

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2014**

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Barbara Zetterberg, Helicia Thompson, Lynn Gerking, Jeff Hemmen, Michelle Taylor

Welcome and call to order: 7:10 pm

John Wilson welcomed everyone and made introductions. John also noted the meeting was being held for the first time on a Tuesday. John explained to make the attendance night for General meetings more equitable with different practice schedules, the meeting would be held alternating month to month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Introduction of Board Members Present and Executive Director:

John Wilson: President

Todd Johnson: Executive Director

Lynn Gerking: Community Relations

Jeff Hemmen: Members at Large

Helicia Thompson: Treasurer

Michelle Taylor: VP Communications

*Barbara arrived late so she was not present during introductions.

Executive Director Report:

Golf Tournament – Friday, September 12th, 2014.

Todd reported that last year we had 132 golfers and would love to see us at max capacity this year with 144. Several emails have gone out. A member from the floor asked if the tickets were available online. Online sales and registration was confirmed. Todd said you could sign up as a single, twosome or foursome. Todd asked managers to please remind their teams about the golf tournament. Member from the floor asked what the team golf tournament representative was responsible for. Todd said only responsibility was to bring awareness and encourage attendance. Event volunteers are minimal and already filled. No teams will receive funds from the event.

PacNW night at Sounders – Friday, October 10th, 7:00 pm Hawks nest seating.

PacNW night at the Sounders is against the Vancouver Whitecaps.

More details to follow in a Club wide email.

Auction Report:

Missi Wilson and Michelle Taylor reminded those present that only half of the auction coordinator roles had been filled. Individual team requirements are on the auction page of the Club website. Tickets are sold online this year with a recommendation of four to five tickets sold per team. Ticket sale proceeds do not go back to the team. A large benefit to teams is 25% of winning bids for items donated goes directly back to teams, excluding wine and desserts. Advertisement of ticket sales will begin September 1. Auction is being held at the Embassy Suites in Bellevue on November 8th, 2014.

Field Coordinator Report:

Barbara Zetterberg sent an excel spreadsheet attachment of the Fall RCL schedule via email to all managers. Updates will be sent as the state distributes to her. August 22nd is the deadline for September 6th games. We have less overflow fields this year in an effort to cut down expense. We must give Starfire a 2 week notice to change or cancel a field with out cost. Teams will have to pay for an unused field if Barbara is unable to fill the field with another team. Please tell your teams that games may be scheduled Saturday or Sunday so they are prepared for both. In general, younger teams are Saturday and older teams are Sunday. **Managers with coaches that coach multiple teams**, please coordinate with your coaches other team managers to identify conflicts early. When requesting an accommodation please provide two options including early or late as time of day. Field schedule will be shared through Google Docs to all coaches and team managers, read-only. Accommodation requests will be through Smartsheet. If your team is not on the State schedule yet, they should be by August 21st. Question from the floor, How do I contact team managers on other teams? Answer – the opponents web site until Affinity is updated. Barbara will be here Thursday, August 21st at 6:30pm for a more detailed Team Manager meeting.

Technical Committee Report:

Recap Summer Tournaments:

Rainier Challenge was the right tournament to get most of our teams on the field right away after tryouts with new teammates and coaches. Crossfire Challenge provided the best competition locally for summer. Rush tournament was for the kids to be kids, team and club bonding and not as focused on competition. Most teams were tired and sluggish by the end of the tournament, but team and club bonding went well which is why we ask that all teams attend. Tyee cup went pretty well for the white and gold teams that attended. Coach pick should have gone well as teams went where the competition should have matched the level of skill of the team.

RCL Fall League:

As fall begins we will continue to be focused on our style of play. Our belief is if the process is correct it will end up well at the end for players regardless of winning while younger. Player passes may only be up now. No guest playing on a lower team. The only exception is goal keepers. U10 will be 6v6 for fall and Maroon may be 9v9 for spring if they are ready.

Finishing School:

Repetition is key for finishing. Finishing school provides an opportunity for players to focus on their finish. Registration is available online and an email will be sent to the Club. Finishing school is open to GRTJSA and KYSA members also. Other clubs players may attend with their coach's permission.

Dates – 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10

Mike Morris and Neil O'Brien:

Mike Morris has accepted a position with Sounders Academy coaching staff. Neil O'Brien will be taking over Mike's duties with Junior Academy.

Player Evaluations:

All Girl's High School evaluations must be done prior to August 25th, when HS soccer begins. The rest of the Club evaluations should be done prior to Thanksgiving.

Leighton answered a question from the floor regarding player rostered on white but playing on blue. A player who plays on a team but the coach knows they may benefit from minutes on a lower team with different speed of play may be rostered on the lower team to keep eligibility for both teams. Focus is player development.

Treasurer Report

Red List:

Helecia thanked the managers for keeping the Red List under control. Only 32 players are currently on it which is lower than usual. Notes will go out the beginning of September to turn in player cards to Helecia. Manager and Coach are responsible to tell a player they can't practice or play or attend a coach event even in the off season for high school.

Community Relations:

Lynn reported on PacNW Gives Back. On Sunday, September 28th, 9am, Wings of Karen 5K will be held in Maple Valley. All of the PacNW Gives Back coordinators have been emailed the details and instructions to register. Lynn also noted that teams need to host their collection drives in their communities and not at PacNW. Most of the past community service events are on the PacNW Gives Back page on the Club website. These are an excellent resource for teams looking for ideas to fulfill their PacNW Gives Back team requirement.

Updates from the President:

Junior Academy is a critical growth area for our Club. We have maxed out our teams so kids coming in young under Eugene will grow us from U8.

Website is being reviewed and updated by Todd Johnson, Kevin Kookier and Michelle Taylor. We would like to add some additional features including "Where in World is PacNW?"

Technical Committee Evaluation is something the Board is working on. This will evaluate how they run the Club, coaching and how they work with players. Currently we are researching options from outside the Club to evaluate.

Hispanic community we believe is an important part of our Club and we are exploring ways to serve the community better while improving experience at PacNW.

Club expansion is always a consideration. We are healthy and growing so we naturally attract attention from other Clubs looking to combine. We are looking thinking through ways to grow into additional areas and how to expand the Club.

Fall Festival is for U8, U9 and some U10 and will be hosted at Starfire the weekend of November 15th.

Catz and MVP have provided a partnership with PacNW. A promotion flyer will be emailed out to the Club.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55pm

Next Meeting: September 17; 7:00 pm