



Minutes for March 16/2017 Annual General Meeting

Alex Campbell Clubhouse 10714 McDonald Park Rd, Sidney BC

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Roll call: 25 ordinary members present

Motion: to Adopt rules of order (Roberts)

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Motion: to accept Minutes of AG meeting 20160331

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Auditor Report: Motion: to appoint Wiseman & Mills as auditor for next year

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Officer Reports:

President:

Another year of soccer has quickly come and gone again and this year seemed to have flown by exceptionally faster than most. It definitely was a year unlike most and was full of challenges not only on and off the field but mother-nature decided to get into the act as well and play havoc with the season by providing some of the most turbulent fall / winters of recent memory. The weather did create a lot of scheduling issues for our club as well as the rest of the Lower Island Associations and the field closures unfortunately resulted in a fair amount of games (and practices) being lost and as well the annual LISA mini-fest was cancelled. This is a huge event for our club every year and hopefully next season we will be able to rebound and have the most successful tournament yet.

On the positive side of things – the club did grow in numbers once again and this continued upward trend of registration is positive and exciting news for the club's future. As well our player retention seems to be getting better which means we are keeping kids playing soccer longer. We had more full field teams (both silver & gold) and Super 8 teams than we have had in quite a few years and our mini-numbers were as strong as ever. Our pooling arrangement with Prospect Lake entered into its second year and we look forward to a third year of partnership on the gold level with them again.

Of course the season would not be what it is without the commitment of all the coaches, assistant coaches and managers who make it happen for the hundreds of kids and adults of the club. As I say every year – you are the life blood of this club and without you stepping forward we would not be able to provide teams for our players to play on - and on behalf of Peninsula Soccer I truly do thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the season that you put in.

A big thank you to the board of directors as well for the countless hours of helping to make this club a family and better place to play and for making it all worthwhile for the kids out on the field. I look forward to another successful year next season and look forward to seeing you all out on the pitch.

Thanks,

Mike Synnuck

President – Peninsula FC

Secretary:

This past year has been a huge learning experience as I delved into the role of Secretary. Over the season, I have learned how to take minutes, to write motions (often with help), to file completed criminal record checks, to transition the club into the New Societies Act with BC Registries and file it online with Societies Online and many other tasks. Thank you to Bob Hope for answering the multitude of questions I have had over time and reminding me of secretarial duties I did not know of or remember to do.

Currently, a year end awards and recognition ceremony is planned for April 21, 2017. It has been nearly a decade since Peninsula has hosted such an event. Looking forward to seeing it actualized this year.

Much appreciation to the dedication and work of our board members, staff, coaches, managers and volunteers as our club cannot run without all of you.

Lisa Duong

PFC Secretary

Treasurer:

Going through budgets and highlights and overall perspectives for next season. Volunteer fees income has increased as families opt to have their volunteer cheques cashed over putting in volunteer hours. Gaming grant was valued at \$48,000 for the 2016/2017 season.

Motion: to accept proposed 2017/2018 budget

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Committee Reports:

Technical:

Overview & Highlights:

PFC continued to grow as a club, both in terms of player numbers and with our players’ improved abilities on the pitch. This growth continues very much within our mini-team age groups (U6-10); though the increase in number of teams at the Super 8 level will also help see future years of health at the 11 aside years. We continued with our pooling partnership with Prospect Lake Soccer for our Gold teams (and some silver teams). There has been some notable success with this initiative, both on and off the field, with aims to continue with it. Our top-level players continued to compete in VIPL play via our partnership with Bays United. There is a new structure in place for the incoming year (u14) of VIPL players with a zonal concept of organizing regionally based teams will be the new model. Unfortunately, we will not have as many teams competing at the District Cup Finals this season; though, some of our youth teams did achieve success in BC Cup play. Our spring programs continue to thrive, with healthy numbers and enhanced programming for our eager players.

Technical Program:

Peninsula players (U8-U12) had regular technical training with the TD, Jon Davidson and Staff Coaches: Arbnor Jusufi, Harj Nandhra and Chris Doxey, while our older teams had team visits, which had more of a technical/tactical focus. 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. Team coaches from U8-U12 were also provided with practice plans to help with structure of practices and ensuring certain themes were covered. There was also staff present at games, to observe, evaluate, and support coaches. In-game coaching is still an area we can improve. Though, coaching in games is as much an art and at times the necessary de-emphasis of over-coaching gains greater results. We want to see our players play with confidence, enjoyment, and seeking to improve performance (at age appropriate levels) at every opportunity.

Our Goalkeeper training program returned, though a little later, with the addition of Drew Sessions teaching our young GKs. Drew's teaching was positive and encouraging where he brought a solid style of coaching to tutor our young, enthusiastic shot-stoppers. We will continue with GK training earlier next season, as it is a vital part of player development. At our PISE winter training Drew was able to coach groups of players away from their team training. We will expand where possible to include Drew in more training opportunities. It was found that the sessions put on helped encourage our young, enthusiastic GKs to embrace the position, while offering them important tools and means to improve the finer points of the game. Our youngest players tend to be the most keen which is positive for future youth teams. We will continue to try and encourage the learning of the GK position, as it's vital to the success of all our teams, especially in future years.

Mini Program:

The U6 program saw growth and a full pitch on BH to host them. The players had some introduction to play between the groups by the close of season, but the focus was building a familiarity within their mini-teams over the course of the year.

The U8 and U10 players unfortunately had the experience of the LISA/BC Soccer mini jamboree canceled in the fall (to have been hosted by PFC), thereby missing the chance to play against other clubs' teams. We continue to see our U8/10s as a solid and viable (made for PFC) in-house model, so as to provide appropriate levels of game play and positive instruction for our young learners of the game. At U10s we had a healthy numbers of players, both boys and girls. We are also noting that we have two streams of players coming out of our house program (some have played for 3-5 years, while others are 1st or 2nd year players. Additionally, we actively sought opportunities during the season to play some of our more capable U10s at U11 (Super 8) play. The season-ending Peninsula jamboree was another success; players/teams had the opportunity to experience game-play in next season's match environment. Some of our U10 will also have the opportunity to play in a spring tourney hosted by the Gorge. As a club we will continue to look for ways we can create additional streams of programming wherever there is interest and buy-in.

Youth (LISA sanctioned) soccer:

Super 8's:

The U11/12 age group is always an important age group. As it is the first years of inter-club soccer it allows the club to assess where we are situated technically (and in other aspects of the game) vis-à-vis other LISA clubs. We strategically placed our teams and selected rosters so that we would have balance throughout and the ability to compete where necessary. All of our U12 teams, both in the blue and white divisions were able to hold their own. Notably, our top tier (boys and girls) was able to compete well with the other LISA clubs, an indicator that training levels are improving. Coach Harj was an associate coach with the boys, thereby providing a high level of instruction throughout the season. We will implement ways that we can enhance this for our U11 players; as our depth in numbers is larger this will advantage us in the future. There is also the potential for a select league i.e. same as the current U12s for next season's U11. As a club we will need to strategize how to best organize and field our teams.

Full field teams:

As mentioned, we fielded Gold teams along with our partner club Prospect Lake. As a club we contributed strong numbers across the board to player composition, some teams more heavily weighted than others. Better communication and transparency saw smoother functioning, thereby strengthened relationship. More buy-in from coaches, players and parents – key stakeholders, was the result of these efforts. Both TDs saw and continue to see this as a positive for our clubs as it gives us a foothold in the gold divisions of play. There is still work to be done as our U13s had challenging seasons; though, improvements continued till the end of the season.

The partnership with Bays United continued at the VIPL level. We had a drop in our composition of players; 12 players this season competed at this level. Though, this relationship proved harder and more of a sacrifice for our families due to travel and changes to the training locale for some teams, we still want to provide our most qualified and interested players with the avenue to VIPL. We will seek ways to advocate for our players (families) and ensure fairness and transparency.

We also saw improvements with some of our Silver teams as well as stability in the age groups, which was important with the changes at the Gold level. Permitting players throughout the club was even more successful, whereby younger or a level down players (and teams) supported those above. Buy-in and cooperation between coaches ensured this functioned smoothly. This system ensured all our teams were supported and had healthy numbers on game-day. Also, as part of the player development model we strive to provide sound and positive challenges for our players. This allows players to improve and thrive in more than one playing environment.

Noted below were some of our teams that achieved success on the pitch this season.

1. League Winners

- **U18 Girls Gold**
- **U15 Girls Gold**
- **Qualify for Island Invitational on April 28/29**

2. BC “B” Cup L.I.S.A. Reps.

- **U14 Girls Gold (lost in Island Final vs. Powell River in PK’s),**
- **U15 Girls Gold (play in Island Final on April 9)**

3. BC “A” Cup Island Reps

- **U16 and U18 Boys VIPL**
- **Qualify for Provincials in July and Coastal Cup in April/ May**

4. District Cup Finalist

- **U14Boys Silver WSANEC**
- **U14Girls Silver WSANEC**
- **U18 Boys Gold**

Spring League:

The club is about to start another spring league season. We are excited at the development and enthusiasm (of returning members) for this shortened-season program. There has again been a healthy number of players registered – a credit to the volunteers and Technical Committee for its continual success. 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 enthusiast. Our youngest players give us promise of continued growth for our club. As such, we have again added a Development program to enhance training, while playing in games in the USL.

Transition to Next Season 2017/18:

Spring will be busy for PFC with the U11/12 Assessments in early April, and then the Gold tryouts with Prospect Lake and the VIPL tryouts throughout April and May. Over the course of the summer with registrants coming in we will begin to forecast where we will place teams in their respective divisions.

The Technical Committee continues to add members and we will continue to explore ways to add to our players' and teams' experiences through programming and new initiatives. As your Technical Director I continue to see improvements in our players' play and better understanding from coach and player alike in how to best approach the game from a true learning perspective. I am eager to see our players continue to challenge themselves and compete well at their highest level, in their Peninsula reds for PFC!

Jon Davidson

Technical Director

Peninsula FC

Mini:

1) Continued partnership with TIM HORTONS Minor Sports Program. New three year term. Received updated uniforms with new club logo. Shorts were also provided.

2) Registrations numbers decreased after seeing increases the previous four years

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)
2014 registration numbers for U5-U10 aged players	321	(128 Girls + 193 Boys)
2015 registration numbers for U5-U10 aged players	368	(143 Girls + 225 Boys)
2016 registration numbers for U5-U10 aged players	316	(144 Girls + 188 Boys)

3) Registration numbers at U7/U8 Girls still sufficient enough to form their own house league and not be co-ed with boys although format was different on many days due to lack of players

4) Continued with a Technical Committee program for U10 Girls/Boys wherein coaches nominate players who have excelled during the year to participate and play on tournament teams in an end-of-year out of club jamboree.

5) Nets were put on all of the mini goals

Potential changes or ideas for change for 2017/2018 season and beyond...

1) Depending on registration numbers – possibly separate some/all of the age groups into individual age categories

2) Possible inter-league play with another association (Prospect Lake/Salt Spring Island)?

3) Look at options to help improve coaching/training sessions . Age group training? Stations? All at Blue Heron?

Dale West
PFC Mini Coordinator

Fundraising:

Fundraising has always been an important part of the club's operations. This was our second year holding a weekly 50/50 draw, in addition to our other bottle drive, team sponsors, buy a brick program, and our co-op membership number, and two fundraising book sales put on by local publisher Promontory Press.

2016 – 2017 50/50 Draw

This year our 50/50 Draw brought in revenue of \$721.75

2016 – 2017 Booksale Fundraiser with Promontory Press

This year we held two book sales, and they generated revenue of \$200.48. Thanks again to Promontory Press and their generous offer to help with fundraising.

2016 – 2017 Bottle Drive

We would like to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in making the bottle drive a resounding success! We are pleased to announce that the yearly bottle drive brought in a final total of \$7154 this year. Our bottle drive was also one of highest grossing fundraising bottle drive in the Greater Victoria area, and we were awarded a \$1000 prize for that honour by the Bottle Depot.

2016-2017 Peninsula Co-op number 35205

\$337.02 raised through members using our number when shopping at Peninsula Co-op stores and gas stations.

2016-2017 Team Sponsors

This season we received revenue of \$500. We are happy to welcome new businesses to our team sponsorship page, as well as welcoming back returning partners. Please contact us for sponsorship information.

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

If you would like to be a part of

the fundraising committee this year, please contact the fundraising

Volunteer:

Peninsula Soccer Association relies on volunteers to run our club. With all the different duties needed to keep our club running smoothly, volunteers play an important role in doing all this.

Duties that directly help teams include coaching, managing, assistant referees, bringing oranges and moving goal posts.

Other duties which keep our club running smoothly are concession shifts, clothing store, set up and clean-up crews, field fencing, uniform and equipment distribution and returns, bottle drive's and many other tasks.

Other ways to get involved and volunteer is by joining one of the numerous committees the club has going or becoming a board member. The club is always looking for people to come “onboard”.

I would like to say a big Thank You to all the members who have volunteered their time to help make our club what it is today!

Dave Irving Volunteer Coordinator-PFC

Senior:

The Senior Program at Peninsula FC this year comprised of 5 groups; a division 2 women's team, division 4 men's team, over 30 women's team, an over 35s men's team, and an adult drop-in group. In total we had just under 100 registered adult players.

The senior teams have hosted several successful social events this year at the Alex Campbell Clubhouse with a view to continue with existing events and add more, to create fundraising opportunities which would contributing to the youth program and artificial turf fields.

The senior program will wrap our year with a PFC senior 7-a-side tournament at Blue Heron Park followed by a BBQ and social.

In the upcoming season the senior program goals include adding another women's team, getting new uniforms, hosting more events as fundraising opportunities and continuing to develop the program.

Several items have been forwarded by senior members which could be addressed at the board level. The first being establishing a clear goal or set of goals for our Senior Program (Premier Women’s team, Div 1 men’s team...) Secondly, to develop a policy related to the progression of youth players into our senior program, and finally a plan for facilitating these goals using the resources of the club, ie. tech program.

Motion: to accept all committee reports as presented

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New Business:

Motion: to accept Teri Prince, Robert Hope, Dave Irving as ordinary members (no dues)

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Notice to reader is a new mandate by BC Soccer that needs to be completed on annual basis and submitted to them within 30 days of the AGM. This is the first year that the notice to reader is implemented. The club has hired Wiseman & Mills to go over financial transactions and complete the notice to reader.

Elections:

Incumbents, Midterm: President: Mike Synnuck, Secretary: Lisa Duong, Teri Prince, Sean Broome, Dave Irving, Robert Hope, Paul Longpre **acclamation**

Resignations or not seeking re-election: Laurie Henry **acclamation**

Those seeking re-election at AGM are:

- **Officers:** Vice president (two year): Allen Souliere, Treasurer (two year): Rob Byers **acclamation**
- **Director:** (two year): Dale West, Shane Laye, Deanna Daniels **acclamation**

Director nominations at the AGM:

- **Director:** (two year) Melissa Drolet, Tracey Lawrence, Michael Arychuk **acclamation**

Round table question period:

- Paving of driveway – currently \$30,000 is allocated to fund this project. Capital Improvement Grant from gaming could increase the budget but needs to be applied for. Propose a GoFundMe campaign to raise money towards the paving fund. Look into whether MPS will help provide some help with paving.
- Charity tax receipts for donations can be given out thru MPS with the Blue Heron Improvement Committee.
- Turf field status- currently underfunding is the issue. Funding proposal has been given forth to North Saanich council. Partnership with SD 63 can increase the scope of the turf and appeal to more communities.
- WSANEC- thank you to the Peninsula FC for allowing the First Nations Community to be part of the club. Consider history of the WSANEC and recognizing the territory to show collaboration – website post.
- Annual cleanup of the building- will set date after uniform/equipment return and assessments.
- Formalization of all teams to include senior teams. For example, West Coast Salish team may want to affiliate with other teams in other clubs
- Fields remediation date: May 13/2017

Adjourned: 8:25 pm