



**Pacific Northwest Soccer Club  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Via Zoom Videoconferencing**

**Board Members Present:** John Wilson, Marilyn Montenegro, Jeff Hemmen, Jeff Selby, Ryan Meeks, Brian Reckling. Also Present: Todd Johnson, Michelle Patton, Kaelen Aramaki, Malia Arrant, Kate Norton

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:05 p.m.

**1. Welcome – John Wilson, President**

John introduced the agenda for the night, and mentioned that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is required by our club bylaws.

**2. Recognition – John Wilson**

- a. John Wilson shared that we have a plaque in our clubhouse that shows the “Wall of Honor.” At this point, we have three people on the Wall of Honor, and it is meant to be an on-going honor, and that we would be adding two additions. The PacNW Wall of Honor will now also include Leighton O’Brien, the club’s first Technical Director, and Fran O’Brien a PacNW coach from 2012 to 2021, and a Washington soccer legend. Leighton and Fran graciously thanked everyone for the award and the opportunities that club provided.
- b. John Wilson also recognized Jeff Selby, who is stepping away from the PacNW Board of Directors to pursue other opportunities. Jeff Selby thanked John for the recognition, and expressed optimism for the future of the club.
- c. John Wilson recognized US Bank - Steve S joins the meeting as representative. John reminded the club that US Bank is not only our jersey sponsor, but a true partner of the club. One of the ways that US Bank contributed to our club was the donation of \$2500 in scholarship monies for our Black History Essay contest. Steve S, from US Bank, shared the he and US Bank have enjoyed the partnership, and looks forward to continuing the work.

**3. Elections**

John Wilson turned control of the meeting over to PacNW Board Secretary Kris Cebull. Kris shared that there are three positions open for election this year. President, VP Development, and VP Communications.

- a. President: John Wilson is the only candidate running for Board President and gave a brief introduction.
- b. Candidates for VP Development: Tami Nguyen and Ernest Horvath.  
Both candidates gave introductory speeches and expressed their interest in the position.
- c. Candidates for VP Communications include Eric Scheffler and Marilyn Montenegro.  
Marilyn gave an introduction and explained why she was interested in the position.  
Eric Scheffler joined the meeting later, and gave an introduction at 7:09 p.m.

Time was given for the PacNW membership to ask questions of the candidates and the club regarding the election.

PacNW Secretary Kris Cebull explained that the ballots would be sent to each team's representative. Kris also shared that with a large number of people it may take up to 25 minutes for voters to receive their ballot.

While votes are being sent and tabulated the meeting would continue.

#### **4. Club Director's Report - Malia Arrant**

Malia explained that she is excited for her new position. She also mentioned that the club added three new teams this year, as well as ten new coaches. Malia mentioned that PacNW has 24 coaches that have their national "C" license or better. Malia also shared that the club has five coaches who started as players and have moved on, and then returned to coach for the club.

This year there was a PacNW Coach's Summit for the first time. There are also three "ball mastery" clinics that will be added this year. Also, the PacNW Winter Classic will be held again in 2022, after having to miss the 2021 tournament.

Malia shared her excitement to introduce Kate Norton, as the PacNW Girls' Director. Kate Norton shared how excited she is to join a club that cares so much about people. Kate shared her playing and coaching background, and why she is excited to join PacNW. Kate also shared about the upcoming HS ID camp on July 14-15, 2021. Kate mentioned the upcoming U13 camp.

#### **5. 2020-2021 Year in Review**

PacNW Board President John Wilson shared the challenges that COVID presented, and how the club overcame those challenges. John also shared about the changes in club leadership, as our former director moved on to other opportunities, as well as a few of our longtime coaches.

- a. Financial Update: John shared a brief overview of the Club's financial position. A pie chart showing the 20-21 club expenses was shared that showed that Coach and Director salaries make up over 50% of the expenses. Rental of the facility at Starfire is the second largest expense. Year over year, the finances were mostly "flat" because even though there were fewer expenses like field and referees, there was lost income from

the cancelation of the Winter Classic and the Car Raffle. Plans are in place to continue the Winter Classic, Car Raffle and Golf Tournament again this season.

- b. For the 2021-2022 club year, the player count increased from 868 players to 933. Those numbers do not include the Junior Academy players. PacNW has 64 total teams for the 2021-2022 season.

#### **6: Questions & Answers**

John Wilson gave an opportunity for questions. Questions were asked regarding selection of tournaments for individual teams; team travel vs. family travel; ball mastery workshops; requests for earlier release of dates for events; PacNW stickers, skill camps for older players; U13 camp dates (Aug 24-25); use of team balls.

#### **7. Election Results**

President: John Wilson

VP Development: Tami Nguyen

VP Communication: Marilyn Montenegro

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.