

**General Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 17, 2014**

Board Members Present: John Wilson, Lynn Gerking, Kaelen Aramaki, Lance Despain, Michelle Taylor and Andree Ament. Exec Director Todd Johnson and Technical Director Leighton O'Brien.

General Membership Meeting Attendance:

Boys: All teams attending except 04 Maroon, 04 Blue, 04 Gold, 03 White, 01 Maroon, 01 White, 99 Maroon, 99 White, 96 Blue and 96 White.

Girls: All team attending except 00 White, 99 Blue, 98 Blue, 96 Blue, 96 White
All teams not attending are assessed a fine of \$50.

Welcome and call to order: 6:35 pm

Reminder of code of conduct (John Wilson):

We have many reports of confrontations between parents and referees and other very inappropriate behavior. Please remind your parents that they have signed the code of conduct and the board is not going to tolerate this behavior. We are going to suspend parents who are reported to us as we will not let our reputation be dragged down by the poor behavior of the few. Disciplinary action has been handed down to several parents after issues were reported this last weekend.

Question: What is the line when you have poor behavior and the coach has been unable to fix it? Please notify the board. The way we found out about this weekend is that people called John.

Is there a first offense or a warning? This is a new discussion that the board will be having but it will probably be a written warning, then a suspension of a certain number of games, and finally if repeat violation, suspended for the season/year. Any step can be skipped as the board sees fit depending on the severity of the issue brought to our attention.

Can you please include this in the email sent out reminding the parents of the code of conduct? Yes – we will.

Car Break in's at Starfire:

There have been repeated car break in's at Starfire. We have no control because we are a tenant. We have gone to SF and they have told us that they can't do anything about it because the city of Tukwila owns the parking lot. At this time we are looking at ways to approach the city. In the meantime please keep all valuables out of your car, no visible bags etc.

Uniforms:

Uniforms are an issue: The Nike rep has sent a letter to us that we then sent out to the entire membership. In the letter Nike addresses the problem and outlines steps they are taking to fix this for the future. In the meantime we are still missing

uniforms. In addition they gave us a \$1000 credit for soccer balls for our troubles. The latest news from Soccer West is we should have everything delivered by the end of next week with the exception of the custom long sleeve jersey and the maroon shorts, which are also custom.

Question? If we have not received all other uniform pieces by the end of next week should we contact the uniform coordinator? Yes, please do so that she can follow up.

Exec Director Report (Todd Johnson):

The annual PacNW Golf Tournament was last weekend and was very fun! It was our 3rd biggest year, but we did have some difficulty with participation based on how we ran participation requirements with the teams. It was a great weekend, with great weather and a fun time was had by all.

Winter Classic is coming up. Please when you talk to other managers check if they are playing in the Winter Classic. Help us talk it up and try to get them to come. First weekend is for Boys U15-U19's, the next weekend is for all U11-U13's, and the final weekend is for all U10's, U14's and U15-U18 girls. Andree Ament, PacNW Registrar, stated that if you are playing in the tournament with only PacNW players you do not need a roster for the Winter Classic. However if you are including guest players from outside of the club, you will need a roster.

New event, Foot Golf! We are going to add one new PacNW event to our calendar next year. We are going to have our first ever foot golf tournament in March! This is golf with a soccer ball. Should be fun! We will try to plan this for a Friday afternoon so that kids can participate!

Leighton TD Report

Finishing school starts Friday. Dates for finishing school are Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3rd and 10th. Please check the field assignment each week before arriving for finishing school. We are not on the same field every night, for example we are on Field 11 one of the nights.

Question? October 10th is PacNW night at Sounders, are you going to change the date to accommodate that? Leighton will take a look at that night. Apparently the Sounders night was booked after the Finishing school dates were set.

Friday training sessions are coming right after finishing school starting October 17th through to Thanksgiving. There will be no Friday night training on October 31st, Halloween. We are going to work on passing over distance, shooting for distance and small sided games.

Fall Festival is for U8-U9 and is scheduled for November 15th and 16th.

This weekend is college visit day for high school boys and girls. The kids are meeting at Starfire and taking a bus to visit to UPS, tour the campus, have lunch and watch a men's and women's game. The goal is to give the kids a good idea of what the college level is like and what a college campus is like.

Player Passes: U10-U11 managers – you have free player pass. Meaning you can player pass up or down. U12 and above can only player pass up.

Question – Why are there only 8 players rostered on the girls U11 teams Gold, White and Blue. Why are the rosters so low going into the league season?

Leighton – Initially the thought was that we usually add players during the summer and that the teams would be fuller at this time. At some point if it's just too much to try to field a team we may have to go down to 3 teams.

U10 parent indicated the same issue is going on with the U10's. One team has 5 players another 6. It is very stressful to find players every weekend just to get enough players. When a Pac team shows up and you see an Eastside team with a full roster and we are trying to patch together a team, it is hard to figure out.

