

## Peninsula Soccer Association – Annual General Meeting

Thursday March 17, 2005

Mary Winspear Centre

### ATTENDEES:

**Board Members:** Dixie Allen, Lauren Bicknell, Eric Bye, Alex Campbell, Helen Christiansen Al Coccola, Dave Erb, Kim Erb, Bill Hinds, Alan Neville-Rutherford, Terri O'keeffe, Shannon Seginson, James Stelck, John Teeney,

**Board Members (regrets):** Donna Schurman

**Members:** See attached

**Guests:** Brett Hyslop (World Cup Soccer)

1. President, Dave Erb called the meeting to order at &:05pm
2. Agenda. Added the Jamboree as an item after the Director's Reports on the Agenda  
**MOVED** (Alan Neville-Rutherford) **2<sup>nd</sup>** (Phil Wakefield) to accept the agenda as amended. **CARRIED**
3. Review of last minutes.  
**MOVED** (Christina Peacock) **2<sup>nd</sup>** (John Hammond) to accept the AGM minutes of March 25, 2004. **CARRIED**
4. **a). Presidents Report** – Dave Erb (see Appendix – Director's Reports). Dave also thanked all the Board Members for their hard work this year.
- b). Vice Presidents Report** – Al Coccola (see Appendix – Director's Reports).
- c). Secretary/Communications Director** – Terri O'Keeffe (see Appendix – Director's Reports).
- d). Treasurer's Report.** – James Stelck

Reviewed and discussed financial statements for year ended February 29, 2005 and reviewed budget for 2005-2006.

**MOVED** (James Stelck) **2<sup>nd</sup>** (Phil Wakefield) that the financial statements for the year March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOVED** (Warren McCall) **2<sup>nd</sup>** (John Teeney) that the budget for the year March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006 be approved as presented.

- e). Technical Director** – Brett Hyslop

Brett mentioned it had been a challenging year but is at the point where it can really go somewhere. Noted that many of the same issues present this year that were identified in last year's report. In the Mini's Program about 80% of coaches are using his program. In Super 8 the role of the Coordinators is really important. In measuring performance need to identify what we want to achieve and how we're going to measure it. Biggest complaint this year has been lack of communication. Improvements needed. Important also to give people opportunity to give

feedback and ideas. Issue of female trainers has been brought up but he doesn't have any on his staff.

- Members had positive comments on the goal keeping clinics provided.
- Comment made about uneven access to Brett's services. Brett says whoever asked for help received it.
- Comment made that the Mini's get an uneven share of attention. Brett commented that no point working with older groups if they don't want it.

**f). Registrars Report – Dixie Allen** (see Appendix – Director's Reports).

Discussed proposed fee increase. BC Soccer increase is \$7 which will help Hire a full-time female Mini's coach, cover increasing insurance rates and hire other staff coaches. LISA fees increasing to \$8.

**MOTION** (Mike Taylor) **2nd** (Linda Holroyd) To increase fees for Peninsula Soccer Assn by \$15 per player. **CARRIED**

**g). Girls Coordinator – Helen Christiansen** (see Appendix – Director's Reports).

- Helen mentioned looking for age group coordinators for U16, U17 & 18.

**h). Mini Girls – Eric Bye**

- Eric mentioned there would be a meeting Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> for House League to U11 to discuss year-end assessments.
  - U12's to U14's will likely take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> week of April at Iroquois
- Question about whether there will be assessments for older age groups. Helen advised it would depend on the #'s of players, strength of players etc.
- Comments made that there needs to be a better explanation on the reason for assessments and put this on our website. – Clubs philosophy needs to be stated - is our focus on winning or are we trying to build our club by increasing participation in our club?
- Comments/concern expressed that assessments were "pre-arranged" – rankings don't appear to be fair – too much politics involved.
- Dave advised that a Player assessment and placement committee has been put together to try and address some of these concerns.

**i). Uniform/Equipment Coordinator – Kim Erb** (see Appendix – Director's Reports).

**j). Volunteer Coordinator – Donna Schurman** (absent) (see Appendix – Director's Reports).

**k). Risk Management – Shannon Seginson** (see Appendix – Director's Reports).

- Shannon also mentioned in her capacity of Chair of the Coach Selection Committee that the deadline for applications for coaching positions is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**l). Referees Report – Alan Neville-Rutherford** (see Appendix – Director's Reports).

- Emphasized that we are desperate for new refs. Refs can start refereeing games at age 12. Course will take place in late August or early September.
- Dave Erb extended thanks to Jason and Alan Neville-Rutherford this year.

**m). Fundraising – Alex Campbell** (see Appendix – Director’s Reports).

- Alex is sending thank you notes to our sponsors this year and inviting them to the Jamboree to show them how their dollars support our club.
- With our capital project there will be other sponsorship opportunities to help us raise \$’s.
- Planning to have a ‘warm up event’ at the beginning of the year. Sponsor for that will be \$5,000
- Thanks extended to Dundee Wealth Management for sponsoring our recognition night.
- Encouraged everyone to start using the Thrifty Smile Cards. We could raise up to \$40,000 if we all use them.

**n). Field Coordinator – John Teeney** (see Appendix – Director’s Reports).

- Working on a 5-year agreement to use Rotary Park that will be the new home for the Mini’s.
- Next year mid-sized fields schedules will be posted on the web site.
- Thanks to Deb McRae for doing a great job this year on the full field scheduling.
- In the past we have done year-end maintenance on the fields. This year we have Dave Hill looking after field maintenance and will do maintenance on a regular basis.
- Thanks to Phil and Val Wakefield for their excellent job of practice schedules
- Thanks to our field walkers and field liners.

**6. Jamboree – Alan Neville-Rutherford**

- Alan reported that still need volunteers to work at the concession.
- Last game will finish at 4pm. Reminder for last team to put away goals. On Sunday all goals need to be put back behind the Lacrosse Box.
- Question asked why are U12 boys not part of the Jamboree. Alan advised that there are just too many teams and can’t accommodate them all.
- Dixie mentioned she will have registration set up at the Jamboree but she’ll try to schedule another registration time prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for late fee.
- Request made to put the registration form on the web page. Dixie doesn’t want to do this until after the Jamboree, otherwise all the pre-printed forms she has will be wasted.

**7. Capital Project – Lauren Bicknell** (see Appendix – Director’s Reports).

- Noted that negotiations with Central Saanich to start on Alexander have been going extremely slow. In the meantime, Memorial Park Society (MPS) who owns Blue Heron Park has expressed interest in allowing us to develop the fields at Blue Heron and build a clubhouse there. In the past there was an issue of whether lights could be there but MPS says this is not a problem for them any longer and Transport Canada has given approval. North Saanich has also expressed interest in allowing us to develop the fields at Wain Road Park.
- Dave discussed estimates for the costs for field development of these 2 parks as follows:
  - o Blue Heron                      \$204,000
  - o Wain Road                        122,000
- At Blue Heron, MPS will still own the clubhouse and fields but we will be primary user. Use Agreement with MPS will need to be concluded prior to the Board proceeding to fund this.
- Lighting costs and cost of clubhouse not included in amounts above.
- If we proceed with these 2 projects, will need to put Alexander Field Development on the “back burner”.

**MOTION:** (Al Coccola) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Rick Patterson) That the Board of Directors be authorized to spend up to \$250,000 out of our current funds for capital projects as well as any additional funds received or raised. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (Al Coccola) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mike Schmidt) If the grant proposal for the Blue Heron Development Project (aka “Jewel of the Peninsula”) is approved, that the Board of Directors be authorized to borrow up to \$400,000 for this project with the understanding that someone from outside the club would co-sign the loan and that the club would fund raise to repay the debt. **CARRIED**

## **8. Election of Officers and Directors**

- a). Call for nominations for President
  - Wayne Windsor nominated Dave Erb for President. Dave accepted the nomination. After no further nominations after the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> call for nominations Dave Erb was declared President.
- b). Call for nominations for Vice-President
  - Rob Carnduff nominated Al Coccola. Al accepted the nomination
  - Bob Parks nominated John Teeney. John accepted the nomination.

After the counting of the ballots John Teeney had a majority of ballots and was declared Vice-President.

