



**PacNW Soccer Club  
Meeting Agenda  
September 27, 2022, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Starfire Sports Classroom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Jill Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL - Marilyn**

Board Member:	Position:	Present:	Not Present:
Jill Fuller	President	x	
Ron Piland	VP of Operations	x	
Marilynn Montenegro	Secretary / Recorder	x	
Kris Cebull	Board Treasurer	x	
Jeff Hemmen	Member at Large		x
Tami Nguyen	VP of Development	x	
Julius Ezeb	VP of Community Relations	x	
Jackie Cavins	VP of Communications		x
Lam Tran	VP of Technology		
Todd Johnson	Executive Director	x	
Malia Arrant	Club Director	x	
Kaelen Aramaki	Director of Operations		x
Michelle Patton	Controller	x	
Alicia Smith	PacNW FW Liaison		x

**3. SOME GOOD NEWS**

President Jill Fuller updated the membership on some good news.

**a. Congratulations to Malia Arrant who was nominated for WISE (Women in Sports Events) 2022 Women of Inspiration Award.**

This award honors a female in our community who exemplifies the pillars upon which WISE Seattle was founded. This individual is making a positive impact on the business of sports and events while serving as a positive role model and mentor for other women. The Recipient will be announced live at the Seattle Sports Commission's Women's Leadership Breakfast on October 14.

**b. WSPL selected PacNW Soccer Club as Franchise of the Year for the NW Conference along with honoring Malia Arrant as the 2022 WSPL Coach of the Year for the NW Conference.**

The Women's Premier Soccer League, in its 24th season, is the largest women's soccer league in the world with over 130 clubs. The WPSL provides a three-month window from May thru July for elite amateur athletes (U23) to showcase their talents. Rosters feature collegiate, post-collegiate, international, standout prep and National Team athletes.

#### 4. DIRECTOR OF COACHING UPDATE

Director of Coaching Malia Arrant presented a Club update.

a. Federal Way Practice Fields

Malia stated she wanted to be fully transparent with the Club and Board, where we are at with fields and shared that Pac is fortunate to be at Starfire. She stated, last year, coming out of Covid, less fields became less available coming out of the pandemic. Pac wishes to be primarily practicing at Starfire. We are a premier Club with intentions to send 30-40 players to college each year and the Club is committed to practicing several times a week. Malia shared that she meets over curriculum weekly with the Directors and the intent is to teach to our teams. The Directors talk weekly, sometimes daily, about how they can build our style of play. We build off the ¼ the pitch. However, the issue becomes when we lose field space, and we try and coach with less than ¼ pitch.

Starfire has several leagues practicing at Starfire. Senior women's leagues and about five other Clubs. We are losing fields space as league presence becomes more dominant at Starfire. Starfire's mission is to offer space to diverse groups and share fields with the community.

Malia noted challenges with providing the coaching with the space available. Malia recommended that the Club would need to send teams to train once a month on the Federal Way. Ultimately, she stated, there are a lot of factors that go into field scheduling. She noted that the Club has sent communication out to share and update you. However, we continue to try and schedule the field time in Federal Way on a balanced basis to help families.

Malia shared a sample schedule with the U13 and up and explained how coaches could utilize the field space to meet the curriculum goals. She explained a snapshot of how space could be open to provide some additional options for practicing. Malia opened the meeting to questions from the membership.

Questions:

**When will practices begin 1 time a month. Starting when?**

Malia shared as soon as possible.

**There is a concern with families who have multiple children in the Club. Why did Federal Way parents promise they would practice in Federal Way. Are there any adjustments to practices that will allow Premier teams to practice only in Federal Way?**

Malia explained that option was declined by WYSA for the time being. We must maintain a home base of Starfire. There needs to be more communication the better.

**A member noted this is a very chaotic first year. We need to have more communication and all the reasoning so there is less speculation.**

Malia shared that other Clubs are using Valley Ridge which was previously available. Now we must stay in our boundary. Since Covid, the Club has grown, and those fields are no longer available. We have been working on futsal location for indoor. We found a warehouse that is one block out of our boundaries. When requested to use by the other Club Pac was declined. Todd Johnson noted the Club's efforts to figure out the practice fields schedule.

**A comment was made about miscommunication and letting go of past practices as if we are separate Clubs. The Communication can come across wrong.**

President Jill Fuller shared she is committed to communicating more frequently about changes with the Club. Does the Sounders vacate Starfire help? Todd stated the Sounders schedule does not affect the Club schedule. Pac grew by 15 + teams.

