



**PacNW Soccer Club  
November 18, 2015, General Membership Meeting  
6:30-7:30**

**Board Members Present:** John Wilson, Michelle Taylor, Jeff Hemmen, Tom Ament, Todd Johnson, Julie Buckingham

**General Membership Meeting Attendance:**

Boys: All teams attending except 05 Gold, 04 White, 04 Gold, 03 Blue, 03 White, 01 Blue, 99 Maroon, 99 Blue, 99 White, 97 Maroon, 97 Blue and 97 White.

Girls: All teams attending except 05 Gold, 04 White, 01 Blue, 00 Blue, 99 Blue, 99 White, 98 White and 97 Blue.

All teams not in attendance will be assessed a fine of \$50.

**Welcome and call to order: 6:34**

**Introduction** – John Wilson, President

Mid December there will be a new restaurant opening near Sees Candy in Tukwila called Pizza Studio (similar to a MOD Pizza) in the. They are currently working on permits and do not have an exact date yet for their opening. However, they have invited PAC to come for a night or two as part of their grand opening and allow us to take the place over. Pizzas would be free, and all that would be asked is that a donation be made, with all of the money going to PacNW. The money would then be equally divided between the U13-U18 teams.

Big news since our last meeting – Todd Stauber will be moving to Spain to pursue an opportunity with a youth academy.

**TD's Report** – Leighton O'Brien, Technical Director

Fall Festival – Is this coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday, from 9-4, for the U8's and U9's. This tournament will conclude their season. We will be using fields 2, 3, and 4, which will be divided into 4 mod fields. Medals and pictures will be offered to all of the participants. We still need volunteers and referee positions that need to be filled.

Birth Year Training Sessions – Club training for all age groups will be held on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Players will be grouped by their year of birth. You must go to your own age group session. The purpose of this session is to get the kids in front of the coaches and directors just to see what the pool of players look like to see what we need to improve on as we get closer to tryouts. No other kids from outside the club will be allowed to participate in this session. Also, no decisions will be made either. This just allows the club a first look at our pool.

December 28<sup>th</sup> sessions will be held as follows:

**9:00 – 10:30 am**

B04 Field 1  
B04 Field 2  
B05 Field 3  
G05 Field 4

**10:30 – Noon**

B03 Field 1  
G03 Field 2  
B02 Field 3  
G02 Field 4

**Noon – 1:30**

B01 Field 1  
G01 Field 2  
B00 Field 3  
G00 Field 4

**1:30 – 3:00**

B99 Field 1  
G99 Field 2  
B98 Field 3  
G98 Field 4

**3:00 – 4:30**

B06 Field 1  
G06 Field 2  
B07 Field 3

KYSA Outreach - Last month Leighton and Viet went and worked with the younger kids in the Renton Youth Soccer program. This month we are working with Kent Covington Youth Soccer to provide free coaching and education to their kids U9 and above. Training started last week and will continue this Friday up at Petrovitsky Park from 5-8pm.

Inclement Weather Policy – If Starfire is open, we are open. It is up to the individual family to make a personal decision about whether or not you can make a training session. If training is cancelled due to inclement weather, the club will post it on the web site and via social media.

Winter Camp – Winter Camp for the U8-U13's will be December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 – noon. Cost is \$99.

#### Question for Leighton

Q: Is there a break for Christmas?

A: U8's and U9's are done after this weekend and won't start back up until mid-January. The other teams typically go another week past their last RCL game, so you should have a few weeks off after that. The exception to that are the HS boys due to state cup and winter classic, so they will roll on.

Q: What is the status of the third training session?

A: HS boys and girls are going on now. The other age groups should be wrapped up and will start up again in the spring sometime in March. The extra training sessions only last for 6 weeks. If your team did not get their sessions in, let Leighton know.

#### Update from Referee Assignor – Richard Meeks, SKCSRA

John introduced Richard from South King County Soccer Referee Association. Richard informed the group that the next clinic for new referees will be December 5<sup>th</sup> in Covington. If you want to know more about the clinic, e-mail Richard at [meeksr@myuw.net](mailto:meeksr@myuw.net). A question was asked about referees that are registered with other associations and what they need to do to work in King County. Richard advised that once you're registered with the state, you can ref anywhere. You just need to go to that jurisdiction's association web site and register. To register with SKCSRA go to <http://www.skcsra.org/register>

Richard remarked that he has received 8 evaluations for ref crews so far this season. Of the 8, only 3 were not happy with the crew. However, that feedback allowed him to make changes so that he could make the necessary corrections. A question was asked about how one would provide feedback. Richard informed the group that they would just go to the association web site at <http://www.skcsra.org/> and click on the Evaluation link on the left side of the page. Find your game and which official you want to provide feedback on (center ref or AR). A question was asked about evaluations submitted through Affinity. Richard advised he does not receive these and did not know where they went. However, he would follow up with WSY to see where the evaluations landed.

John asked the group if they felt the availability of crews was better, and the general feeling was that it was much better than last year. John commented on how hard Richard works to fill the game schedules, and that he has been getting 100% coverage many weekends, which is great. Todd Johnson also thanked Richard for taking time to come and speak with the club.

**Update on 2016 PacNW Winter Classic** – Todd Johnson, Executive Director

The Winter classic is coming! PAC managers don't do anything. The club will register your team for you. So far we're showing a great turnout from teams from Oregon, Alaska, Colorado, and BC. Washington numbers are still a bit low. Please spread the word about this tournament to the managers from other teams. All PAC teams will play games on the 31<sup>st</sup>, with play ending at 4pm. Only out of town teams will play on Friday, with all teams playing again on Saturday and Sunday.