At this time several members expressed their disappointment at the outcome of this election. Eric Bye announced that he resigned. Shannon Seginson announced her resignation also but later recanted her resignation. Members expressed confusion and asked for explanation as to why people were resigning from the Board. Shannon Seginson explained that she and several other Board Members were under the impression that an agreement had been made that noone would run against Al Coccola for the position of Vice President. Other Board Members disagreed. Significant discussion took place among the general membership. Many of the general members felt that the election as conducted had been conducted fairly and that the democratic process should be respected.

- c). Call for nominations for 5 available positions for Board Members at large. The following were nominated and accepted the nomination:
  - Terry Bouthillier
  - Kim Erb
  - Bill Hinds
  - Helen Christiansen
  - Claire Rettie

Al Coccola, Rob Carnduff and Stuart Common were nominated but all declined their nomination.

After last call for nominations and there being no further nominations, the 5 members mentioned above were declared elected.

**MOTION** (Jacques VanCampen) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Terri O’Keeffe) to adjourn at 10:00pm  
**CARRIED**

## APPENDIX – Director’s Reports

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

This past year we have had 3 different club Presidents. Dan Perrin started the year, Al Cocola stepped in when Dan resigned and then I took on the position from Al in September. Despite all the changes we managed to accomplish a lot as a club this year.

- We took on for the 1st time hosting LISA’s Mini’s Tournament. We hosted close to 1000 kids from across lower island at Parkland and Blue Heron. Many thanks to the small band of volunteers that pulled together to make this happen. I’m hoping we can host this again next year.
- We arranged gym space during the rainy season to keep our Mini’s playing. Thanks to Phil Wakefield for his work on this.
- We established a home base for the Mini’s at Rotary Park which we’re hoping to continue next year. John Teeney and ? were instrumental in making this happen.
- We rented space at UVIC ‘s artificial turf field to allow teams to continue practicing when our local fields were closed. I’ve applied for more space at UVIC next year and at more convenient times.
- We really made headway mobilizing our parents with Donna Schurman’s efforts as Volunteer Coordinator.
- We have made headway on our field development which we’ll discuss in more detail shortly.

Looking to the coming year there’s lots to continue to work on. The Board struggled this year with internal issues but I’m confident that’s behind us. I’m looking forward to working with a Board that will be unified, will respect the democratic process, will respect each other, will always focus on the best interests of our club and will be accountable to all of our members. Other goals for the coming year include:

- Continue to improve communication throughout the club.
- Doing more to keep parents informed on what they can expect from our club and increase their involvement.
- Continue to build our Mini program by focusing on Coach development.
- Review our policies and processes around assessments, player placement and team composition.
- Build a seniors program so our graduating players continue to have a place to play.
- Look at ways to improve retention of older players by doing more to meet their specific needs.
- Having better fields that are lit and hopefully a new clubhouse.

Running a club with close to 1000 members and 83 teams takes a lot of work. I’d like to thank all the members of the Board who work year round to manage the affairs of our club. Special thanks to the coaches and assistant coaches who spend numerous hours working with our kids at games and practices. You are such a critical part of our club and the time and energy you invest is very much appreciated. Thanks to managers and Age Group Coordinators who keep things organized and provide support to the coaches and the Board. And thanks to the hundreds of parents out there who help out with a myriad of volunteer duties throughout the year. It really takes all of us working together to ensure our kids continue to have fun playing soccer out here on the Peninsula.

Sincerely,

Dave Erb, President

### VICE PRESIDENT/BOYS COORDINATOR

District Cup is coming up and the season is winding down. It has been an eventful year with all sorts of surprises and interesting things. This season I went to great lengths to include as many people as possible in the decisions on the placement of players, teams, and coaches. However there were still problem areas with a couple of the age groups. My thanks to coaches, managers and coordinators, for their help.

I was very pleased that we were able to offer the Community Coach Youth and Community Coach Senior programs last fall. 12 Peninsula coaches completed the youth and 14 Peninsula coaches completed the senior programs. This directly strengthens our club by infusing our coaches with knowledge, energy and the desire to do better. I am hoping that we can offer both programs on the Peninsula next year.

Our committee on the placement of players, teams, and coaches, has been on the back burner for the last month, but we still intend to finish up and have a draft report sometime soon.

Registration for spring league is ongoing, and it's success still up in the air. People are reluctant to register unless they know what night it will be on. But we don't know what night it will be on until we know our number of teams and what fields we can get. Our registration is currently around 75+. Lower Island is having a Reps meeting to discuss Spring League next Tuesday (22nd). We will be looking at forming joint teams where ever clubs do not have enough for their own teams. This is something new and it will take patience and lots of work to get it started. But it will be worth it. If any player or parent is unhappy with their placement, they will get a full refund.

Finally a plug for Recognition night which will take place at the Mary Winspear Center on April 12th. We will recognize our Cup winners, League winners, Graduating players, Apprentice Coaches, Coaches Choice award winners, and anyone else we can think of. This will be a fun inexpensive night and teams can use this as a wind up event. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from myself or Sherry Baskervill-bridges.

Thank You  
Al Cocco  
Vice President and Boy's Coordinator

#### **SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

This year the Secretary was tasked with the role of overseeing and improving communications within the club. To that end:

- Email distribution lists were established so we could get messages out to coaches quicker.
- Our website was updated on a regular basis.
- All our important forms posted to the website.
- Board minutes were distributed to coaches and posted on the website each month.
- We conducted a survey to get feedback from coaches.
- We held a mid-season meeting with coaches, assistant coaches, managers and age group coordinators to keep them informed.

Things I'd like to work on in the coming year:

- Ensure we have manager's on every team to help keep parents informed.
- Consider having orientation sessions for parents/coaches that are new to the club.
- Make it easier to find important information on our website.
- Establish protocols within the club to ensure communications within the club flow smoothly.

Always interested in hearing your suggestions for improvement. You can reach me at [terrio13@telus.net](mailto:terrio13@telus.net). Thank you.

*Terri O'Keefe*  
*Secretary/Communications Director*

## REGISTRARS REPORT

The numbers for registration this past season were slightly lower than previous year. This is mostly due to decreasing numbers of young children overall in the area. We've noticed this general decline in the schools as well. I would like to thank all Co-ordinators for a job well done and thank the Board for all their hard work. We have come a long way in the years I have been with the club. That being 16 years now. The registration for next season is on the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Fees for this year will be increased by \$15 to cover fee increases imposed by B.C. Soccer and Lower Island. Thanks Dixie Allan  
Registrar

## GIRLS COORDINATOR REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank all the volunteers who stepped forward this year to get our teams up and running (pardon the pun). I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of my colleagues on the board who have made great strides in furthering our plans for field development. I would also like to commend those board members who have shown professionalism, dedication, and a strong desire to work cooperatively as a board. Teamwork is essential at all levels within our club and my hope is that this will be an area of focus for the next board.

In addition, I would like to thank World Cup Soccer for providing our players and coaches with the opportunity to further their knowledge and skills. A big thank you to Brett Hyslop for taking on the club responsibility of coordinating our coaching and player clinics.

Next season we will see the addition of a Mini Girls' Coordinator who will oversee the u-8 to u-12 teams and their age group coordinators. Thank you to Stuart Common who has offered to take over from Eric Bye, who jumped in mid way through this season to help out.

I would also like to mention some of the achievements of our full field teams

u-12 Girls Lower Island B Cup Champions

u-14 Girls Island B Cup Champions

u-15 Girls Island C Cup Champions

u-16 Girls Island C Cup Champions

u-16 Girls Lower Island B Cup Champions

Good Luck to our U-14 Girls in their quest for a provincial title as well as to our U-15 and 16 Girls who have advanced to the Coastal Cup.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate all of our players for their enthusiasm and love of the game.

