

**General Membership Meeting
Wednesday October 15, 2014**

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Lynn Gerking, Kaelen Aramaki, Michelle Taylor, Barbara Zetterberg, Jeff Hemmen and Helicia Thompson. Directors attending: Exec Director Todd Johnson and Technical Director Leighton O'Brien.

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 04 Maroon, 04 Gold, 03 White, 99 White, 98 Blue, 96 Maroon and 96 White.

Girls: All team attending except 01 Blue, 98 Blue, 96 Blue, 96 White

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

Welcome and call to order: 6:35 pm

Bus Transportation to travel games:

Helicia Thompson found a bus company, Tours Northwest, that has agreed to offer PacNW teams discounted one day transportation for far away games. They provide 19-32 person coaches with luggage compartments and DVD video player for the trip. Prices are:

Bellingham, from \$690 (\$41/player split 17 ways)

Yakima, from \$790 (\$46/player split 17 ways)

Portland, from \$790 (\$46/player split 17 ways)

Tri-Cities, from \$890 (\$52/player split 17 ways)

Spokane, from \$1090 (\$58/player split 17 ways)

Busses are all equipped with snow chains and drivers are all licensed and bonded.

Contact Nicole for information/reservations: 206-768-1234 NicoleB@ToursNW.com.

Technical Director Report: Leighton O'Brien

RCL season is in full swing. As a club our main focus is the process and style of play. How we are playing and training is much more important than standings. In the short term wins and standings are not an immediate concern because focus on the PacNW style of play will bring positive results in the long term.

Irish National Team coach (U21), Noel King is coming to PacNW to do a general overview/evaluation of the club next week. He will be here viewing sessions, giving lectures, and evaluating our club and technical directors.

Friday night trainings begin this Friday for girls U14 and under and boys U15 and under. Information regarding fields and locations has been sent to coaches and managers. Please contact your coach if did not get this information and you are unsure when and where your training is. Managers, please be sure to let your families know when and where to be for your team's Friday night trainings. Please note that there will not be Friday night training on October 24th or October 31st. The 31st is Halloween and the 24th there will be no training because the coaches are attending a lecture with the Noel King, the Irish National Team coach.

Monday nights our PacNW coaches/directors have been doing trainings with GRTJSA. The coaches are working with kids in the association for an hour each week to introduce the kids and families to the highest level of training available in our

associations. This will be done with KYSA in the near future. Please note, there will not be a session next week, Monday the 20th. Noel King, the Irish National Team coach, is here to do sessions and evaluations next week and the technical committee will be busy working with him.

President Report: John Wilson

Congratulations to our Technical Director, Leighton O'Brien. The Sounder's Fans voted this year to select the best 11 players in the history of the Sounders and Leighton O'Brien was voted in as one of the best 11 in history for the Sounders. Congratulations Leighton!

Why we are bringing Noel King to evaluate the club: As many of you know Leighton, Malia, Viet, Todd Stauber and Eugene are directors of various programs/age group development in PacNW. Part of their job is to evaluate the PacNW coaching staff that they work with. As a club, we also need to have a system to evaluate our directors all that they do for the club. We are utilizing Noel, an international soccer professional, to serve as an outside independent evaluator of our club and our directors. Part of his visit requires that he turn in an evaluation of our club and its overall performance as well as evaluations for each of our directors.

Changes to Junior Academy, programs and registrar positions:

Lorena Lewis has been a fantastic resource for our club this year. As the board was looking at her position there was a realization that her job encompassed too much for one person to accomplish. She was covering registration for: Jr Academy- uniforms, registration, communication, etc; Programs - admin registration, volunteer coordination, payment coordination, etc; and US Club registrar. As a result we have split these duties between 3 volunteers, Jr Academy coordinator, program director and asst registrar. Going forward we have Rick Barliament taking over for Lorena as the Jr Academy coordinator. He has players in both U8 and U9 and is excited to work with the Jr Academy family. His role is to take care of the day to day administrative duties to allow Eugene to focus his energy on the field and coaching. Rick will be the Junior Academy point person for anything going on OFF the field, uniforms, registration, communication with parents etc.