**Raffle Update** – Michelle Taylor, VP Communications

Team sales are complete! The club sold just over 4,000 tickets, and this fundraiser has proven to be more profitable than the auction.

Missi is still trying to collect tickets from a few teams. At this point raffle tickets and money are 10 days past due. Teams past due are: **G98M G98B G04B B05M B04W**. Because this is a gambling activity, every single ticket must be accounted for. If you have players who lost tickets, send an e-mail to [raffle@pacnwsc.org](mailto:raffle@pacnwsc.org) to let Missi know which player lost their tickets.

We cannot proceed in taking shoe orders until all of the tickets are accounted for. Once we are able to move forward, managers will receive an e-mail providing them instructions on the next step. John added 20 teams earned shoes. He asked for patience from teams when they enter in their info. Don't expect your order to arrive in two weeks. Given the size of the order, it's going to take time to come back once it is placed. The club is currently working with Nike to a pick style kids will like.

Information from Helicia – Michelle provided the following information to managers on Helicia's behalf: High School Girl teams are currently in the process of moving to their new bank accounts at Chase Bank. The balance of the teams will be able to sign on their new accounts at Chase Bank beginning Tuesday, November 24.

Things to note:

- Account names are: Pacific Northwest Soccer Club c/o "Team Name" (i.e. G98 Maroon)
- High School Girls Managers and Treasurers must sign and fund the account by November 30.
- All other accounts must be signed and funded by December 18.
- Funding:
  - Write a check from your Key Bank account for the amount you are wanting to transfer
  - Key Bank Account: a minimum of \$1 must remain in the account. The PacNW Treasurer will close accounts
  - once the team treasurer has notified the PacNW Treasurer that all items are clear and the account can be
  - closed.

- Chase Bank Account: a minimum of \$1 is needed to fund the account. If you will need a debit card for the
- account, please order one when signing on the account.
- Chase Bank signing – please go to any Chase Bank Branch that is convenient to you. Managers and Treasurers do NOT need to sign together at the same time – just sign by the designated deadline for your team.
- Remember to complete your banking information sheet to be returned in January to [Treasurer@PacNWSC.org](mailto:Treasurer@PacNWSC.org) by January 31, 2016 prior to closing your account at Key Bank.

### **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Act Compliance** – Jeff Hemmen, Member at Large

Over the summer the legislature passed a bill addressing the awareness of sudden cardiac arrest awareness in youth athletes, with specific requirements for education and compliance by players, parents, coaches, and youth soccer associations that use school facilities in Washington State.

The WIAA has mandate that says any team that uses a school facility, such as a soccer field, has to fulfill 3 requirements:

1. Every coach or assistant coach has to take training and become certified in CPR/AED, recertifying every 3 years.
2. Every club member must acknowledge they have seen the info sheet.
3. Clubs must submit verification of compliance for steps 1 and 2.

Coaches have already completed their first aid and CPR/AED training, so we have completed that requirement. Managers were reminded that the AED at Starfire is located next to the front desk.

Club members received a Call To Action e-mail from Michelle that outlined the steps they need to take to fulfill this requirement. The deadline to complete this is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Managers, please work with your parents who may not have access to computers to ensure they complete this. It can even be done on a smart phone, or a hard copy of the acknowledgement form is available if needed. You can also send them to the club

Robin will be sending out reports to teams at the end of the month to provide an update on the status of completion for their families. Players who do not complete this requirement will not be allowed to train or play until it is done. It's basically putting them into red card status. Going forward this will be part of your registration in Bonzi, with an acknowledgment similar to what you see for concussion awareness training.

Jeff also shared the requirement for compliance only applies to the renter for the home team. So, if you're playing a team, whether they are local or from out of state or Canada, you don't need to worry about their status.

It was mentioned that some of the families did not receive the e-mail from Michelle notifying them of this new requirement. Michelle stated that this was most probably cause by them opting out of notifications. If you have a family that did not receive the e-mail, direct them to the PacNW Facebook page. If they subscribe to the page it will put them back on the distribution list. It is not possible for Michelle to go in and manually add them back.

## **Q&A/Open Forum**

Q: What is the club going to do regarding the new rule for headers?

A: John Wilson - We are aware of this and are looking at it. We will be seeking guidance from the state on how to proceed. How it works is that US soccer pushes something to the state association who will then push it down to the location association clubs, so we are waiting to hear from them

John Wilson - B03M are holding U-Cut Christmas Tree fundraiser December 6. Fliers were provided to managers to distribute to their team. Saws, along with chili and beverages, will be provided. You just need to bring your own tie downs. Please encourage your families to RSVP so the team has an idea of how much food and beverage will be needed.

Q: Is the club planning to respond to the announcement by the Sounders

A: John Wilson – The Sounders now have an affiliation with Seattle United. They are the first club in Washington to sign agreement with the Sounders. Currently Spokane has informal agreement. Our response is we knew this was happening and it is not surprising. If you look at landscape you see more affiliations between youth soccer clubs and professional teams around the country. We are monitoring the situation. We will put something out to the club regarding this.

Q: Do we have a date for the pizza event

A: John Wilson – No date yet, but probably the week before Christmas. Once we have that information we will blast it out.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:37**

**Next General Membership meeting: Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30**