kamloops Soccer Dome Kamloops Soccer Dome
Friday, April 07 & Mon., April 10	FUNDamentals (Part #1) FUNDamentals (Part #2)	Coaches of U7/U8	6:00pm-9:30pm 6:00pm-9:30pm	Kamloops Soccer Dome Kamloops Soccer Dome
Sat., April 8 & Sun., April 9	Learning To Train*	Coaches of U9-U12	9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm	Tournament Capital Ctr. Tournament Capital Ctr.
Wed., April 12	Active Start	Coaches of U5/U6	6:00pm-9:30pm	Kamloops Soccer Dome
Sat., April 22 & Sun., April 23	Soccer For Life**	Coaches of U13 to U18	9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm	McArthur Island Field #4 McArthur Island Field #4
Sat., August 26 & Sun., August 27	Learning To Train**	Coaches of U9-U12	9:00am-5:00pm 9:00am-5:00pm	McArthur Island Field #2 McArthur Island Field #2

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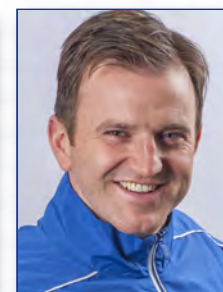


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