Lorena will change over her focus to the Program Coordinator duties. She will coordinate with the directors to run all of our special programs (Finishing school, winter camp, summer camp, fall festival etc. She will be setting up registrations, volunteers, logistics and coordinate all administrative duties for all of our special programs.

Robin Hautamaki will expand her manager mentor role by taking over all US Club registration duties and assisting our registrar with the day to day registrar duties.

Auction: Michelle Taylor

Nov 8th, 5:00pm - Embassy Suites in Bellevue.

Ticket sales are very important. The club still requires that 5 people attend from each team. Please check in with your team's auction coordinator to be sure this is being communicated to your team and these seats are being filled. This is a very fun night, with a great opportunity for parent bonding in an adult setting! Get a group together and fill a table! Please encourage your team to attend.

Donations: We are accepting items until November 1st. If you are unable to meet this deadline please email the auction committee with the details of what and when you will be turning in your items so we can be sure to include them in the auction guide.

Remember, teams receive 25% of everything donated by that team! This is a great fund raising opportunity for all teams! Please see the auction website for details and deadlines. http://www.pacificnorthwestsoccerclub.org/auction/index_E.html

Several members asked about how to request seating with their team. Unfortunately our software does not allow us to collect information on what team you would like to be seated with. As a result we are waiting until most of the ticket sales are in before we send out an email asking for team information for seating requests. That email will go out to all registered attendees when we have a better idea of attendance numbers.

Fields and Referees: Barbara Zetterberg

All November games have been scheduled and sent to the teams. These games are going into the referee assignor tonight.

If you choose to make a change, please note that by making a change you are taking a risk that we may not get a referee assigned. In addition, changing a game time after the initial submission of games to the referee assignors can affect our ability to get referees based on how TRIAS schedules. Most referees schedule their time to be able to be on one field for 2 or 3 consecutive games. If there is a set of games that are at 9, 10 and 11am, referees will often self-assign to two or three consecutive games to be efficient with their time. When the 10am spot is vacated, it is not uncommon for the referees to overlook that 9am game and instead sign up for another field where they can work the 2 games in a row. The request that the 10am game be moved to another time results in difficulty scheduling referees for the 9am game. Please be aware that game changes have a ripple effect on more than just your team. In addition, the assignors may have trouble finding a referee after initial scheduling, so if you change your game time you are taking a risk that there may not be a referee available for your new game time.

Explanation of Process: Every week, after work on Friday, Barb goes through all the games that do not have referees assigned and contacts the referee assignors for help. They then go to work trying to move referees around to get all of our games covered. The referees are prioritized with HS Boys first then HS girls and FWRL games. These games tend to be tougher and they need an experienced referee crew to take care of the more aggressive physical play of the older kids.

FWRL games are played under state cup rules, so we need to be sure the referee crew assigned is aware of the rules and is qualified to referee them. If you have an RCL game that is doubling as a FWRL game you must let Barb know asap so that she can notify the assignors and the referee crew, trained in the FWRL rules, can be assigned and notified appropriately.

Referee shortage: King County just sent out that they have 115 games not covered by referees. There is a big shortage of referees. Barbara is working very hard to try to get all of our games covered, but the situation is definitely not ideal and it impossible to get complete referee teams to all games. TRIAS is the referee assignor for all of south King County, which includes KYSA, Highline, GRTJSA, Seatac etc.

Barb is trying to reserve fields for spring and state cup. She is blindly making reservations based on previous years needs. When we do get the schedule she will work to give back fields on weekends that we are light and try to get more fields on our heavier weekends.

Thank you! A member stated she would like to extend a big thank you and compliment Andree. She has done such a great job all year in assisting teams as the PacNW Registrar. In addition she would like to extend a big thank you and compliment to Barbara for all she does and all the time she puts in to fields and referees. Thank you for all the time and effort she puts in week after week to make sure our kids have fields and referees and can play this fun game.