Leighton – We like giving players an opportunity to play at various levels. Having room to player pass up and down allows us to give the kids more exposure, more touches on the ball and keeping our rosters lower helps us to make this happen. Parent agrees this is valuable, but also indicated it is really hard to play with half a team every week (6 a side) pulling 3 players up from either Junior Academy or other teams. Leighton indicated he will be talking with Viet about these teams.

Auction (Missi Wilson and Michelle Taylor):

Coming up soon! All managers should be getting emails on what is required for the team. There are links embedded in the email regarding links to the donation form, how to solicit donations, tickets, etc. Please reach out to your team and remind them that the auction is coming up and to look for more information to come. If you are struggling to get donations, Michelle and Missi can send a list of businesses that have donated in the past. Just contact Michelle or Missi for information. Please turn in your auction donation from the team early! This helps the auction committee get everything logged in more efficiently. Coach tickets are \$30. Many teams purchase tickets for their coaches. If your coach has multiple teams, be sure to coordinate with the other teams and share the cost. You do not have to buy a ticket for your coach, this is just an FYI.

Question- Our team is traveling that weekend and I am trying to change the game time. How late can we purchase tickets? We usually turn off the ticket link in the last week before the auction.

Registrar (Andree Ament):

Thank you everyone for being wonderful while Andree was out of town. Andree will be out of town again October 1st -6th. Kristen will be taking on the role of back up again. Please plan to get anything you need done before she leaves town.

Positioning for fall – There has been a lot of roster movement with the start of Fall league. Just a reminder about roster movement- if adding a new player to your roster – that’s an *Add*. There is a process for add that you need to follow. If you are moving a player from maroon to blue or white to maroon, that’s a *Transfer*. There is a transfer document that you need to complete. If a player leaves the club that is an *Exit*. You need to email the registrar that they are leaving. The coaches don’t tell Andree, you need to tell her registrar@pacnwsc.org. There are many reasons why this information needs to get to the registrar. Example, - if someone leaves the club and owes the club \$400 they can’t be removed from the roster until they pay. We need to know in a timely matter so we can take the appropriate actions to release them.

There has been a lot of player passing from Jr Academy. Kristen Kaiser our association registrar was kind enough to print Junior Academy player cards, however, none of them have pictures or are laminated. They are in the player card box under Jr Academy. If you are the first person to use a player, you will need to get two pictures and laminate both cards. After using the card, you need to put both of the laminated cards (both blue and white) back in the Jr academy player card folder. Please sign out the card and then sign it back in as per Robin – Manger Mentor.

Transfers – When you have a transfer, put the cards that you no longer need in an envelope that says “Transfer” and put it in the payment box. It has become difficult for Andree to know which player cards are the old ones she needs to pick up and this will solve the problem.

Discount codes for finishing schools etc.:

For finishing school only goal keepers are free. All other camps goal keepers pay the same fee.

Coming up:

League play and tournaments – managers please think about your upcoming travel. Make sure you know what rosters you are going to need and request those, either US club or WYS roster. Request early.

HS boys state cup is coming up – look for information to come.

New players - No cards can be issued until they have made their first payment, turned in their proof of birth and signed up on Bonzi. If you haven’t received a player card from me it is because something is missing. Ask them to be sure they have turned everything in.

Treasurer (reported by John Wilson):

If you have a player on the red list, pull the player card and turn it in. We need these collected. Players may not participate in any PacNW activities until they are cleared.

Catz (Todd Johnson):

We continue to have a great relationship with MVP and Catz. As a result they continue to offer a free bumps and bruises clinic as well as discounts for parents and teams for fitness. We will have a link to Catz on our website in the future.

Pac Gives Back (Lynn Gerking):

The Wings of Karen 5K is coming up September 28th. The \$5 discount code has been extended to September 20th. There are a few pink PacNW T- shirts left. Just email Lynn communityrelations@pacnwsc.org or Malia DocGirls@pacnwsc.org if you would like to purchase one . An email will go out as to where we will meet and get a great photo of our PacNW family participants. Please note, if you can get the majority of your team there, this counts as your team's community service. If your team is using this as your community service project, send an email to Lynn to let her know so she can check your team off.

Next Club meeting is Wednesday October 15th.

Questions:

Parents are asking when we do the golf tournament and auction, where are these funds going? This year we spent \$80K of the proceeds into the general fund so that we would not have to raise fees. In addition these events are what funds our financial aid program every year. The funds from this year will cover the financial aid costs for next year. On average we give away \$40-\$50K/year to players needing financial assistance. We are a non-profit and try to run a budget that zero profit every year.

Member Comment - Please send out a reminder about our general membership meeting. It increases participation and is a helpful reminder when sent out prior to the meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm