

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday January 13, 2015

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Kaelen Aramaki, Michelle Taylor, Barbara Zetterberg, Lynn Gerking and Helicia Thompson. Directors attending: Leighton O'Brien

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 04 Gold, 03 White, 02 Maroon, 02 White, 99 Maroon, 99 White and 96 Maroon.

Girls: All team attending except 04 Blue, 03 Blue, 96 Blue and 96 Maroon.

All teams not attending are assessed a fine of \$50.

Welcome and call to order: 6:39 pm

Winter Classic (John Wilson)

Two out of the three weekends are complete. We have one weekend to go. The tournament is going great! We have had one injury so far – a broken wrist. We have 400 teams ranging from Idaho, Oregon, California, etc.

This weekend will have a huge concentration of college coaches. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback for our tournament from the college coaches so far and look forward to another great weekend hosting the girls side.

Volunteers are still needed. If you haven't yet signed up for a shift do so asap.

College profiles need to be sent tonight to be included in the college notebook. If you have not sent in your team's college profiles please do so.

Director's report: Leighton O'Brien

Upcoming programs:

-Spring finishing school runs for 5 weeks starting Friday Feb 6th and running through the first Friday in March. Finishing school offers lots of repetitions on goal. The emphasis in the fall was long balls and shooting from distance. This is going to be emphasized again with our teams in the spring, likely in March and April.

We are also going to expand those third trainings to 1 hour 15 minutes. They will start sometime in March. We do remember that we do still owe everyone one more practice from the fall. This will be added in the spring.

-Spring Festival – The U8/U9 Spring Festival Jamboree is set for April 11th and 12th. This is the weekend after Easter. Please mark your calendars.

New at PacNW: John Wilson

Study hall is up and running! Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5-8pm from January 6 - March 31. Located in the Classroom next to PacNW Clubhouse

The PacNW Study Hall provides all PacNW players a quiet, safe environment at Starfire for study. In addition, tutors are available at every session giving players academic resources to get help. All players are welcome and encouraged to use this resource. In addition to the study hall, grade checks for all players U15-U18 will be executed in February. The Club is looking for all players to set a minimum benchmark of a 3.0 GPA. Any players achieving under a 3.0 GPA will be strongly encouraged to attend Study Hall.

Clubhouse upgrades: Upgrades were funded by proceeds from the auction. We worked with a contractor in the club and built some shelving up high in the two storage rooms to help create space and organization to our two equipment storage rooms.

U8-U11 2 month opportunity for training only:

We are trying to create opportunities for families to try out the club without making the whole commitment. We are starting an 8 week program (Feb and Mar) for kids that would like to just try out the club, check out our coaches, our practices and see what we are all about. The fee charged will cover practices only, no games. If you know of anyone interested in checking out what PacNW has to offer this is a great opportunity for them to do so.

Pac Gives Back: Lynn Gerking

To date, 25 teams have participated and many more have contacted Lynn to let her know what their project will be. Once you've completed your team project, we request a photo and a small write up.

Upcoming events: John Wilson

HS boys tryouts: U16-U18 HS boys tryouts are Feb 27 and 28th with an option for an extra day March 1st, if needed. We also have an option for graduating seniors to play a pseudo U19 year the year after high school.

Manager question: The 98 White team is getting smaller every week. The team is concerned that there will not be a team formed for next year. Leighton indicated that we have every intention to fill 3 teams at both the 97 and 98 age group.

What is going on with the change to birth years?

The US Soccer Association has indicated that they are planning to go to birth year for US soccer. In addition they plan to go to smaller sided games for U12 and younger. The current plan is to roll out this change next year, however there has been some chatter in Washington to start this year. Leighton indicated that with boys HS tryouts already being set for February the likelihood of this happening as quickly as this year is very slim.

During the spring and summer we are going to go through the process of choosing a new kit sponsor/provider. We will put it out a request for a bid to several companies. Several companies have expressed interest including Nike, Adidas, Puma and Diadora

Fields Report: Barbara Zetterberg

Everybody wants an early game for Superbowl Sunday. Please don't send Barb an email telling her this, she knows this already. She is working to have everyone done with games by 3pm. She will be working with the out of town teams first so that they have time to travel back in time for the game.

Fields schedules through the beginning of February should be out shortly.

Registrar Report: John Wilson for Andree Ament

If you have a guest player who is not a PacNW player, you must work with Andree to complete the necessary paperwork in order to have that player rostered for Winter Classic.

Reminder - if a player is on red status they are not able to play in state cup. All fees must be paid prior to participation in State Cup play. Any players who still have an outstanding balance at tryouts time will not be able to try out for the next year.

State cup team assignments are being decided by the technical committee and will all teams be registered by the club registrar. Managers do not submit applications. Andree will have teams registered by Feb 9th.

For Boys U10 and U11, the cup play starts March 14 and March 15th, so the roster freeze is March 2nd.

Boys and girls U12-U14 and GU15-U18 state cup play starts March 21st and 22nd, so the roster freeze date is March 9th.

Please let your parents know now that games will be played over spring break and to please not plan any vacations during this time. It is important to find out if any of your players will be out of town so you don't have any surprised during state cup play.

Meeting adjourned: 7:06