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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2013

6:30pm at College of New Caledonia

Time: 6:37pm

Grant Emmond is the chair of the 2013 AGM

1. Thank you to our members for coming out this evening. Thank you to Dan and Bob Lenarduzzi from the Whitecaps FC for coming to our AGM this year.
2. Grant asked that the board members introduce to themselves and state their position on the board so everyone knows who they are. He addressed that PGYSA Treasurer, Carmen Turnbull was unable to attend the AGM. He then recognized the 6 board members who will be returning for their second year and indicated PGYSA would need to fill 6 positions this evening. Grant also introduced John Reed, a director for BC Soccer and past president for PGYSA. Lastly, he introduced the office staff; Len McNamara, Steve Hood, April Kwitkoski, Zoe Nunes and Ray Perreault (absent).
3. Dan and Bob Lenarduzzi briefly mentioned the celebration of the partnership between the two clubs and the Whitecaps FC Northern Academy. Dan briefly spoke about the partnership between PGYSA and the Whitecaps FC and the opportunity the partnership will bring to players wanting to play in the BCSPL, MLS, US/Canadian universities [potential scholarships]. He mentioned that the vision of bringing any type of Whitecaps FC programming to the community is to layer on top of the club's already established programs and to synergize the two

clubs and their programs. Bob briefly spoke about the connection between the Whitecaps FC, PGYSA and Prince George community. He also presented Grant Emmond an autographed Whitecaps FC jersey.

4. Motion to accept the 2012 AGM minutes. Scott Redpath seconded by Jo Wankling – CARRIED
5. Business Arising from the 2012 minutes: None/No Amendments
6. Correspondence: None
7. Constitutional Amendments: None
8. Director's reports are as submitted. Steve Hood presented a short PowerPoint to elaborate on his annual report.
9. Question Period: Will held after any director's presentations and/or readings. We will have a 30 minute question and answer period at that time.

Grant Emmond: We have a 30 minute question period, are there any questions?

(Q) Why was the meals and catering expense higher than last year?

(A) This past year, we hosted the Les Sinnott Boys Provincials, which was included in this expense account.

(Q) Same applies for Advertising/Promotions expense?

(A) Every year we advertise for the Outdoor season. However this year, advertising costs increased marginally. Also, all the expenses to host the Stoke City Football Club (\$6,000) were placed in this expense item.

(Q) Why does PGYSA structure certain teams to play 6v6 while BC Soccer recommends that teams should be 4v4? Also, our fields are so small compared to BC Soccer's field guidelines, why?

(A) Game structure and field layouts in the grassroots divisions are being reviewed prior to the upcoming season.

(Q) Compared to other sports, like hockey or other cities, PGYSA has a short season. I feel that this is not enough, and I would like to see the season stretch longer into the summer months.

(A) As the Technical Director, I am reviewing all programs and have made recommendations regarding what can be offered throughout the year to all ages.

- We encourage members to meet with Steve Hood at the PGYSA Office
- My son is happy playing soccer this indoor season and I see that you are doing great things since you've been here.

(Q) As a coach, I would like to attend clinics that meet my coaching level. While the Monday night coaching clinics you put on are great, they just don't appeal to coaches at the grassroots level.

(A) You're right. The coaches attending the Monday clinics started in the grassroots level with Joel a few years back, so now the curriculum caters to them coaching at the level both they & their team is at. We have discussed that a new intake of coaches at the grassroots level needs to be done this upcoming season. We are working on a new delivery model where coaches will have on-field coaching clinics which will be held after weekend games.

(Q) Why did the club introduce shootouts in the U13-18 league games?

(A) We feel the need to improve the House League and make the structure more interesting for the players. This new rule transitioned well. We understood that not all ties finished in shootouts as some referees enforced the rule while others forgot to. We are open to hearing your thoughts and we will review the rule for the upcoming season.

(Q) You are telling kids that there has to be a winner. It should be okay to tie. Why do you think the league needs improvement?

(A) In the recent years, we have seen registration numbers in the division declining.

- Shootouts are a developmental activity that players should participate in.

(Q) How do we get more games for our boys? Or how can the club encourage out-of-town teams like Kamloops, Vernon and Prince Rupert to play against us?

(A) We received good feedback from hosting the Provincials; some out-of-town teams mentioned that they would travel to Prince George.

- Steve Hood has discussed with clubs in the Lower Mainland regarding invitational tournament and there is interest.
- We will look into hosting an annual tournament with incentives to out-of-town teams.

(Q) Why was the U16 Boys Tier 2 team playing in tournaments in Kelowna and other cities while the U16 Boys Tier 1 played a fraction of tournaments?

(A) The level of competition did not match the level the team was performing at. The U16 Boys Tier 1 team was an "A" level team while the competitions that other teams went to were "B" level – CYSL

(Q) There was really poor coaching in the U9 division. I see that a lot of the coaches are helping out in the Future Stars program and not in the house league. Leaving those players wanting to play soccer recreationally are not given an equally developed coach. How do we improve the quality of coaching in this division?

(A) We are in a better position now than in the past to give coaches technical feedback.

- We do need to let the coaches know that there are resources on our website to development as coaches.
- The fact is that we are always begging for coaches but in order to get all the kids to play soccer, we have no choice but to accept mom and dad coaches with little to no training.
- If there are any questions or concerns, people are encouraged to come into the office.

10. Elections:

Grant announced the directors that are returning to the Board:

Gilbert Wankling
John Beebe
Brett MacPherson
Muhammad Rahman
Carmen Turnbull
Grant Emmond

PGYSA NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013-14

NOMINATION	NOMINATOR	ACCEPT	DECLINE
JAKE JENSEN	ROB LEWIS		X
STEVE RAPER	MUHAMMAD RAHMAN	X	
SAUNDRA ELSON	ROB LEWIS	X	
DAVIS RODRIGUES	VICTOR SANTOS	X	
BARRY HIRTZ	JO WANKLING	X	
GARRY NIELSEN	MUHAMMAD RAHMAN	X	
SCOTT REDPATH	BRETT MACPHERSON	X	
LORI BARTLETT	ROB LEWIS		X
TANYA STELLA	GIB WANKLING		X
TED SWARTS	MUHAMMAD RAHMAN	X	
ROBERT DOYON	BRETT MACPHERSON		X
ANNE DOYON	BRETT MACPHERSON		X
DEB STEWART	BRETT MACPHERSON	X	
CRAIG BRIERE	ROB LEWIS	X(BY LETTER)	

(Q) What is the time commitment to being on the board?

(A) Monthly meetings, usually held the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- At some times, sitting as a board member can be consuming, but wonderful and worthwhile.

New board members as elected are as follows:

Craig Briere
Scott Redpath
Saundra Elson
Barry Hirtz
Steve Raper
Garry Nielsen

MOTION: to destroy the ballots, Rob Lewis seconded by Barry Hirtz
CARRIED

11. **MOTION :** to adjourn the meeting Kathleen Hirtz **CARRIED**

AGM Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

MINI BOARD MEETING - 8:37 pm

Election of President, Vice-President and Treasurer

Nominations for President:

Grant Emmond by Steve Raper **ACCEPT**

No Vote needed: **Grant Emmond elected**

Nominations for Vice-President:

Garry Nielsen	by	Brett MacPherson	ACCEPT
Gib Wankling	by	Steve Raper	ACCEPT
Brett MacPherson	by	Garry Nielsen	DECLINED

VOTING: Gib Wankling elected

Nominations for Treasurer:

Carmen Turnbull by Muhammad Rahman **ACCEPT**

No Vote needed: **Carmen Turnbull elected**

The following are elected to a two year term:

Steve Raper
Garry Nielsen
Barry Hirtz
Scott Redpath
Saundra Elson
Craig Briere

Returning board members have one year remaining:

Carmen Turnbull
Brett MacPherson
John Beebe
Muhammad Rahman
Grant Emmond
Gilbert Wankling

Board meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. The next board meeting is December 4, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the boardroom at the PGYSA office.

All new board members please submit your email, phone number and address to update the board contact information.

The agenda for the December 4th board meeting will include awarding portfolios to all board members, discussing the minutes of the previous board meeting, and familiarizing everyone with current topics being discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

2012 AGM ATTENDANCE

MUHAMMAD RAHMAN	ROB LEWIS
LORI BARTLETT	TODD KUC
BRETT MACPHERSON	JAKE JENSEN
GRANT EMMOND	GILBERT WANKLING
DAVIS RODRIGUES	BRAD STEWART
GARRY NIELSON	DEB STEWART
ROBERT DOYON	TONINA DENI
JOHN REED	STEVE RAPER
JOHN BEEBE	RICHARD PATTINSON
JOANNE WANKLING	LEN MCNAMARA
STEVE HOOD	ZOE NUNES
WADE LOUKES	APRIL KWITKOSKI
BILL DOUGLASS	
DAN LENARDUZZI	
BOB LENARDUZZI	
SONNY PAWAR	
SAUNDRA ELSON	
VICTOR SANTOS	
TED SWARTS	
SCOTT REDPATH	
KATHLEEN HIRTZ	
BARRY HIRTZ	
TANYA STELLA	
ED STELLA	
MARILIA MAURO	
DUSTIE HALL	