Helen Christiansen

## **UNIFORM COORDINATORS REPORT**

What a YEAR !! Another season almost over and we are planning for next year already. I would like to thank Sharon Guenther who works with me and the volunteer parents who helped us with the prep work done at the storage locker. There are a lot of jobs that need doing before we can hand out the uniforms and equipment to the teams. This year our Volunteer Coordinator Donna Schurman arranged several extra volunteers that made a huge difference with the handing out of the uniforms and the equipment at the lockers. In September we handed out uniforms and equipment to 68 teams in one weekend. For some people standing in line for their uniforms and equipment it was a long time to wait and we than you for your patience. It is a huge task to get so many teams outfitted in a short period of time. When you are finding sizes and numbers to fit the teams it takes a little coordinating. Secondly I would like to thank all the Coaches, Coordinators, Managers and parents who had to make more than a couple of trips to the storage locker for exchanges on uniforms and equipment.

We had 83 teams with 1000 players wearing our Peninsula uniforms for the soccer season this year. Our crisp strong colours of red navy and white sparkled out there again on the fields. We should be proud of the great players we have out there playing for Peninsula soccer. We have already been putting our list together on what items need to be ordered for our up and coming soccer season in Sept. 2005. We hope to have all the supplies in the soccer storage facility by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Managing the uniforms and equipment for 83 teams is a huge year round task. So far this year I've fielded over 600 emails and phone calls related to this. I'm not always able to respond right away but will do my best to get back to you asap.

### **Uniform Return dates will be as follows:**

Fri April 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm-8pm

Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am – 2pm

Sun April 24<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm

Uniforms must come back WASHED AND SEWING REPAIRS DONE.

They must be accompanied with the Uniform List you received at the beginning of the season with each players name, their jersey # and their phone #.

Please be prepared to wait in a line up that weekend. We will try to process everyone asap but how quickly we go will depend on how well teams have their items organized when they arrive. Bring along your smiling faces and we will be there with ours as well.

**NOTE: THERE WILL NO OTHER TIMES TO HAND BACK THE UNIFORMS OR EQUIPMENT.** Our volunteers are only available at this time so make sure someone from your team is able to attend. If you team is still involved in tournaments please contact me to arrange an alternate dates.

Thanks.

Kim Erb, Uniform/Equipment Coordinator

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT**

This year we had implemented a few changes to the structure of what the club would consider as volunteer service. This was necessary as key positions that keep the club running such as field lining, equipment management, field scheduling, Jamboree and many other jobs just to name a few were proving difficult to get volunteers out for.

Every club member excluding those who have paid the opt out fee will have to fulfill the five hour requirement or their volunteer cheque will be cashed. The number of cheques to be cashed for this season will be not be known until the end of April. At this point the only volunteer position available for this season is uniform/equipment return. Any member who has not yet completed their service and would like to do so can contact me.

Actively ensuring all members contribute a minimum amount to the club we will ensure our future viability. As members move out of the club when their children grow up we need to ensure the knowledge is passed to new members. Experience tells us that once people jump in and get a little involved it all most always lead to a desire to contribute more. The countless volunteers who have served our club are what make Peninsula a great club to be involved with.

Donna Schurman  
Volunteer Coordinator

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

It is my job as the Director in charge of Risk Management to ensure that we comply with the terms of our insurance coverage and to follow up on any insurance related queries that may arise over the course of the year.

The most time-consuming part of this portfolio involves the collection of the Risk Management Form A. This form is required to be completed on an annual basis by all coaches, assistant coaches and managers and it is my task to ensure that all of our team officials have completed this form and to deliver them to the Lower Island Soccer Association. While there have been some improvements made in the collection process this year, it has still been quite labour intensive. I am planning to have the Risk Management forms emailed to all team officials prior to the coaches meeting next September so that they may be collected that evening from as many individuals as possible.

As far as I am aware, we have had a fairly safe and incident free season. I hope you have all enjoyed your soccer season and I look forward to seeing you all back again next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Seginson

## FUNDRAISING

As we move closer to our major field project's fruition, one thing is evident; we must pull together as a club to fundraise. I'd like to thank Thrifty Foods for approving Peninsula Youth Soccer Association (PYSA) to fundraise using their new Gift Card Program. Many of you are familiar with the old program using gift certificates. That was logistically impossible for Peninsula Soccer to manage. You could say this new program was "custom designed" for clubs like PYSA to raise money for needed projects. The program is generous! Five percent of your grocery purchase will go directly back to our club. Over the next year the Board would like to target \$40,000 as a fundraising target. That will fix a lot of fields.

