



**PacNW Soccer Club
February 9, 2016, General Membership Meeting
6:35 – 7:05**

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Jeff Hemmen, Robin Hautamaki, Michelle Taylor, Kaelen Aramaki, and Julie Buckingham

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 05 Maroon, 04 Blue and Gold, 03 Blue and White, 01 White, 00 White, 99 Maroon, Blue and White, 98 blue and White, and 97 Blue and White.

Girls: All teams attending except 05 Maroon, 04 Blue and White, 01 Blue 98 White and and 97 Maroon and Blue.

All teams not in attendance will be assessed a fine of \$50.

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Introduction - John Wilson, President –

Parking lot issue: Please be aware that you can't block the handicapped parking spots when you are waiting to pick up your child after practice. Starfire is asking all of our PacNW families to park in a designated parking spot and walk to the gate area and meet your player after practice. The line-up of cars to pick up players is blocking the handicapped access. We can't block the handicapped parking spots. Please communicate this out to your teams.

Washington Youth Soccer 50th Anniversary Celebration: Washington Youth Soccer is planning their 50th anniversary this year. There are many ways to get involved. Washington Youth Soccer will highlight their alumni who have achieved success on and off the field by allowing the public to vote on the top 50 male and female players and top 50 "soccer citizens" Community leaders, of the last 50 years. Vote online at WashingtonYouthSoccer.org. Attend a member hosted soccer celebration or attend the 50 Year Anniversary Gala on Saturday, February 9, 2016 at 6pm at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue.

97 Boys Recognition/Celebration: PacNW is recognizing our 97 boys tonight as they finish their career at PacNW.

TD Report:

PacNW is hosting an informational night on Thursday for all PacNW High School players and parents Girls will meet from 5:30-6:30 and boys will meet from 7-8. We will address the issue of the birth year transition and how it will specifically affect the 98 and 99 age groups.

Finishing school has started and will go for the next 3 weeks of February. If you missed the first week you can still join for a prorated fee,

Boys HS tryouts are February 24th – 26th. This is for birth years 00, 99 and 98. For all RCL clubs, the top players in the 99 and 98 age groups will be pooled to make the 98 Maroon team. If you are a player born in 1998 and do not make the 98 Maroon team you will go to 98 Blue then White team. If you are 99 born and don't make the 98 Maroon team you will then go to 99 Maroon, Blue or White. The 98 maroon team will be the only mixed age team. All other teams will be 99 only or 98 only. Monday will be the open session for the HS boys.

For the rest of the club we will do one more PacNW birth year training session. This is for PacNW players only. For the girls this is Friday March 4th. For boys this is Friday March 11th. Please go to the website for age specific times.

We are trying to be as organized as possible and be as prepared as possible for the upcoming tryout. If you have any questions or concerns please email or call Leighton O'Brien.

Registrar Report: Robin Hautamaki

State cup is coming up. Roster freeze dates were sent out to all managers. Please be sure read this email so you are informed of your freeze date. Once the roster is frozen it is over. There is no player passing during state cup. Please verify the player uniform numbers in Affinity. We need these entered correctly for the state cup roster. There is also a link to the Washington Youth Soccer information site if you have questions. On the website, please read the rules and the state cup game reschedule process. This is different than the process for RCL game reschedules and must be followed in order to reschedule any state cup games.

Tryouts: Julie Buckingham

All dates tryout dates are posted on the website. Times are still being determined. Please note, field times are subject to change due to field availability from Starfire. HS boys, please remind your kids to register and pay ahead of time and bring your medical release form. Anyone under the age of 18 without the form will need to print it out and have a parent sign it before they can step on the field. If they don't have it they may potentially be late to their session.

Other:

PacNW hosted had a signing ceremony for our high school girls singing their letters of intent. This was a great event for PacNW and we are truly proud of and appreciate all the girls that attended. We will be doing this for the boys once their decisions are done. The boys generally have a later process than the girls.

We are still in the process of replacing our Boys Director, Todd Stauber. We have a short list of candidates, some local and some not local. We are in the process of talking to them and getting the right fit for the club. We are hoping to have that role filled as soon as possible. Todd Stauber has graciously offered to be here as long as it takes for us to find the right replacement.

Surveys were sent out to the high school boys age group. We do read these and discuss them with the coaches and directors and make changes based on trends in these surveys. Please encourage your teams to take the time to complete this survey.

Questions:

US Development Academy team: Is this team being funded by US soccer? Will it move up as the 04 get older?

John Wilson answered: The MLS Sounders have U14, U16 and U18 Academy program to whom PacNW gladly sends our top players. US soccer wanted to expand down to U12 and chose select clubs for this expansion. PacNW was selected to have one of the U12 Development Academy teams. We don't know if this will go up to U13 next year. It would be a reasonable development however we will not compete with the MLS Sounders and their Academy teams.

Funding for all MLS Academy teams is required to be self-funded. There is no pay to play. For non-MLS teams they are not self-funded. PacNW is not able to subsidize this team. We anticipate that this team will pay "about the same" as everyone else who plays for PacNW, but that is still to be determined, because the requirements for this team are different than the RCL teams.