PacNW VP Operations, Ron Piland, mentioned he is also a ferry commuter. Pac's pacific northwest location is challenging with rain and darkness. All Clubs have the same challenge for year-round locations. We will continue to work on trying to find additional options and other partnership options. He's optimistic we can find additional space. PacNW VP Development, Tami Nguyen, also commented noting the field scheduler is working on November and teams assigned there in November have been updated.

**One member suggested a Club wide carpooling app.**

Board Treasurer Kris mentioned that teams could arrange for carpooling which is carpooling. Maybe across different age levels and noted there is a carpool lane that goes right to Karl Grosch.

**Is there only so many fields available at Starfire?**

Malia shared, yes, Star Fire only hands out so many fields.

**How can we know when there are cancellations?**

Malia stated there are fields that are reserved and then they are not showing. If you see fields open, please take a photo and email Malia. Executive Director, Todd Johnson, stated we are not choosing to not use fields. We have only been given a set number of fields.

**FEDERAL WAY REC MANAGER – JENNA MARTINEZ**

GU13 teams need additional players. Anyone who wants to explore soccer in Federal Way, please reach out the Ryan Dortch.

## **5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. VEO Camera Management Update**

Julius and Lam stated they are working on communication on what the process is for checking out cameras. We are working on locating them and we are looking to use them with U13 and

above to film one game a season. Priority is for High School age teams who need footage for college.

**Does each camera as its own subscription?**

Lam stated each camera has its own unique subscription.

b. 2022 Raffle Participation Incentive Update

Ron Piland shared Pac will hold its annual cash raffle. Tickets will be distributed in November and drawings in February 2023. Historically Pac had raffled off a car to help support equipment purchases. With Covid we went with a cash option since cars were not in inventory. We traditionally we have done team incentives. Laurel will be our fundraiser coordinator this year which is a good fundraiser which will be held right after winter classic.

c. Winter Classic Update

Todd Johnson provided a brief history noting that Pac had 500 teams in 2021. 600 teams in 2022. Pac is currently taking teams from Colorado, Canada, and Alaska to just to start so spread the word to opposing teams about the tournament. We will have lots of volunteer needs. Todd shared the dates. He mentioned the Field Marshall is a good fit for many families. The age requirements are 16 and older and must be with a group of adults. 16-year-olds cannot be on individual/remote field locations for safety reasons. Teams are registered by Pac registrar and every Pac team plays and there are no registration team fees. We will publish a call for volunteers in December.

The Golf Tournament is cancelled due to an increase in costs and low participation.

d. Starfire Physical Therapy Partnership

e. Private (PacNW Team) Social Media Accounts

There are a few Pac teams who have their own private social media accounts, but they are using PacNW in the name of the account and the PacNW Logo as their social media account picture. **Should we request the team to remove the PacNW Logo as it can create confusion?**  
Yes.

**Audience Questions:**

**Is the Club still taking Pink Shirt orders?**

We extended and closed yesterday and will be confirming orders. First week of October hopefully.

**The Mod fields were not set up on Field 2. Who sets up the fields?**

The Starfire staff set up the fields for mod games. Starfire is responsible and they need to due to liability issues with moving goals contributed to goals not being set up in time for weekend games.

**What is your ideal team size?** Malia stated there are RCL standards. 9 aside will have 12. We are challenged to have enough players to field G12- U11. It is really challenging. Curious what is being done. We need to clarify this to the teams.

**What are the right rules for player passing?** Please set up some predictability. Can players play between teams within divisions? Some instructions for managers would help.

**Youngers were told that they would be evaluating U11 and making team adjustments.**

Malia will have to check in with Viet. Malia stated that we keep some flexibility with moving players to adjust to their development. There are more shuffles at the youngers. U12 program.

**U19 RCL Tryouts in conflict with Vegas Cup.**

Tryouts had some conflicts last year and we will work with the juniors on some of those dates.

**Why weren't all the teams emailing the Pac Climate Survey?**

Ron agreed and is in the process of developing. There are many moving parts with the Club, and we have several sets of circumstances, and we will do our best to keep those challenges at the core, but we want to have your feedback and we will be asking for that.

**Will Pac bring back the Parents Night Out?**

Tami noted the family 4x4 tournament and the water park. This would be without kids!

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

President Jill Fuller introduced Lam and adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.