Cards can be picked up at Thrifty Foods anytime after March 20<sup>th</sup> but I will be at the Jamboree and Registration table to give detailed information and hand out cards. Thank you.

We will also be launching a major campaign in the near future to raise funds for our field development and clubhouse project.

Alex Campbell

## REFEREES REPORT

We continued our Assistant Referee clinics again this year. This has been so successful that some of the other clubs have now begun training their Club ARs as well. We are indebted to **Dawn Todd** for yet another year, for her help in running the clinics.

Four youth referees passed their Class 4 course this season and were promoted to full field games. Congratulations to **Jason Shipclark, Frankie Mazzei, Phil Erb** and **Steve Welle**. We have begun a mentoring process where an adult referee goes out with the youth referee for their first two full field games. Congratulations also to **Andy Rothfels** who has just passed his Class 4.

Two adults have also passed their Class 4 course and are joining us as referees. Congratulations to **Mark Jarrett** and **Garry Stubbs**.

Lack of consistency among referees has been a problem both at the LISA level and within the province. Peninsula made a proposal in January to all the other youth clubs within LISA, urging agreement on referee standards. Unfortunately that met with little response, but there has been progress on other fronts. A number of adult leagues expressed their concern to VISRA (Vancouver Island Referees Association) about the lack of standardization of refereeing at their games, and that caused VISRA to spend two of their education sessions reviewing practices. And the Referee Education Committee of BC Soccer has now begun issuing policy statements to the referees in BC, clarifying the correct refereeing procedure in areas where known differences exist. These are encouraging developments.

Jason Austin

Assistant Referee Coordinator

## FIELD COORDINATOR'S REPORT

WHEN I FIRST CAME ON THE BOARD AND ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF FIELD COORDINATOR I THOUGHT TWO THINGS. ONE, I'M CERTIFIABLY CRAZY FOR TAKING ON THIS POSITION AND TWO, CAN I HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I THINK I HAVE ACHIEVED A BIT OF BOTH.

I HAVE COACHED IN PSA FOR 9 NINE YEARS. ONE OF THE MOST FRUSTRATING THINGS OVER THAT TIME IS THE FIELD CLOSURES WE ENCOUNTER DUE TO MOTHER NATURE. THE FIRST QUESTION I HAD WAS: WHO CONTROLS THE FIELDS? THE ANSWER IS: FOR THE MOST PART WE DO. THE THREE MUNICIPALITIES AND THE MEMORIAL PARK SOCIETY (MPS) GIVE MYSELF, DEBBIE MCRAE ( FULL FIELD COORDINATOR) AND THE FIELD WALKERS THE ABILITY TO MANAGE THEIR FIELDS. CONSULATATION OCCURS WHEN THE WEATHER IS INCLIMATE. WE ALSO MAKE THE CALL ON BRETHOUR AND ROTARY PARK. THERE ARE FOUR FACTORS WE USE TO DETERMINE IF WE CLOSE A FIELD. 1) STANDING WATER, 2) SNOW, 3) UNSAFE TO PLAY ON AND 4) OWNERS REQUEST.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PRINCIPALS OF EACH SCHOOL HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR FIELDS. THEY DO ALLOW OUR FIELD WALKERS TO MAKE THE DECISION ON THE WEEKENDS. HOWEVER,THE SCHOOL FIELDS ARE AUTOMATICALLY CLOSED DECEMBER AND JANUARY. ALL LOWER ISLAND DISTRICT SCHOOLS DO THIS. DAVE HILL, OUR NEW FIELD MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR WAS ABLE TO GET PERMISSION TO OPEN ONE FIELD AT SIDNEY ELEMENTARY IN JANUARY. I FEEL IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WISHES US TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN FIELDS THIS POLICY OF ARBITRARILY CLOSING FIELDS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY WILL HAVE TO CHANGE. DAVE AND I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THIS POLICY FOR NEXT YEAR.

LOOKING FORWARD...

THIS YEAR WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE DAVE HILL COME ON BOARD TO BE OUR LEAD PERSON ON FIELD MAINTENANCE. DAVE IS AN ARBORIST WITH SAANICH PARKS.