Community Relations: Lynn Gerking

If your team did Wings of Karen as your community service project, please send in your picture for display on our Pac Gives Back webpage.

If you need ideas for a community service project please contact Lynn for a list of ideas. CommunityRelations@PacNWsc.org.

PacNW night at UW mens Soccer:

UW is currently the #1 ranked college soccer team. They are playing #2 ranked UCLA next Thursday at 7:30pm, which coincides with PacNW night at UW soccer! 8th graders and younger are invited to attend with one adult free of charge with the PacNW coupon voucher. NCAA rules prohibit colleges from admitting HS students free of charge so this offer is for 8th graders and younger only. Print out the voucher coupon to get free admission. A copy of the voucher for free admission can be found on our website. <http://www.pacificnorthwestsoccerclub.org/home/842517.html> and click on the "Here" link.

PacNW Community building event:

PacNW is holding a U12 and younger Halloween skating party on October 27th from 6-8:30. Remember to wear your skate friendly Halloween costume.

Auburn Skate Connection,
1825 Howard Rd, Auburn.

Cost is \$5 at the door and includes quad skate rental. The club has reserved the entire facility, so please bring family and friends to the party. Coaches can organize their own team's food and drinks for the night. There will be no practice that day, instead families are encouraged to attend the skating party. For more information, please go to the following link on our website.

http://www.pacificnorthwestsoccerclub.org/skateparty/index_E.html

President Report 2: John Wilson

A big goal for John as this year's president is transparency. He will do his best to keep everyone informed on what is going on with teams and issues he is working on throughout the year.

Several teams are in the beginning phases of organizing international trips planned for next summer.

B01 Maroon is going to Spain.

G02 Maroon is going to Sweden.

B01 Blue is going to Ireland.

PacNW apparel requests: We are working through all the issues with Nike and Soccer West. We are hoping to have an online store open in the next week. The goal is that this will also be a method of fund raising for all teams. There will be a drop down menu with every team listed. When you place an order, be sure to utilize the drop down menu and click on your team. By doing so, your team will be tagged as the team to receive part of the proceeds from the sale of that item. You must scroll down and click on your team name for your team to receive part of the proceeds.

Meeting with Starfire: We continue to receive complaints of car break-ins in the Starfire parking lot. Starfire has told us that we need to notify our members that must not leave any items in their cars, eg. no backpacks, sunglasses etc. Starfire has indicated that Starfire employees and Sounders employees have not had any car break-ins because they do not leave anything in their cars. That is the only solution they have for us. We asked about additional lights and cameras and they are not willing to pay for that.

A new USL team has been formed with Starfire as their home field. This means they will have 16 home games played at Starfire during which the facility will be closed to all other users. They are going to try to play their games on Friday nights and Sundays so the impact on our practices will hopefully be minimal. However it may affect our fields for practices if they have weekday games as well as affect our ability to get fields for games on Sundays.

Tent Repair: We have a parent in our club who fulfills their club volunteer hours doing tent repair. Please note that when it gets windy, those tents could get destroyed. The club is not able to replace your tents. If it gets destroyed you are responsible for replacement. A team stated that their canopy was destroyed but the fabric was fine. A parent on the team had a canopy scaffolding that was similar size and they now use that as their scaffolding with the Pac fabric cover on top.

Red List: Helicia Thompson

A manager expressed concern that there are so many kids on red that they won't have a team by state cup.

All fees for HS boys need to be paid by the end of December in order to be cleared to pay in state cup. This should give managers and coaches time to work with the directors to be sure they have enough players rostered.

HS girls – there are many players who have not paid since the teams broke for HS soccer. These girls now have a 2 - 3 months payments overdue. HS girls start up again in three weeks. Please remind your teams that that all fees need to be current in order to start practicing in November and that if they haven't paid fees since the team's stopped for HS soccer they need to get all of those payments taken care of promptly.

If any manager feels red player status players are causing them to be put in an uncomfortable position with players or coaches please turn in the player card to any board member. We will take the card and the player will then have to work with us. We do not want managers put in any discomfort as a result of a family not keeping up with their financial commitment to the club.