



UNIVERSITY PLACE SOCCER CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 06/11/12  
APPROVED MINUTES

**Attendance**

UPSC Board Members Present

Scott Falk, Tricia Lee, Dawn Decius, Tom Webster

Teams Represented

G-U10 Firecrackers, BU-11 Chargers, B-U14 FC Vikings, G-U10 Rockets , G-U14 Stars – Blue and White, B-U16 Velocity, G-U12 Diamonds, G-U11 Panthers, B-U-13Blue Starz '99, G-U11 Blue Starz '01, G-U8 Pumas, B-U12 Eagles, G-U10 Pixies, B-U14 Fire, B-U17 Thunder, B-U10 UPSC Thunder, B-U12 Cobras

**I. Approval of May 2012 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

A motion was made to approve the draft minutes of the May 2012 UPSC board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**II. Executive Board Reports**

1. *President's Report (Chris Lilley)*

No report

2. *VP / Judiciary Committee Report (Scott Falk)*

No report

3. *Treasurer's Report (Dawn Decius)*

Dawn has received several emails about invoices from coaches and will follow-up with those coaches individually.

Invoices for field time are being finalized and will be sent out in the near future.

4. *Registrar's Report (Tricia Lee)*

Registration is proceeding. Tricia has responded to the parents or coaches who have submitted questions about registration.

Tricia has completed registration for many teams and has placed almost all the players that have registered.

For teams playing in the Open Cup or other tournaments, Tricia has team rosters. Teams are encouraged to plan ahead for tournaments when a roster is needed. Please try to give the Board at least one week advanced notice about roster or other tournament needs. Also, teams are encouraged to read tournament requirements carefully and contact the tournament chair as



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appropriate to ensure that teams understand registration requirements. Note that some tournaments also require TPCJSA action.

5. *Secretary's Report (Tom Webster)*  
No report.

### III. Committee Reports

1. *Games Chair Report (Mike Gallagher)*  
No report

2. *Fields Chair Report (Andrew Torres)*

Andrew has practice schedules for fields. These schedules will be posted to the UPSC website. Coaches are encouraged to check the website schedule to determine if they are sharing a field during schedule practices.

The schedule on the website will be updated, but coaches are reminded not to schedule a practice during "open" times on the schedule without contacting Andrew.

The lock combinations for the goals at Chambers Creek are being changed. Once Andrew has the new combinations, he will email the new combinations to the team representatives that are scheduled to practice at Chambers.

For micro teams that are looking to schedule practice time, field time will likely not be available until mid-July. Andrew is working with the UP School District to update field availability schedules.

3. *Referee Assignor's Report (Richard Wunderle)*  
No report

4. *Uniforms Chair Report (David Hunter)*  
No report

5. *Micro Program Chair Report (Justin Richards)*  
No report

6. *TPCJSA Rep Report (Scott Falk)*

- Club reports –
  - Harbor awarded High School scholarships to graduates.
  - NORTAC has 2 select teams in each age group.



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- South Hill has a new person, Steve Richards in taking over it club. South Hill is offering a referee clinic June 23-24 at Puyallup YMCA
- WPFC had 5 teams go to regionals.
  
- Rainier Valley is going to RCL.
  
- Executive Reports
  - Open Cup fee - \$450. You don't pay for second round.
  - Annual general meeting for WYS voted in new board.
  - Treasurer is still talking about 20% reduction in fees, which may result in a small refund to UPSC.
  - District III registration opens June 1 through July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Competition group is talking about allowing 22 on team roster for U16 and above, with teams able to activate 18 for game. This would apply to District and State leagues, but not home leagues.
  - All District III U-14 and below games will be played on Saturday. U-15 and above will be played on Sunday.
  - Player cards will be used for home league, U-10 and above. There is still discussion whether they will be used in District III.
  
- There is no June TPCJSA meeting. The next meeting is July 26.
  
- UPSC is in need of a TPCJSA representative. If anyone is interested, please contact a board member.

### IV. Old Business

#### 1. Tryouts

Select teams reported successful tryouts, despite modest attendance. Word-of-mouth was reported as the best recruit method. The only outstanding tryout is for B-U12 UPSC Lightning.

#### 2. Registration

Registration numbers as of June 11:

- Micro – 42 players, 4 volunteers
- U9-18 – 344 players, 47 volunteers

This is approximately one-half of the players that are expected, based on last year's registration numbers. The number of micro players last year was 102, with many of those registrations coming at the start of the fall season.



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Justin is planning on getting flyer out to primary schools to help with recruitment of U-10 and below age groups.

### 3. *Web site*

Coaches should have access to their teams roster's through the website. If coaches have difficulty seeing who has registered for their teams, contact the registrar.

Information on 2012 teams with coach and team representative information will be posted to the website.

### 4. *Equipment Chair / Assistant Fields Chair*

The club has a high priority need to identify a person serve as Equipment Chair to support Andrew Torres as Fields Chair. This person is needed to handle nets, inspect goals, field lining, coordinating volunteers to assist with field equipment responsibilities, and related duties. The bulk of work for this position would occur in late August and early September. This position is not overly time consuming, but is critical. Member teams are strongly encouraged to seek a parent volunteer to fulfill this position.

## V. **New Business**

### 1. *Team Affiliation Requests*

Most teams that intended to field a team in the fall have submitted a completed Team Affiliation Request form. The Secretary read the names and age group of all teams that have submitted a Team Affiliation Request Form. No comments or objections were made.

The Secretary asked for a motion from the Executive Board to approve the announced list of Teams. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved the by Executive Board.

### 2. *Reserving practice fields*

Scheduling practice time was discussed as part of the Fields Chair report.

In addition, for summer practices, times for team camps are blocked out. If a team is not scheduled for a camp during these blocks, teams that are regularly scheduled for those times may practice. However, any scheduled team camp takes priority of practice time.

### 3. *UK Elite Camps*

Dan Lock, a UK Elite representative addressed the meeting. He provided background information on both team camps as well as the individual camp, which will be held the last week of July.



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As of the June UPSC meeting, participation in the team camps is down compared to previous years. Team training is specific to a team. Each team receives a trainer and curriculum designed for that team. Coaches can stay involved with their teams during the camp. Coaches will receive 15 hours of practice plans at the end of the camp.

If a team is interested in registering for a UK Elite Team Camp, they are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Payment is due the week of the camp. All available camp timeslots re in the evening during the weeks of:

- June 25-29
- July 9-13
- July 16-20
- August 6-10

The cost for the camp is:

- U-11 and below \$1200
- U-12 and up \$1400

UK Elite will offer a free coaches clinic. It has not been scheduled, but will probably be in late August.

#### 4. *Open Cup*

Two teams are registered for the Open Cup. The G-U15 Stars Blue and G-U14 Girls United.

#### 5. *Update on Micro League*

No update provided.

#### 6. *Summer tournaments*

Teams interested in finding tournaments should visit the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) website for a list of open, state and sanctioned tournaments.

Teams playing in tournaments are encouraged to provide Tricia, the Registrar, as much time as possible to prepare required rosters and paperwork. Teams should determine what paperwork is needed prior to contacting Tricia.

Teams that are traveling out of state should visit the WYS website for information on out of state documents. There are additional paperwork requirements for traveling out of state.

If there are questions about using guest players, teams are encouraged to “ask early.”

#### 7. *Club communications*



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A discussion on switching to 2012 club email lists and contract information was tabled until July.

### 8. *PSPL discussion*

Scott Falk provided background information on the Puget Sound Premier League (PSPL) and US Club Soccer in relation to Washington Youth Soccer and its umbrella organization, US Soccer. UPSC is a member club of Tacoma Pierce County Junior Soccer Association (TPCJSA), which is an affiliate of WYS and US Soccer.

The outstanding issue for UPSC is what its policy should be regarding UPSC teams that are interested in playing in the PSPL. Scott outlined two basic approaches that UPSC could follow. They are:

- Teams interested in playing PSPL would need to register with UPSC and pay dues to TPCJSA and WYS. These teams would then be eligible to play in other leagues; or
- Teams interested in playing PSPL could form a separate club that would operate separately from UPSC.

There was a question and brief discussion concerning how the dual registration process would impact older G-U15/16 team that play in the spring. It would be difficult for these teams to register with TPCJSA in the summer approximately 6 months before the start of their season. Scott stated that he would look into this registration issue for the older girls.

As several key members who are knowledgeable about this situation and are impacted by the club's decision were not present at the meeting, the topic was tabled for further discussion at a future UPSC meeting.

## VI. **For The Good of the Game**

The UP Velocity are having a bowling fundraiser on June 23. More information will be posted to UPSC website

Congratulations to the G-U14 United who won tournament at Snohomish in the Gold Division.

To keep the website fresh and updated, coaches are encouraged to submit pictures/stories/articles or announcements for posting.

There was a brief follow-up note from last month's NBC report on girls' concussions regarding the effectiveness of head gear. The summary conclusion was that it was not particularly effective, whereas exercises to strengthen neck muscles were encouraged.



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The South Kitsap Soccer Club Root Beer Jamboree is an upcoming tournament in late August for U-7-U10 recreation teams. Rec teams in these age groups may find this a useful “pre-season” tournament.

### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.