AS A CLUB WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE MAINTENANCE ON OUR FIELDS BEFORE AND AFTER THE SEASON. IN THIS COMING YEAR DAVE HILL WILL SET A MONTHLY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE DURING OUR PLAYING SEASON. INCLUDED IN THAT SCHEDULE IS VERTA DRAINING WHICH IN LAYMEN'S TERMS MEANS STICK A BUNCH OF HOLES IN THE GROUND WHICH WILL LET THE WATER RUN OFF. THIS IN ITS SELF WILL ALLOW BETTER DRAINAGE AND HOPEFULLY MEAN OUR PRACTICE AND GAME FIELDS SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAY OPEN LONGER IN THE RAINY SEASON.

ROTARY PARK:

WE STARTED USING ROTARY PARK THIS YEAR FOR THE MINI'S PROGRAM WHICH WORKED OUT VERY WELL. WE ARE NEGOTIATING A

5 YEAR USER AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO CALL ROTARY PARK "HOME" TO THE MINI'S PROGRAM. THANKS TO RICK PATTERSON FOR ALL HIS WORK ON THIS PROJECT. THE MINI PROGRAM (HOUSELEAGUE TO U11) HAD A SUCCESSFUL YEAR. THE USE OF THE GYMS IN JANUARY WAS WELL RECEIVED. THIS OPTION WILL BE LOOKED AT AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

THE U12S AND FULL FIELD TEAMS TOOK JANUARY OFF DUE TO POOR WEATHER AND FIELD CONDITIONS. THIS WAS NOT JUST A PENINSULA PROBLEM IT WAS THROUGH OUT LISA.

ALEXANDER, WAIN RD AND BLUE HERON (2): THE CLUB IS LOOKING AT DEVELOPING ALL FOUR FIELDS OVER THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

WE ARE SEEKING APPROVAL FOR LIGHTS ON ALL OF THESE FIELDS.

PRACTICE FIELDS

THANKS TO PHIL AND VAL WAKEFIELD FOR ALL THEIR WORK ON SCHEDULING OUR 81 TEAMS. THEY LOOKED AFTER ALEXANDER, IROQUOIS , ALL GYMS, THE BARN AND UVIC.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO GET OUR FIELDS READY FOR OUR KIDS TO PLAY SOCCER ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

DEBBIE McRAE , ALAN NEVILLE-RUTHERFORD, DAVE HILL, ERIC BYE, RICK PATTERSON, MINI COORDINATORS, BOB PARKS, GORD ROGERS, HARRY BISJAK, KEN SHURMANN, THE FIELD LINERS, FIELD WALKERS, THE PARENTS AND COACHES WHO PUT THE GOALS OUT AND LOCK THEM UP AFTER EVERY GAME AND PARK OWNERS WHO CUT THE GRASS.

I ALSO LIKE TO THANK LESLIE BROWN AND BILL EHMAN FOR THEIR PAST DEDICATION TO OUR CLUB.

JOHN TEENEY, FIELD COORDINATOR

## **Capital Projects Chair Report - Lauren Bicknell**

My name is Lauren Bicknell and I have been with the club for eight years and on the board for 1 year. I am currently the Capital Projects chair, but I must say that without the cooperation of the committee, Dave Erb, Dave Hill, Alex Campbell, John Teeney, Terri O'Keeffe, James Stelk and Bill Hinds these monumental projects could not move forward. We are currently juggling several large projects, and many smaller field upgrades.

- **Blue Heron Park:** with the cooperation of the Memorial Park Society we are hoping to move ahead with field upgrades to both full size fields. We have also applied for a grant to aid in their project and to be able to light both fields. Transport Canada has ok'd the use of lights on this field.
- **Alexander Field:** thanks to Alex, we have a user agreement in place for Alexander Field but with continued cancellations of meetings by Central Saanich, we have slowed down our talks. We, as a club, have continued to gather donations and in-kind work from local business to be ready to go.
- **Wain Road:** upgrades to the full field, drainage and Transport Canada have ok'd the use of lights
- **Iroquois Park:** Sidney is planning to reposition the field to enlarge their public works yard. If this happens the lights will be taken down and Transport Canada has turned down our request to reposition or add lights to this field.