



PacNW Soccer Club

February 10, 2015 General Membership Meeting

Board Members Present: Andree Ament and John Wilson. Kaelen Aramaki and Michelle Taylor arrived at 6:45

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 04 Maroon, 03 White, 01 Maroon, 99 Maroon, 99 White, 96 Maroon and 96 Blue.

Girls: All team attending except 04 Blue, 03 Blue, 01 Blue, 00 Blue, 00 White, 99 Blue, 99 White, 98 Blue, 96 Maroon and 96 Blue.

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

Welcome and call to order: 6:35

Registrar Report: Andree' Ament

Managers of players who will be trying out for BU16-BU18, please make sure your rosters in Bonzi have uniform numbers entered and accurate. We will be pulling this information in preparing for uniform number assignment at TCB and don't want to give away any numbers currently in use. If you have any players with special situations - please send me an email explanation.

State Cup Roster Freeze - U10 and U11 Roster Freeze is March 2nd, 2015 all others (except HS Boys) is March 9th. These are the **last** dates to submit roster changes for State Cup - earlier is appreciated. Please help your coach to consider vacations, injuries, red list impacts during state cup so that appropriate roster changes can be made. The way to communicate changes to your roster is with either an ADD request (new player to the club) or a TRANSFER request (player movement from one PacNW team to another). Information on game dates and more is available in the State Cup Information Chart. I will send out a link to the State Cup Information Chart.

Tryout Season is upon us. Registration is open for all players. Please encourage your player families to register online and pay online if at all possible. This will greatly reduce the time/paperwork it takes to check-in at tryouts (and I admit - it also really makes my job easier, so I appreciate your help!)

If you are traveling and anticipate using parents as chaperons or drivers, these parents should be RMA cleared. I will send out a link for RMA Clearance.

Soccer Scholarship Update: Malia Arrant

Update on 2015 graduating class - On our two U18 girls teams, 14 players are committed to colleges. Projection is that 20 of those girls will be playing college soccer. Every player has received offers. Seniors have had great exposure through our showcases, college camp, winter classic college showcase. In addition 3 seniors playing on our 97 teams have also signed commitment letters to colleges.

Study Hall:

Study Hall is now open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5-8. Remind your players that this is available to them with tutors available for extra help. We are working to add more to this program going forward.

Pac Gives Back - John Wilson for Lynn Gerking

Reminder – When your team completes the service project please let Lynn know so that she can mark your team as complete, communityrelations@pacnwsc.org. Please also submit a short write up on what the team did along with a picture and send it to her so we can get it posted on the website.

Treasurer Report: John Wilson for Helicia Thompson

Keep your eye on the red list as you continue on in league play. If you see a player on red list they need to be cleared before they can participate in any team activities, practice or games. Please be aware of this list as we move into state cup. For returning high school girls managers, this information is posted on the website. Please be sure to check the “player status” link on the club website home page. You will need the user ID and Password to access this information. This will be sent to all managers again tonight. Please contact Kevin at payments@pacnwsc.org for the login if you do not receive this information. Player status is updated within 24 hours of payment being received.

TD Report – Leighton O’Brien

Finishing school is underway and going well. If your child would like to join, please register online.

Boys HS tryouts are Feb 25th-27th from 5:00-9:30, Starfire fields 3 and 4. Please register online asap. More information can be found on the club website under tryouts. The coach list will come out later tonight.

Spring Festival – Our Junior Academy Spring Jamboree is April 11th and 12th. If you know of any teams that would be interested in participating encourage them to sign up.

Membership question: When will evaluations come out for us to evaluate our year at PacNW? The goal is March for those teams who have not yet received evaluations.

Changes for the 2015-16 Soccer Year: Leighton O'Brien and John Wilson.

In the upcoming year, Leighton will not be coaching any teams so that he can focus all of his time to his role as technical director and all of the teams in the club. This will give him the opportunity to go watch, evaluate, mentor and be a part of every team. The vision of PacNW is to have a seamless style of play from White through Maroon at all ages. Leighton will make the rounds to all teams to keep tabs on all coaches, style of play on all teams, all players and how the puzzle of implementing the PacNW style of play is fitting together.

This is a big change for our club. It is a big change for any club in the area. Please know that this has been Leighton's vision since he started with GRFC 8 years ago. The goal is to allow him to have a more hands on approach in overseeing everything that goes on in this club on every team. After talking to other clubs we agreed that this is a great opportunity for us to take our club to the next level. Although this is a big change we believe this is very integral to our furthering our specific style of play. Leighton has been very persistent as the driving force for PacNW's possession style of play, and this style is what we believe differentiates PacNW from other clubs.

Fees structure:

Fees were not raised for anyone last year. This year we have found we have to raise fees.

Jr Academy – pay a fall fee and a spring fee. Junior academy is an investment for the club.

U10- Also very important age for PacNW. These younger age groups we view as the future success of the club. The jump in cost from the cost of Junior Academy to U10-U11 is a big jump and we stairstep this cost increase over 2 years from U9 to U10 to U11. For next year we have not raised fees for U10. These fees will remain the same.

U11 – U18, fees will increase by \$75. Our goal is to not raise fees next year since it will be a new uniform cycle year.

We are not the most expensive or least expensive club in the area. In doing a cost comparison we have found we are right in the middle. We have found that other clubs list their prices differently than we do, and also collect fees differently. One such club indicates their cost is \$2100 with additional funds collected by the team due for overnight stays or travel to tournaments. As a result we will be listing our fees the same way so as not to lose potential players. We will list our fees as \$2100 with additional fees due for tournaments and travel. However we do not want to put it on the team managers to have to collect funds every time the team travels for league or an in-state tournament. PacNW, as usual, will be collecting these costs directly at the club level and will include these costs in the funds collected at TCB. This is both to avoid the team the hassle of these collections as well as non-payment issues affecting the finances of individual teams. It is very hard on the team managers and treasurers when a few players choose not to make payments. It is also very time consuming to have managers and treasurers chasing those families for payment. We do not want the actions of a few to affect the costs for the rest of the team. We have tried the payment collection at the team level in the past, we have found that families feel nickel and dimed for extra costs and become very

frustrated with perceived nondisclosure of the complete cost of the program. The cost of the program including the fees for travel and tournaments will be included on the flier that families can link to on the tryouts page.

US Soccer Federation is asking that all teams go to calendar year age groups for 2016. We will definitely communicate this in advance when this change will go into effect.