



PacNW Soccer Club

April 15, 2015 General Membership Meeting

6:35-7:15

Board Members Present: Andree Ament, Kaelen Aramaki, Jeff Hemmen, Michelle Taylor, Lynn Gerking, John Wilson and Lance Despain.

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 04 White, 03 White, 99 White, and 98 White.

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

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

Welcome and call to order: 6:35

Many of the surveys have come back with comments that our members wish there were more training opportunities for their player. If you would like more practice time, please talk to your coach about other teams that may be appropriate for your player to train with. There are always opportunities to train with other teams at their practices if you're interested.

PacNW Information Night: Right now all of the board's focus is on tryouts. We are spending many nights at Starfire in planning meetings for this year's wave of tryouts. Tomorrow night, 6:30-7:30, we are doing an information night for new parents to Premier soccer. If you know somebody who is interested in learning what PacNW is all about, this is a night to come down. Please help us spread the word.

Foot golf Tournament: We have our first annual foot golf tournament coming up, however with all that is going on with tryouts and the new year starting we have decided to postpone the tournament. It was originally planned to be held the same night as one of our tryouts and there is just too much going on for many of the board and our members to attend. As a result we are rescheduled this even to June 6th.

Coaches List: We are hoping to have the team coach assignments completed and posted by the end of this week. Coach assignment year to year has many moving parts. When you move one piece it has a cascade effect on other teams/coaches.

Our directors are working very hard to complete the coach assignments to be able to post the list by the end of this week.

Tryouts: Lynn Gerking and Andree' Ament

All tryout and TCB dates and times are now listed on our website. Please check the website regularly for any changes/updates to tryouts times. We are at the mercy of Starfire! All state cup games quarters, semi's and finals are at Starfire, so changes may be forced upon us. Any changes will be posted on our website. Please encourage your team to check the website regularly for any changes. In addition, we are not allowed to post open sessions on the website. These are generally the week before tryouts. If you want the information for open sessions for your age group, please contact Lynn Gerking at communityrelations@pacnwsc.org.

New policy for 2015-16 soccer year: All players must have permission from the director of their age group in order to try out as a play up. **ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER AND PAY FOR TRYOUTS AT THEIR TRUE AGE.** If you would like to play up at an older age group, you must contact the director for your true age group and request approval from that director. For example: U11 players wanting to play up at U12 would ask Viet for approval. After you have approval from the director, forward the email reflecting the approval to the registrar at registrar@pacnwsc.org. You must have already registered for tryouts in your players true age group! Once you have permission, the registrar will make a copy of your registration and move it to the approved age group.

You should be strongly encouraging your parents to pre-register for tryouts. This is super important for the ease of getting your players onto the tryout field. There is a lot of information that needs to get entered and out to the coaches. If your players aren't entered then it will take longer to get this information to the coaches running tryouts.

Please request that all of your players register no later than 9pm **the night before** tryouts, pay with a credit card and print **and sign** the medical release form (received after registration is complete) and bring the signed form to tryouts. Players who have done all of the above can use the express lane. Super fast!!! Come to tryouts, hand in your signed release form and get a pinny. Easy!

No one will be allowed on the field to try out without a signed medical release form. No exceptions! This is how we make sure they are covered by insurance. Please remind your player that this form has to be brought and signed, especially the older girls who drive to tryouts themselves. If they do not have this form they will be told they can bring the form and try out the next day or as soon as a parent can get to Starfire and turn in the form.

If players wait until the day of tryouts to register they will not be on the list at tryouts and will not be able to use the express lane. We will need to verify registration and payment before sending them out to the field. This will take a long time!!! Pre-register so your player is on the express lane list.

Please ask your parents to sign up for the volunteer shifts for tryouts and TCB. We have many slots available and this will go towards the 10 hour volunteer requirement. High school kids can sign up for volunteer slots that do not take payments.

Registrar Report: As you are finishing up your season: please be sure to put your player card rings in your team manager folder in the clubhouse. WYS has changed the expiration date for the cards. Going forward they will be good from tryout to tryout. New cards will be issued for summer tournaments. Teams going to regionals need to keep their cards this year. Andree will ask about the plans for regionals for future years.

Andree is planning to request the 15-16 player cards in early June. Cards are not required for Rainer Challenge. Rainier Challenge starts for the boys, June 19th, and for the girls, June 26th.

First aid kits tents: Please keep your team's first aid kits and tents with the team. If the keeper of your tent is not returning to Pac next year, please be sure to have someone who is returning collect the tent to store it for your team for the 15-16 year. U18's can turn in their tents at the clubhouse, we will be passing those on to the new U10 teams.

New players open session training: When you have someone come to your practice session to train with your team, we have them complete a medical release/registration form and make payment. For the open sessions the week prior to tryouts we need these players to simply register for tryouts at which time they will enter all of their information, sign the concussion waiver and pay. When this is done they are insured.

For players after tryouts interested in joining practice to try out a team, the process was to have them complete the form in the clubhouse and pay. However this has proven hard to regulate and paperwork is not getting to the registrar. If they already have a WYS card they are already insured. If they are WYS soccer, please have them make a copy of the player card and proof of birth and send to Andree so that we know they are covered.

For players who are not coming from a WYS team, they are not insured. The preferred process is to have the player register online for their age group and pay online, (in the clubhouse on a club computer works). At the end of the month if they are not assigned to a team, they will be then rejected from this season. If they do not have computer access another process will be worked out by the board shortly.

Soccer Camp Opportunity for 14-15 year old boys: Bellevue, April 25th. Patrick Iliani, previous MLS Sounders player, is running a camp for 14 and 15 year old boys to raise money for the charity "Seattle Against Slavery." He'd love to have some of the PacNW boys to come. It is free but they request all participants make a donation to the charity. Managers for our 99 and 00 boys teams have all been contacted to

send the sign up information to their teams. Please contact your team manger if you want more information.

Member Question: We have numerous teams going to California at the same time. Is there any way to coordinate the travel together to get a cheaper fare. Antother member indicated that Alaska air has maybe the best group rates. The board responded: We are so swamped with tryouts, TCB, AGM, elections and getting the next year started that we do not have a designated person with the time to coordinate this. If one of you would like to take this on we would greatly appreciate your assistance!

This year we will have coach Pedro Milan joining us from Spain. He has been working in Spain for Real Madrid, and concurrently getting a masters in a Sports Science. He will be coaching a few teams for us as well as working as diversity outreach coordinator for PacNW. We are very excited to welcome him to our club.

Annual General Meeting and Elections: The PacNW AGM will be June 10th. We will not have a general membership meeting in May. We will have 4 board positions up for election this year. Positions up for election this year are VP Communications, VP Development, Treasurer and Registrar. The elections schedule is as follows.

May 22nd, all team representatives due reported to the Secretary

May 27th, all nominations for open board positions along with a short bio due to Secretary.

June 3rd, Secretary will send list of candidates for each position along with bio to all team representatives.

June 10th, 7:00pm. All team representatives or alternates check in at PacNW AGM to receive ballot and cast their team's vote.

Longer term topics of interest: Our uniform contract with Nike ends with the 2015-16 soccer year. We are in the process of evaluating different uniform bids for selection for our Uniform kit for the 2016-17 soccer year.

In addition our sponsorship contract with Smartsheet is up this year, so although we do hope to continue our relationship with Smartsheet we are very interested in any contacts you may have that would be interested in being a jersey sponsor.