

Club Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Board members attending:

Jeff Hemmen, Helicia Thompson, Jill Fuller, Kaelen Aramaki, Andree' Ament, John Wilson, Lance Despain, Barb Zetterberg, Christina Griglio.

Others attending: Todd Johnson and Leighton O'Brien

General Membership meeting attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 03 White, 02 Maroon, 02 Blue, 01 Maroon, 99 Blue, 99 White, 96 Maroon, 96 Blue, B95 Maroon and B95 Blue.

Girls: All teams attending except 01 Gold, 98 White, 97 Blue, 96 White, 95 Blue and 95 White.

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

PacNW night at the Sounders (May 17th, 7:00 kickoff):

Gary Boyle from the Sounders came to share the details. The Sounders are going to honor Leighton O'Brien at this game commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Sounders. The Sounders very first game was against the Cosmos in the Kingdome. The first game pulled 27,000 in attendance. In 2002 Leighton was the MVP of the league. This game is a full stadium game. The Sounders have reserved a block of 900 seats for PacNW in section 330 and 331, all low rows. Ticket price is \$15 (original price is \$25). You can go to a link online and purchase individual seats. Or you can call Gary, 425-203-8303, and he can set you up with a block of seats for your team. If you would like to purchase individual seats online please call Gary Boyle for the special code to enter to get the \$15 price for your seats. Last date to purchase seats in the PacNW block is the week before the game.

Red list:

If there are players from your team on the red list, they should not be playing. This is per the club policy that all fees must be paid prior to the start of state cup. These players will also not be able to try out until payment is received. They have all been notified directly that they are red, not able to play in state cup and unable to tryout until payment is received.

Fields (Barbara Zetterberg):

We are working through state cup reschedules and quarterfinals scheduling. If you think your team is going to go through to quarters please contact Barbara at fields@pacnwsc.org so she can plan accordingly.

Registrar (Andree' Ament):

For those teams who have not tried out yet, please go to your roster on Bonzi and make sure all players and their respective uniform number is listed. The board relies on the jersey number assignments recorded in Bonzi to figure out which numbers are available to give to new players at TCB night. If a player's number is not listed, that number is at risk to be given away and we don't want that to happen. For those of you who don't remember how to access your Bonzi roster, Andree will email directions to the managers as to how to access your roster. She requests that you email her back once your team roster has been verified. When emailing Andree please include:

Your team name and gender (Girls 99 Maroon).

If anything is incorrect, eg a player is missing or is no longer on the team, please notify Andree so she make the correction. This is the list the club uses to assign jersey numbers at TCB, so this is very important.

Communication feedback (John Wilson):

If you have a team that is in the quarterfinals, semi finals or state cup championship –please send John Wilson, VPcomm@pacnwsc.org, the field location and game time so he can advertise the on PacNW Facebook and Twitter. We want to give our members the information to be able to get to the games and support our teams!

John has set up an email address for suggestions and feedback to be sent directly to the board. We as a board want to know how things are working. This is for constructive feedback to the board, the administrative center of PacNW, as a tool to make the club as a whole stronger. For example – I would suggest the board communicate clearly how to contact the manager mentor, I am interested in helping with..., or I know of a company that is interested in sponsorship, what can I do to connect PacNW? If there are questions or concerns regarding playing time, training, coaching, etc – these are coaching issues and need to be addressed by the coaching staff through the path of resolution as outlined in the PacNW Club Handbook

- ❖ If there are questions or concerns regarding playing time, training, coaching, etc. please direct them to the coach. Please do not address these issues during practice times or at games when the coach needs to work with the players. The coach is willing to work with you at other times. The appropriate path of resolution for these types of concerns is coach, Director of Coaching, Technical Director, PacNW Member-at-Large, and finally, the PacNW Board. (PacNW Club Handbook, Page 5, section 12)

Survey results (Jeff Hemmen):

We received 37 responses from 55 teams. We received a good distribution of responses by age group; older teams, middle teams and younger teams. The manager survey also had good distribution by tenure; veteran and new.

Areas we need to improve: Overall feedback was that we need to provide more manager training for managers to be successful. In ranking of level of support: Our team of treasurers and registrars scored highly; the lowest score was the manager mentor. In response we are working on making sure the manager mentor program is improved for the upcoming soccer year.

The biggest challenges managers reported was dealing with parents and with field issues. The least challenging aspect of managing was dealing with the team coach. This tells us that overall, our coaches are did a good job in responding to our managers over the last year.

One suggestion made was that we change the meeting time to 6 instead of 7 so that it overlaps both practice times for the parents attending. Jill Fuller took an informal poll of the members in attendance as to what time works best for them:

6:00 – preferred by 13-15 attendees.

7:00 – preferred by 5-6 attendees

Technical report (Leighton O'Brien):

Any Tryouts questions?

Question: U16 a parent asked if the tryouts for that age group is May 14- 16th and if so it needs to be updated on the website. Yes the tryouts are May 14-16th and we will make the correction on the website.

Jill indicated that tryouts times are posted with the exception of the correction to the HS girls.

Question: Can we post tournaments on the website? Tournaments are not set until tryouts for many teams, so this will be included in the tryout flier. Most teams are attending Rainier Challenge, Crossfire Challenge, and Rush Cup.

Question: What is the format for U10 next year? 9v9 or 6v6? Leighton – I think we are going 6v6 at U10 in the fall and may bump up to 9v9 for the maroon teams in the Spring. Unfortunately not all clubs are on board with the 6v6 format so we have to follow the competition. Leighton prefers the 6v6 because it provides the players with more touches on the ball.

Question: If a parent has to leave town on Sunday of the final tryout and is worried about missing a coach call for player placement on a team, what should she do? Leighton – be sure to communicate this to the coach so that they know to call her before she leaves.

Tip: The numbers of attendees went way up for tryouts for the HS boys. We have the same expectation for the rest of the age groups. **Please be sure to remind your teams to pre-register their player for tryouts. Otherwise getting through the registration process for tryouts is very time consuming the day of tryouts.**

Registrar Tip: Once your player is assigned to a team, to avoid lines and get out of TCB night faster, make your initial payment online prior to attending TCB and bring a copy of your receipt of payment. You will then be able to skip a line and get done faster!

Question: How do you know when open sessions are for our age group? You will get this from your coach. It is always the week before tryouts because by state rule it can't happen until after the state cup is complete. We can't post these dates online, but you can invite friends or have the friend email the coach and ask. Parents can initiate contact to friends.

Question: If a player at the open session is not a WYS player they will need to pay an insurance fee? Yes, the insurance fee is \$20. **Or** they can register for tryouts (\$15) and as soon as they register on Bonzi we are charged the insurance fee so they would then be covered by our insurance for the open session.

Important: **Do not throw away player cards from the 2013-2014 soccer year.** These are important since teams use them for summer tournaments. If a player is red, the card needs to be turned into the board. A member suggested the managers to **please leave the player cards from this year in the team folder in the manger box** so they can be used over the summer by the next year's manager/team.

AGM (Jill Fuller):

AGM will be Tuesday June 10th at 7:00 pm. At this meeting the club will be voting to approve any changes to bylaws and to elect new board members. Board member positions up for election are President, VP Operations, Secretary, Community Relations and Members at Large.

By May 22nd, each team needs to select a voting team representative and alternate and send the name, email and phone number of the team representative and alternate to Kaelen Aramaki at secretary@pacnwsc.org

May 27th bio's for all nominee for open board positions are due.

June 3rd a list of nominees along with the bio's will be sent out to the team representative to share with their team.

June 10th elections.

Comments:

Managers: We truly appreciate you volunteering your time to make this club run. We understand that you are the backbone of the club and we truly appreciate all that you give for these kids.

There are some auction checks that have not been picked up by team managers or treasurers. Any checks not picked up within the next week they will be forfeited. Please check the team folder in the manager notebook if you have not picked up your check.

Golf tournament is September 12th.

Auction is November 8th.

Next meeting: AGM June 10th, 7:00pm.