



**Annual General Meeting  
Alex Campbell Clubhouse  
April 24 7:00pm**

**Call to order 7:01pm, Welcome members**

**President** Mike Synnuck introduced the members of the **Board of Directors:**

Christine Bennett, Sean Broome, Robert Byers, Robert Hope, David Irving, Paul Longpre, Robert Mann, Teri Prince, Dale West

**Regrets:** Brodie Munro, Allen Souliere, Sharon Guenther (bookkeeper)

**Staff:** Dixie Allan, Jon Davidson

**Members in Attendance:** 20 ordinary/voting

**Motion:** to approve Roberts rules of order **SC**

**Motion:** to approve agenda **SC**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the AGM of April 18/2013 be approved **SC**

**Officer Reports:**

- **President: Mike Synnuck**

One year down and only another ten or so to go. I must say it has been a very eventful and exciting first year as club president with trials and tribulations as well as rewards and accomplishments. This past year has definitely has been a learning experience and after a slow start I feel that with the great support around me I was able to get my feet underneath me as the season moved forward. Things are looking up for this club and I am proud to be a part of the rejuvenation and revival that I feel is only just a beginning.

Our registration numbers have grown for the first time in years and people seem to be excited to be part of this club again. Under the guidance of our TD Jon Davidson we have been able to successfully re-launch our tech program and we have re-started our goal keeper development clinics. Our players our developing and our club are again getting stronger. For the first time in four years we have a PSA team representing the club at the Provincial level. And our club will have a strong contingent of players in the VIPL this coming season as part of the PSA / Bays franchise partnership.

We have created a sense of community with the move of our mini-program to Blue Heron. It has been one of the biggest successes of the year and Saturday mornings are a buzz around the club as people gather and players come to play and the PSA culture grows. Being at the field on Saturday mornings is fun and exciting and the smile on our player's faces is the reward that we should all take pride in.

The accomplishments of the club however is not mine to claim. It is because of the hard work and effort of our volunteers, coaches, parents and players that this success can be attributed to. You are the true nuts and bolts of what makes this organization tick. And of course there are those members of our board and executive whom without much of this would not be possible. Their



help and guidance has made my job that much easier and I would like to give some special thanks to recognition to the following:

Bob Hope – for being the volunteer that never stops volunteering. If only we had ten more people with his diligence and commitment to this club. I hope that Bob continues on for years to come as his dedication to the club is second to none and he truly represents what PSA stands for.

Christine Bennett – you stepped up to help when the club needed it the most to take on the Vice President's role. Although you could have easily walked away, you chose to stay and help and I thank you for that. I hope that I can make this next year for you as rewarding as you have made it here for others for all these years.

Paul Longpre – you have put in some long hours with the tech committee, assessments and VIPL and without you at the helm we would have had some very bumpy roads to travel. I thank you for stepping into this role and taking charge of such an important part of our club's direction and development

Dale West – the mini program has never been more successful and your time, effort and hard work have been reflected in the great success that will become the foundation of the club for many years to come.

Sharon Guenther – without you Saturday mornings at Blue Heron just wouldn't be the same. Your hours at the concession are without equal and you are huge part of the face of this club. I thank you for all that you have done to make Saturday's as successful as they are. More so I think the club thanks you for all of the food and refreshments that you provide for us all.

To all the other board members, committee members and people that work for and with this club I thank you all for being a part of this association and investing time to help the kids of club grow into the players and success stories of the future. Without you we would be nowhere.

The coming years will bring more change to the club, but along with change comes growth. I can only hope that we continue to change for the better, to improve where we can and do the small things (and the large) that make this club a fun and exciting place to play the "beautiful game". I know that for the coming season we will be working to improve all aspects of the club and to shape our programs as our membership sees fit. I am looking forward to the challenges of the coming year, as we have learned much from the past and I know that with the strong group of individuals who are on the board these challenges will only become easier as time moves.

- **Secretary Report: Robert Hope**

ACTIV Software Soccer Registrar for our registration is working extremely well and thanks to ACTIV for all their technical support and the many upgrades.

I would like to personally thank all of the members of the board for their dedicated involvement over this past season.

**Owning a clubhouse** has proven to be quite a challenge for costs and maintenance, however the benefit far out-ways all of the costs and maintenance. The only item we have to keep in mind is that this facility belongs to **all the members** and we need to respect it by keeping it clean and tidy.

- **Treasurer Report: Robert Mann**

**Motion:** To increase registration fees overall by \$5.00

**SC**



**Motion:** to adopt the proposed 2014/2015 season Budget

**SC**

## Committee Reports:

- **Referee Development Report: Robert Hope / Robert Mann**

Thank you to Rob Mann for all his hard work assigning referees to their small field/full field games. Our regular monthly referee development meetings are well attended. This shows a definite concern for overall consistency by our peninsula referees.

