



**PacNW Soccer Club
October 14, 2015 General Membership Meeting
6:30 – 7:30**

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Kaelen Aramaki, Helicia Thompson, Michelle Taylor, Julie Buckingham and Robin Hautamaki.

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 04 Blue, 04 White, 04 Gold, 03 Blue, 03 White, 02 White, 01 Maroon, 00 Blue, 00 White, 99 Maroon, 99 Blue 99 White, 98 blue and 97 Blue.

Girls: All team attending except 05 Maroon, 04 White, 03 Blue, 02 White, 99 Blue, 99 White, and 98 White.

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

Welcome and call to order: 6:35

Introduction - John Wilson, President

The Women's National Team game will feature some of our younger players as player escorts at the start of the game. This is very exciting for some of our young players.

PacNW just had a fourth player called into National Camp. Abi joins Summer Yates, Mia Corbin and Danny Robles (currently playing for Sounders Academy) as PacNW players invited to participate in National Team camp.

TD's Report - Leighton O'Brien

Game day and training assessment for coaches: Leighton and the technical committee have been working on game and training assessments for each coach. You will see Leighton, Malia and Todd at upcoming games evaluating and working with coaches on each team. The directors are also revamping our player evaluations to cover technique, tactics and the physical and mental elements of the game. Each player will meet with their coach one on one for this evaluation.

Birth year training sessions: For all PacNW players there will be a free open birth year training sessions on December 28th from 9am to 4pm. Each age group will be given a specific time to come to practice with their specific year age. There will be NO play ups! Contacting coaches to play up or at a different year will not be allowed. It is for players to have a session with their birth year.

GRTJSA training in Renton Highlands: Had 80+ coaches come to a clinic last month. Viet and Leighton ran some training sessions for the recreational coaches. It was a great way to give back to the community.

Fall Festival: November 21st and 22nd. This is for U8 and U9 age groups. PacNW U8 and U9 teams will be registered by the club. Managers do not need to register their teams. There will

be 2 games played by each team on each day for a total of 4 games. Seattle United and Rush are participating as well as some other clubs we haven't seen in league games. This festival is open to any teams, including recreational and select teams. If you know of any U8 or U9 teams that are looking for a fun weekend of games encourage them to look into this event.

College Visit and Study Hall program - Todd Stauber

Fall College visit: PacNW provided bus transportation for all interested U15-U18 players to UW where they did a campus tour, met the coaches, toured the athletic facilities and then watched a game. Girls watched UW vs USC. Boys watched UW vs UCLA.

Study Hall: Last year was a pilot program. The program will be launched next week. It will run Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 5-8pm in the classroom on the 2nd floor next to the clubhouse. This is place where kids of all ages can find a warm quiet place to get homework done.

Grade checks for high school students will be done 3 times per year (2 times for boys). The GPA standard PacNW is requiring is a 3.0 grade point average with a C- or higher in every class. Any kids who do not meet this PacNW standard requirement will be put on mandatory study hall with a requirement of 1 hour attendance per week until the grades meet the PacNW standard (2.99 or lower or a D+ or lower in any class). Malia and Todd will communicate with any players and their coaches who fall below our PacNW academic standards to help lay out a plan for them to improve their grades. Coaches will be notified of any players on mandatory study hall who do not attend for a minimum of 1 hour per week.

The intent of this program is to help the kids. We do not want to be punitive. The goal is also that it not be a burden to the managers. If players are uncomfortable giving their grade info to the manager they can send their grade info directly to Malia or Todd. The ideal is that they print off their grades and give them to the manager to be entered in to Smartsheet. Team managers do not have to track the grades down if a player or family is not responding. It is voluntary participation, so if families choose not to participate this is their choice.

The club is trying to assist the players and their families in ensuring all players at PacNW remain eligible for college soccer recruitment. Part of this means maintaining the minimum GPA and class grade requirements.

Raffle - Missi Wilson

Team tickets should be turned into the team representative on November 1st. If anyone on your team is looking for more tickets Missi does have a handful of tickets. Please contact her for additional tickets.

Board members and anyone paid staff are not eligible to win. If tickets are lost, please email Missi and she will track them as lost and not valid and she can issue replacement tickets.

High school girls tickets: Missi is still working on a plan to get the tickets and money collected from the high school girls. She will figure that out in the next few days and email the managers of the high school girls.

Kent Christmas Rush 5k - Julie Buckingham

We did not do Wings of Karen because they did not hold a 2015 event, but it will be back in 2016. Instead the club will be supporting the Kent Parks Christmas Rush 5k walk and run. This is an inexpensive 5k. Registration is \$10 per person. It's a big family friendly event. People dress up in tutu's, antlers etc. It's an easy, flat out and back 5K. 1,800 people participated last year. PacNW will have a marketing booth at the event. We will be providing an opportunity for players and parents to purchase a special PacNW shirt for \$12 that can be worn at the event. Orders for shirts are due from managers by Monday, November 16th. We ask for one order form and one check per team. If you have a team that wants to participate, Julie is willing to pick up the team's registration packet with the bib numbers etc. and bring it back to the clubhouse the Wednesday before the 5K.

This event can qualify as your team's Pac Gives Back event if half of your team participates in the 5K. It will be the only 5k this year that we will consider for Pac Gives Back credit.

Winter Classic - Todd Johnson

Reminder to communicate that registration to fellow managers that Winter Classic registration is open as you are working to schedule your RCL games. Currently we have teams registered from Alaska, California and Idaho. PacNW managers will be registered by the club. Managers do not need to do anything for registration.

Update on Banking change - Helicia Thompson

Thank you very much for your patience. This has been completely frustrating form Helicia as well as all of you.

We finally have all access back for online banking at Key bank! Chase is also working on getting all new accounts set up. We are starting that transition with HS girls since they will be traveling soon.

What will happen: Chase is doing all pre-authorizations ahead of time. This will allow you to go into a Chase branch convenient for you. You will need to show a driver's license, credit card and social security number and be ready to deposit at minimum \$1 in order to complete the opening of the account. Once we notify you that the account is ready to be open we need you to go finish opening the account within 30 days or the account will close.

Helicia is not closing any accounts. It will be up to each team treasurer as to when it is convenient to move the accounts. You will need to deposit at least a dollar to open the account. **IMPORTANT!!! Please leave \$1 in your old Key Bank account** to keep the account open so that Helicia can transfer over any key bank points to the club and she will then act as the PacNW representative to close your account.

Manager question: When can we expect the funds from the club for coach travel, FWRL etc? Helicia is working on going through the emails to make sure she gets all of those funds transferred. Please email her again if you are still due funds. Thank you for your patience!

Player Cards and Registrar Issues – Robin Hautamaki

If a player card is lost, you will need to use the spare one for the rest of the season. The registrar will not print any new player cards.

Halloween Party – Missi Wilson

October 23rd – Club wide, adults only, Halloween Party. 7:00 at Kells Irish Bar (Post Alley – Pike Place Market). No host bar. There will be a costume competition.

Special requests from the president - John Wilson

Referees - If you have issues with referees, please notify John at president@pacnwsc.org. We are utilizing a new referee association and are trying to stay on top of any issues.

Red Cards - If any red cards are assessed against our players or coaches at a game, please notify president@pacnwsc.org and vpdev@pacnwsc.org.