



PacNW Soccer Club
August 11, 2015 General Membership Meeting
6:35 – 7:20

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Kaelen Aramaki, Jeff Hemmen, Tom Ament and Lance Despain.

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 05 Maroon, 04 Maroon, 04 Blue, 03 Blue, 03 White, 02 Maroon, 02 White, 01 Blue, 00 Blue, 99 Maroon, 99 White and 98 White.

Girls: All team attending except 05 Maroon, 04 Blue, 02 Blue, 01 Blue, 01 White, 00 Blue, 99 Blue, 98 Blue and 97 Blue.

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

Welcome and call to order: 6:35

Introduction - John Wilson, President
Summer has been eventful for PacNW:

**Boys 98Blue team won the Presidents Cup
National Championship!**

The club has had teams play in Sweden and Spain and has a team currently in Ireland. We have also said goodbye to one of our wonderful coaches. Jamie Geiger had a great opportunity that took her to Florida. We are sad to see Jamie go, and we wish her the best.

We had some great coaches stepping in to take her teams. Mark Wright is taking over the girls 97 White team. Pedro Milan is taking over the girls 00 Blue team. Keith Flewelling is taking over the girls 01 White team.

TD's Report - Leighton O'Brien, Technical Director

Everyone has been busy with tournaments and travel, but August is a time that this all winds down and we get a little bit of a break before league starts. League starts the first weekend after Labor Day weekend. Finishing school will start shortly thereafter and will be a four week program. After Finishing school wraps up, U14 and under teams will start Friday third practices. This year some 3rd sessions will be done as a team, and others will be done as a scramble with the gender/age group.

Several teams have traveled to Europe: We recognize this is expensive so it was done with a few teams and empty roster spaces were filled with PacNW players.

Regionals was held in Idaho this year. Boys 97 Maroon had a great run and made it out of bracket, G02 Maroon had a good showing in bracket and B01 made it to the Semi's.

Of the 3 teams that made it to regionals, one made it by winning state cup, the other two made it through winning Far West Regional League. It is great to have to roads to regionals.

The Blue teams also had some great runs. Our Boys 98 Blue team, won state cup, then went on to win regionals in Snohomish. This sent them on to Kansas City where they won Nationals! Surf Cup had a ton of college coaches watching for the olders. The style of play was fantastic. A lot of our boys are getting pulled into Sounders Academy and College Coaches are showing more and more interest in our olders as they realize they can count on a consistent style of play.

A Member asked if we can get a recap from the teams that traveled internationally. John Wilson indicated that the club is thinking of having a recap night here at Starfire where the teams can share their experience and pictures with the rest of the club.

4 v 4 Tournament Overview and Questions - Malia Arrant, Girls Director of Coaching
4 v 4 tournament is lots of fun! It's tomorrow, U11-U18, (U10 is optional). The entire club is present, Coaches, Board members, players all in one place. Players need to be here at 4:30 for the professional photo.

First games start at 5:15. Each game is 8 minutes. Every team will play 4 games minimum, 3 games in a round robin and one game out of bracket. Finals will be at 8:15. Everything should be wrapped up by 8:30 if we are on time. Uniform colors are changing to Blue/White/White because not all teams have received their maroon jerseys.

PacNW Golf Tournament - Todd Johnson, Executive Director
Golf tournament is set for Friday, September 18th at Riverbend Golf Course in Kent. Shotgun start at 1:00. We really encourage every team in the club to put a foursome together. A highlight we are working on this year is the chance to win a car on one of the holes.

Winter Classic:

We are paring this down to 2 weekends this year. Registration is currently open. As PacNW teams you do not need to do anything. We do ask that you start communicating with the managers from other clubs. Advocate for the Winter Classic and let other club managers know that registration is open and you'd love to see them there.

January 1st-3rd is the high school boys showcase weekend (U15-U18 boys) and U11 & U12. MLK weekend is Friday through Monday and will host the U10's, U13's, U14's and high school girls (U15-U18 girls).

PacNW Car Raffle - John Wilson, President/Michelle Taylor, VP Communications
In the past we've done an annual auction to raise money for our financial aid/scholarship fund and equipment. We received feedback from many managers and teams that the auction was a ton of work. Coming up with basket items and donations, venue, volunteers to run etc. We are replacing the auction with a raffle this year in hopes that this will be easier on everyone. The grand prize is a Subaru Forester from Walkers Renton Subaru. They aren't donating it but they gave us a great deal. The goal is for every family in the club to sell 10 tickets. If there are two kids in the family, the family still only sells 10 tickets.

The goal is not to put this on the manager's plate. We ask that you find someone on the team to be the team raffle coordinator. The raffle coordinator job is to:

1. Distribute tickets, tracking the tickets distributed to each player's family on the team.
2. Then for each player track how many are sold and collect the money as well as the unsold tickets.

All tickets need to be sold by November 1st. The Grand Prize drawing will be held during the Winter classic on MLK weekend. If the winner doesn't want the car, they will have the option of instead choosing a cash payout of \$15,000.

If you have a player from a family with multiple players, the tickets are in the packet with the oldest player in that family.

Please open up your packets and verify the names listed on your team raffle are the correct names of the players for your particular team.

Email raffle@pacnwsc.org with any questions or if you need more tickets.

Prizes: The team that sells the most gets a \$3000 donation to their team for team use.
Family that sells the most gets a \$1000 gift certificate to Great Wolf Lodge.
If everyone on the team sells all their tickets, every player on that team will receive a pair of Nike shoes (general shoes, not cleats).

The funds from this raffle are what will fund our financial aid/scholarship fund and helps us purchase new equipment. So please do your part and sell those tickets!

SoccerWest Premier Rewards - John Wilson

Soccer West is changing things up. They have created the Premier Rewards Program. Now you are going to get a 12% rebate for what you have purchased. It will be in quarters. You will be automatically enrolled, just give them your email address and they will credit the rebate.

Fields: Barbara Zetterberg fields@pacnwsc.org

We get complaints that we have games that don't have a full staff of refs. The referee coordinator has let us know that they are struggling to fill games because they receive the information too late to be able to fill the referee slots in such a short amount of time. For this reason we are going to strictly enforce the 2 ½ week rule. There will be no changing fields under 2 ½ weeks prior to the game without approval from Tom Ament or John Wilson. This takes away a lot of our flexibility. However we need to make a choice between that flexibility or a full referee crew.

We understand we will have issues. For example, fields are set when a coach, with multiple teams, gets an away game scheduled just 96 hours prior to the game and there's a sudden game conflict. This will happen...

Junior Academy also needs to be worked around, so we are working on getting their schedule asap.

Please understand this will have bumps, and we will work through them as best we can while working hard to get a full referee crew to every game.

Barbara is also taking over the practice scheduling. High school age teams are guaranteed their 3 practices each week. U14 and below there are third practices on Fridays. In addition we are going to be stricter on the training times set. There will not be flexibility as we will not be changing to fit 6 teams on a field because a coach had a last minute issue. After everyone is assigned, if there is space, a team can request a 3rd practice.

Barbara will be holding a manager meeting in the future to go over the above and any other changes to field scheduling.

Upcoming Events:

- August 12, 2015 - 4v4 Tournament
- August 30, 2015 - PacNW Night at the Sounders
- September 9, 2015 - Monthly Club Meeting
- September 18, 2015 - PacNW Annual Golf Tournament
- October 14, 2015 - Monthly Club Meeting
- November 4, 2015 - Monthly Club Meeting
- December 8, 2015 - Monthly Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AT 6:30PM