**The BCSA Referee Committee** has now assumed control of all referee development both Small Side and Full Field throughout the province. All training will now be done thru the <http://www.refcentre.com/Default.aspx> software.

### What does this mean?

1. All referee registration will be done thru <http://www.refcentre.com/Default.aspx> .
2. All referees will now be registered with BCSA
3. All referees will pay an **annual** registration fee; **\$25** for Small Side, **\$50** for full field + processing fee.
4. All referees will now be insured thru a separate BCSA policy
5. All local referee development will be handled by a **Regional Development Officer** who will work with Lower Island District and local Clubs

**Challenges:** This is the first year of the program and undoubtedly there will be issues.

- **Technical Report: Paul Longpre**

### Overview

Peninsula Soccer players and teams had what I would consider a season of growth. As the season progressed, many of our teams found their groove and this culminated in both stronger play on the field and some success in match play. We had 3 teams (U18 Boys Silver, U17 Girls Silver, and U18 Girls Silver) compete in the District Cup Finals this past March, with two of these teams coming away victorious (U18 BS and U17 GS). It was fitting that these three teams who competed in the District Cup were some of our more senior youth teams, as they near the end of their youth playing years. Our lone VIPL team demonstrated poise and commitment to task as they made it to the final of VIPL play-downs, losing narrowly 1-0 in extra time. Also of significance is the success of our U15 Girls Gold Warriors team, who will be the island representative at the BC Provincial Cup coming up in July.

Closer to home we had the initiation of a revamped House League program, which was more geared to player development for our U6-U10 children. The growth of our club will naturally come from these age groups; fully half of our current players are in this age demographic. Our intention as a club, and my intention as your Technical Director, is to see that these players continue to improve in the technical aspects of the game, while their knowledge and enjoyment of the sport flourishes.

### Technical Program

Peninsula players (U6-U13) had regular visits with the TD, Jon Davidson and Staff Coach, Arbnor Jusufi. These sessions covered specific technical themes while demonstrating the layout of proper practice structure.



They were run through the teams' regular practice nights incorporating coach development and mentoring into the program.

The club offered a few coach education sessions, allowing our coaches within specific age groups to gather, collaborate, and receive coach instruction from the TD. We also hosted coach educators from across LISA/BCSA.

### **Goalkeeper Program**

Ian Stewart was brought aboard to help instruct and direct our young Goalkeepers. The program was initiated partway through the season with Sunday night training. Unfortunately, we ran into some field closures, which affected the running of the program. We plan on continuing with GK training as it is a vital part of youth player development. It was found that the sessions put on helped encourage our young, enthusiastic GKs to embrace the position, while offering them important tools and honing the finer points of the game.

### **Mini Program (House League)**

The mini program, with games housed at Blue Heron Park, 'showcased' our youngest soccer enthusiasts on Saturday mornings. Our intention was to bring all our young players under one umbrella, so as to create a community soccer experience. From a technical vantage point, it allowed the TD to view games and support/discuss with coaches within the playing environment. A collaborative approach promoted inter-coach dialogue and for our teams/players/coaches and parents to see each other as part of the same program, rather than merely the 'opposition' that day.

The U8 and U10 players had the experience of the LISA/BC Soccer mini jamboree in the fall, exposing our players to other club teams. A good opportunity for both players and coaches to play against peers throughout the region; however, it served as a good reminder that our in-house program allows us to control the playing dynamic (without overly promoting competitive play). The season-ending Peninsula jamboree was another success; players/teams had the opportunity to experience game-play in next season's match environment. Dale West, our Mini Coordinator, did a great job with organization and exposing our players to some of the technical components of the game.

### **Youth Soccer: U11-U18; Super 8 & 11 aside**

We had 18 youth teams (10 Boys, 8 Girls) competing in LISA league play. Our Super 8 teams (U11/12 teams) had the introductory experience of inter-league play in a competitive (without league standings) environment. The players took some time adjusting, but with improved technique and attention to how they individually and as groups of players need to play the game, effort and success grew. A number of our youth teams were understaffed and this led to difficult games. Our U15 GG, U18 GG, and U18 BG teams achieved league play success; consistency in game play over the course of the season demonstrated positive learning, adapting, and readiness for competition.

### **Spring League:**

The club is about to start another spring league season. We are excited at the development and enthusiasm (of returning members) of this shortened-season program. This program is targeted at players who do not play fall soccer, those interested in playing during the nice weather, and of course the soccer keener. Our youngest players give us promise of continued growth for our club.



