



Tacoma-Pierce County Junior Soccer Association

TPCJSA
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Meeting Minutes – TPCJSA Monthly Board Meeting
10/22/2015
Curtis HS Staff Development Room

Open the meeting: 7:08pm

Club Attendance:

Fife-Milton-Edgewood, Harbor, Lakewood, Norpoint, South Tacoma, University Place,
Vashon Island, Washington Premier

Guest:

Joe Jarzynka, TPCJSA representative Marketing and Branding.

Officers/Directors in Attendance:

Officers	
President	Henry Robicheau
1 st Vice President	Absent
2 nd Vice President	Curt Carroll
Treasurer	Tracy Murphy
Secretary	Pat Firestone
Registrar	Corky Vargas
Games Chair	Pat Firestone

Association Business:

Motion to approve minutes from 9/24 meeting made by David (UP) and seconded by Kelley (WPFC). No discussion. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Curt, seconded by Tracy as follows:

We formally accept the voluntary exit of FP “Franklin Pierce Youth Soccer Club”, PSC “Puyallup Soccer Club” and SGE “Spanaway Graham Eaton Soccer Club” from TPCJSA effective August 1, 2015 based on player registrations with the association and conversations with TPCJSA board members. No discussion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Tracy, seconded by Corky as follows:

We split the Ehnat Cup competition by gender and rename the Boys portion of the U11/U12 competition to the “Dave Painton Cup”. No discussion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Club Reports:

FME: Preparations underway for the Turkey Jam on 11/21 and 11/22. Holding a referee recert clinic on 11/14.

HSC: Season is going well. There are facing competition for referees with a local club. They’re starting to field questions about the age determination change that is coming next season (playing with birth-year teams), with particular attention to describing that the players on the “younger” side currently will repeat in their current “Uxx” age group next year. 2nd year of their Friday Night Lights academy – starts toward the end of November, \$60 for 4 sessions. Check their website for details.

LSDSC: Club is proving some field time for South Tacoma who are having some trouble security open full-fields. LSDSC would like to encourage any discussion in favor of SSUL providing division winner recognitions. Asked for volunteers for a remembrance committee for Dave Painton.

Norpoint: FME/NPT/FW small-sided partnership is working well. Kids are having fun. Lack of referees still evident. Gave some examples of poor play, and injuries have increased. Request: Clubs, talk to your coaches and ask them to please calm things down on the field.

STU: The season continues, but they’re also experiencing a problem getting qualified referees, more injuries, and field shortages.

UP: Ever-present referee shortage. Their club has been working on a new 2 year plan with special focus on: club promotion, player recruitment, coach education, and player development.

VISC: Holding an academy program for young players (through U10), providing mentoring for new coaches, and parents. They've effectively consolidated practices to make scheduling more efficient. Still experiencing SSUL scheduling issues.

WP: Annual Auction on 10/10 @ Clover Park was an excellent experience. 2 weeks left of Fall Academy (Individual Skills focus). Friday Night Lights (Finishing School) coming in November. Recommendations will be coming from RCS regarding team realignment.

Officer Reports:

President (Henry): Willing to attend any Club Board meetings – just let him know time/place. Introduced Joe Jarzynka as the newly installed Marketing & Branding resource for TPCJSA to keep the Association competitive. Joe J spoke briefly – he is interesting in becoming more involved with the soccer community. We welcome his assistance. Noted that our 1st VP is unable to attend meetings in person, although he would like to continue his work on the Disciplinary committee.

2nd VP (Curt): Interested in attending any club meeting, as well, and gaining a new perspective from the club level. Shared his thoughts on parents on the sidelines.

Treasurer (Tracy): Financial update – we have money in the back, have account access, and can ALMOST write checks! Past Treasurer's death had a significant impact on the transition but it's nearly completed.

Secretary (Pat): No activity to report.

Registrar (Corky): Activity is slowing down for the season. Discussion regarding potential replacement of Bonzi with Affinity – formal recommendation will come from the committee in December. Preliminary investigation results: 1) Rosters could include photos, 2) Affinity is either cheaper or equivalent, ability to import history from Bonzi likely available.

Games Chair (Pat): Discussion re: Ehnat, Schmitt cups. Must delay until January due to the late start of regular season. Board consensus is that we will try to get the entire set of Cups (Ehnat, Painton, Schmitt) all played in one weekend utilizing multiple venues. Board has offered experienced volunteers to run the tournaments this year, so the multiple venues at concurrent times shouldn't impact the Cups' execution. Last year for the Schmitt Cup – all U13+ teams will move to SSUL. Pat will send the data to the Board to assist in the scheduling of post-season TPCJSA Cup play.

TOPSoccer Report (Marty, via email): Fall season was cancelled. Will reach out soon for Winter Season @ Bellarmine. Work continues to host Jamborees and to keep older players/mentors involved. TOPSoccer Symposium will be April 1-3, 2015 in Tukwila. Cost will be ~\$75, without hotel. If any TPCJSA members are interested in attending, Marty hopes that TPCJSA will be open to reimbursement of expenses.

Special Topics: Representative from PCSRA Jonathon Isenberg was in attendance. Although he had no prepared report, he fielded questions from the Board. Reported that some clubs have developed a good method for fielding officials: encourage team members to become referees, give them first crack at decent game times!

Old Business:

- SSUL Awards: As of meeting time, funds do seem to be available. There may be division level awards for SSUL teams at the TPCJSA Recognition Ceremony.

New Business:

- Think about how you will discuss the new age alignment rules with your teams, preferably in January – do not wait until near the start of next season. There will be rules about “playing up”, perhaps team percentage age mandates. Henry will arrange for a WYS representative to attend our December meeting.

For the Good of the Game: Tracy recognized Henry for the amount of time/work he has put into the changes in TPCJSA to date.

Next Meeting: 11/19/2015, location TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30

These Minutes Approved with amendments unanimously, no opposed and no abstentions at our November 18, 2016 meeting. Respectfully Submitted VP Curt Carroll filling in for open secretary position.