- **Mini-Coordinator: Dale West**

## **Changes that took place for 2013/2014 season**

- 1) Partnered with TIM HORTONS Minor Sports Program who provided new uniforms (free of charge)
- 2) A new "Prospects" Program was introduced for U5 and U6 aged players
- 3) Duel age groups were formed at U8 (co-ed) and U10 (Boys and Girls)
- 4) We started a new internal "House League" – which meant no travel for AWAY games
- 5) All mini games were moved from the traditional field of Greenglade to Blue Heron

Overall the changes made for our mini-program this past season were met with very positive reviews.

The move to Blue Heron allowed for a new sense of club atmosphere – as everyone was together at one place. Players and their families were presented with more options (better field to play on...access to a concession and washrooms etc...) to help them have a more enjoyable soccer experience.

As a result of these changes our registration numbers in our younger age groups increased significantly:

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| 2012 registration numbers for U5-U10 aged players | 181 | (61 Girls + 120 Boys)  |
| 2013 registration numbers for U5-U10 aged players | 293 | (116 Girls + 177 Boys) |

## **Current potential changes for 2014/2015 season**

Possibly re-enter an interlocking schedule for some of the younger age groups...which LISA is looking to re-establish. We will only do so if certain criteria are met.

If registration numbers allow – have separate U8 Boys and Girls Divisions – if not continue with co-ed

- **Volunteer Coordinator Report: Christine Bennett**

Volunteers are a very important part of Peninsula Soccer. With all the different types of duties needed to keep our club running, everyone can have an opportunity to help. There are duties that directly help teams: coaching, managing, lines person (assistant referee), moving goal posts and bringing oranges to each game. Other duties which help to keep our club running smoothly and keep our costs down include: concession, set up and cleanup crews, club and field maintenance, uniform, clothing, equipment, website details, technical crews and board members who spend their time to make sure our Club stays in working order so your kids can continue to play soccer.

So, I would like to say Thank You to all the members who have volunteered their time to help make our club what it is today! Keep up the good work!

- **Communications Report: Allen Souliere**

The Communications Committee is a new committee that was formed last year, with the intent of centralizing and broadening the efforts of Peninsula soccer to interact with the communities around us.



This year, the committee investigated the current usage of our website, and has begun to plan for upgrades to the way that we present information to our members and the community over the internet.

We have secured and begun to use a twitter account, which can be followed using @pensoccerca . This will be used more heavily this coming year to send reminders to our members who follow us.

We have also begun to make use of radio announcements on the Q

As we look forward to 2014-2015, we will begin pursuing additional avenues for engaging our community, including print and hopefully some television.

If you are interested in working on the communications committee, we would love to have you. Please contact the committee chair (Allen Souliere) at: [soccerdad@souliere.ca](mailto:soccerdad@souliere.ca).

- **Fundraising Report: Allen Souliere**

This year our fundraising held ground and was able to generate revenue generally on par with the previous year. Fundraising has always been an important part of the club's operations, and looking towards the future and our goal of acquiring artificial turf field(s) it is going to become even more important.

Last year we attempted to try out some new forms of fundraising, including seafood, and coffee, in addition to our other bottle drive, team sponsors, buy a brick program, and our co-op membership number.

This upcoming year, we will be continuing to try out some new fundraising initiatives, some of which possibly might include beer and burger night fundraisers, soccer tournaments, donut sales, gift baskets and more.

If you would like to be a part of the fundraising committee this year, please contact the committee chair, Allen Souliere. He can be reached via email at: [soccerdad@souliere.ca](mailto:soccerdad@souliere.ca).

We are always looking for fresh ideas, and for volunteers to help with fundraising efforts.

### **2013 – 2014 Bottle Drive**

We would like to give a special thanks to the nearly 60 volunteers participated in making the bottle drive a success, doing a variety of duties including: distributing fliers to all of the participating neighbourhoods, collecting the bottles on the day of the bottle drive, and tirelessly sorting the bottles at the clubhouse.

We are pleased to announce that the yearly bottle drive brought in a final total of \$4,337.00 this year.

### **2013-2014 Team Sponsors**

The 2013 soccer season saw the addition of some new faces to our team sponsorship pages. We are very pleased to report that revenue of \$3500. We are happy to welcome some new businesses to our team sponsorship page, as well as welcoming back many returning partners.

### **New Business:**

- **ELECTIONS:** Incumbents: Dale West, Brodie Munro, Alan Souliere

**President (2 years): Mike Synnuck (Acclaimed)**

**Vice President (1 year) Christine Bennett (Acclaimed)**

**Secretary (2 years): Robert Hope (Acclaimed)**

**Treasurer (1 year): Rob Mann (Acclaimed)**



**Directors (5 for 2 years) Paul Longpre, Rob Byers, Teri Prince, Sean Broome, David Irving (Acclaimed)**

**Director (2 for 1 year) Jason Reym, Fiona Schandl (Acclaimed)**

- **Appoint Auditor for 2014/2015 Financial Review**
- **Round Table Question Period**
- **Adjourn: 8:47pm**