



Annual General Meeting
Monday April 27, 2015
Sheraton - Guildford Surrey
7:15pm

1. Roll Call
2. Introductions
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Awards - Scholarships - Wanda Massey - John Jukes Memorial
5. League Winners
6. Officer's Reports - Discipline, League Manager, Scheduler, Finance, President, Vice President
7. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations
8. Correspondence
9. New Business
10. Elections
11. Adjournment



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Attending from Board Of Directors – Laurie, Ryan, Bruno, Kirsty, Sandra, Jaqueline, Deb, Tasha

Attending from League - Michelle, Leslie, Jo-Dee

Missing: Tom

Start 7:20

Roll Call – Many teams missing

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Introductions:

- Roger Barns – BC Soccer Association
- Tanya Gilhoud – Women’s World Cup (short presentation)
- BoD – MWSL
- Barry Parish – Scholarship Committee

Motion to accept minutes from last year:

- Matteo – Westside FC – 1st
- Mike Romon – Surdel Eagles– 2nd
- Minutes passed

Presentation and speakers:

- Roger Barns – BC Soccer Association
- Tanya Gilhoud – Women’s World Cup (short presentation)

Awards - Scholarships - Wanda Massey - John Jukes Memorial – Golden Boot

- Scholarships presented by Barry Parish (see attachments)
 - Rochelle Collette – Ravens FC
 - Mariana Alberti – ICSF United
 - Michelle Hak Hepburn – Wickham FC
- Soccer Express Scholarships, presented by Barry Parish and Deb Pudek
 - Michelle Murray – Royal City Kodiaks

- Victoria Groff – Richmond Chaos
- Golden Boot Award, presented by Laurie Robertson
 - Rachel Pelat – Surrey United Premier
- Wanda Massey award presented by Laurie Robertson
 - Presented to Barry Perish
- John Jukes memorial awards presented by Michelle Pye
 - Most Valuable Referee – Peter Dragan
 - Top Female Official - Amanda Cordua-von Specht
- League Winners – handed out
- Officers report – All Reports Attached to the end of document
 - Discipline – Tom absent, Jo Dee presented
 - League Manager Report, Jo-Dee presented
 - Presidents Report – Laurie Robertson
 - Vice President Report – Deb Pudek
 - Head Referee Report – Michelle Pye
 - League Scheduler Report – Leslie Burkinshaw
 - Financial Report – Kirsty Olychick
 - Motion to accept Budget as presented Terrai Hick 1st (Wicca FC), Lee Williams 2nd (CCB)
 - Budget Passed all in favour
 - Governance Chair – Ryan Burns
 - Amendment to the Rules and Regulations – Ryan
 - Phase 3 Restructuring – Ryan

Correspondence – N/A •

New Business – No new business

Election – Yasmin Zohny elected to BOD

Adjournment – 9:00pm Lee Williams 1st, Shannon Fraser 2nd

League Manager Report:

Changes and improvements:

- New Website:
 - We completed our new website in last summer and have recently added the mobile view, Goal scorers on the team pages and Ask the referee page. Coming soon is the new competitions page. We are always updating and improving the website so stay tuned for upcoming pages and features.
- Payment Options:
 - E-transfers have been added this spring for both team and player registration.
 - Teams will still have the ability to pay by cheque at the beginning of the seasons but once the season has started the cheque option will be deactivated and the only registration option will be online payment or e-Transfer. This is to minimize the amount of collections the league has

to do throughout the year and also helps the teams with players that may register and only show up for one game.

- Please note that e-transfer payment notification must be received at the MWSL payment email address no later than 72 hours from the time online registration is marked completed. Failure of receipt within 72 hours will result in registration cancellation.

➤ Cards:

- This year we went back to getting a new ID card for every fall season and this will continue. Player registration collections were much better and the number of ineligible players seemed to be down
- We will be going with a set fee of \$45.00 dollars for registration/cards. The valid dates have been made larger and more visible for the referees to see
- Teams will receive an email with their fall team registration with instructions and time frames for when their player registration needs to be completed in order for the office to get the cards ready for pick-up
- We are able to mail the cards back to teams but there will be a mailing fee as we have to account for the costs of mailing larger packages out to teams. – \$5.00 fee was applied for teams selecting this option.
- Team ID card pick-ups this year was a success and line-ups for individual player registration on the last day before the season began were greatly reduced.

➤ Field Committees and reports:

- I have been attending the field meetings with the Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam and New Westminster and trying to get a handle on our field needs. With the extra help now in the office we have improved the speed in which we get the fees out to you and also look at reducing costs where we can.

Some things that you can help me out with is when emailing me please include your team name and division. I am starting to know a lot of you but with the large number of teams and things going on it can be a little confusing. I look forward to the next year and continuing to improve and streamline things for the ease of the members and the office.

Thank you,
Jo-Dee Stanley
MWSL League Manager

Discipline Report

1. Review total card count. # of Reds 56 , # of Yellows 478, # of Coach Ejection 8
2. Remind membership of the importance of using Official MWSL game rosters. This comes with growing concern of ineligible and illegal players being used.
3. There has been an increase of reports and complaints with Coaching Conduct issues this season. Remind membership of BCSA and MWSL Coaching Conduct can be found on both webpage's.

Tom Kristensen

MWSL Discipline Chair

MWSL 2014-2015 Schedulers AGM Report

This season the cup games were integrated into the regular league schedule keeping in mind the January 15 transfer date. Although the idea was sound on paper and should have prevented the issue of teams waiting to play league make-up games without having played in many weeks, the weather did not cooperate, with 2 Sundays in February being rained out. We will continue with the integrated cup schedule for next year. Field closures:

- Teams should always remember to check the web page for changes after 8:00pm on Friday for a Saturday game and after 1:00pm on Saturday for a Sunday game. I try to get the Friday/Saturday cancellations up on the web page as soon as I can but please remember to check the web page before your game as sometimes last minute changes are unavoidable.
- All HOME teams should check their field before the game and notify the other team and myself if the field is not playable! (standing water, deep potholes, ice or snow, commonsense should dictate)
- If you check the web site of the municipality your game is to be in and it says the field is closed please don't assume the game is cancelled as there may be another field available to move the game to. Our aim should always be to get the game played because that is why we are here. Useful information
- League Information and Operating Rules can be found on the MWSL web site (www.mwsl.com). If you have a question, check there first, then, if you can't find the answer, e-mail me at (lbforsoccer@hotmail.com or scheduler_league@mwsl.com) or call (604-816 6939) for scheduling questions or Jo-Dee (admin@mwsl.com) for administrative questions.
- Rescheduling games- I make every attempt to reschedule any missed games at a convenient time for both teams. If you have a field available and want to set up a make-up game please contact me and I will attempt to get it scheduled.
- Find out when the Parks Boards field meetings are for your municipality and attend those meetings to push for more turf fields to be built and improved access to all fields for women's teams.
- Please make sure you check the web page on a regular basis to ensure your scores and other info entered on the web page is correct. If you have any questions regarding MWSL scheduling please contact me directly by e-mail at lbforsoccer@hotmail.com or scheduler_league@mwsl.com E-mail is preferable but you can call me at 604-816-6939.

Thanks.

Have a great season.

Leslie Burkinshaw

MWSL Scheduler.

Vice Presidents Report

YEAR IN REVIEW

This has been a very busy year for the MWSL organization and we have had many initiatives from a Marketing/Sponsorship perspective as well as developing Partner initiatives to offer opportunities for our membership. What we delivered in 2014-2015:

- November 2014 – Partnership with FIFA for Women’s World cup to offer discounted tickets for the Women’s World cup. Members received up to 40% discount on venue packages.
 - December 2014 – Secure advertising deals bringing in over \$1500 in additional advertising revenue
 - February 15, 2015 – signed a new partnership deal with Soccer Express. This partnership has provided the MWSL with:
 - o 2 - \$1000 Scholarships which will be given out over the next 3 years of our agreement
 - o over \$20,000 dollars of secured sponsorship revenue over the next 3 years
 - o A customized Store for MWSL members offering significant discounts on soccer wearables and gear
 - o Exclusive MWSL events at the Soccer Express Store and support of the event trailers during Divisional Cup and Provincial Cups.
 - o Enhanced brand awareness partnering with Soccer Express/Adidas – looking to host a street event.
 - February 2015 – Secured a partnership with the Vancouver Whitecaps inclusive of securing special pricing for the opening game in celebration of International Women’s Day March 8, 2015– Discounted tickets of up to 40% for all members.
 - February 2015 – Secured additional partnership opportunities with the Vancouver Whitecaps to offer MWSL members discounted pricing for the remainder of the Whitecaps season. Again up to 40% savings on all tickets MWSL members purchased.
 - March 2015 – In partnership with FIFA Women’s World Cup announced an offer for single ticket purchases for the upcoming World Cup. Up to 40% discount on ticket purchases.
 - April – October 2015 – Partnered with Vancouver Whitecaps to offer an opportunity for MWSL to offer experience packages to our partners and members – more information to come. What we are working on in 2015-2016:
 - Securing additional Advertising dollars
 - Continue to work with Whitecaps on experience packages
 - Introducing some grass roots street events partnering with Soccer Express/Adidas to drive awareness and encouraged continuous lifelong soccer focus for women.
 - Looking to partner with Hubert Busby, Coach of Seattle Sounders Women’s Team to offer Coaching/Player development and game opportunity in Seattle June 2015
http://www.sounderswomen.com/team/2/index_E.html
 - Looking to partner with Seattle Reign to offer opportunity to offer Coaching/Player development and game opportunity the game July 2015 <http://reignfc.com/>
- If you have questions or would like further clarification on upcoming and past initiatives please feel free to contact me directly.

Debbie Pudek
Vice President/Marketing Director
MWSL
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Governance Chair Report – Phase 3 Restructuring:

Division 3

- The four teams finishing at the top of Div. 3's four groups will be promoted to Div. 2 for the following Winter season into the opposite group spots vacated by the relegated Div. 2 teams. Eg. Div. 3, Group A promoted to Div. 2, Group A.
- The team finishing at the bottom of each of Div. 3's four groups will be relegated to Div. 4 for the following Winter season into the opposite group spots vacated by the four promoted Div. 4 teams. Eg. Div. 3, Group A relegated to Div. 4, Group A.

Division 4

- The four teams finishing at the top of Div. 4's four groups will be promoted to Div. 3 for the following Winter season into the opposite group spots vacated by the relegated Div. 3 teams. Eg. Div. 4, Group A promoted to Div. 3, Group A.
- The three teams finishing with the least amount of points of the teams at the bottom of each of Div. 4's four groups will be relegated to Div. 5 for the following Winter season into the opposite group spots vacated by the three promoted Div. 5 teams.

Division 5

- The three teams finishing at the top of Div. 5's three groups will be promoted to Div. 4 for the following Winter season into the opposite group spots vacated by the relegated Div. 4 teams. Eg. Div. 5, Group A promoted to Div. 4, Group A.

30+ Classics Division (Tentative - To be determined w/Classics teams)

- This division is restricted to players who will be 30 years of age and older by December 31st of the current playing season.
- The Classics division consists of: Premier, Divisions 1, 2 & 3.
- The team finishing at the bottom of Classics Div. 1 will be relegated to Classics Div. 2 for the following Winter season.
- The team finishing at the top of Classics Div. 2 will be promoted to Classics Div. 1; the team finishing at the bottom of Classics Div. 2 will be relegated to Classics Div. 3.
- The team finishing at the top of Classics Div. 3 will be promoted to Classics Div. 2.

Governance Report – Rule Changes

3.1.2

Current: For Divisions 1-4 players must have turned 17 years of age by December 31st of the current year in order to register on a team in the MWSL.

New: Premier, Selects A & B do not have a minimum age restriction . For Divisions 1- 5 players must have turned 17 years of age by December 31st of the current year in order to register on a team in the MWSL.

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Current: Players may play equal to their division or up on any higher division team within their club.

New: Players may play up on any higher division team within their club, or the equivalent level if permitting to or from Classics and U21 (3.9 to 3.14).

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New: At the conclusion of every third season, the League will review divisions with more than one group and as determined possible and to an extent possible re-align teams among the groups along approximate geographic criteria as determined by the Board of Directors.

President's Report

It has been another busy year here at the MWSL we hope you had a great season!!

MWSL hosted the Provincial Cup and it was a glorious affair....

Winners were: U21 – CCB United Classics – Coastal FC Supra B Cup – Magnussen Ford Mariners United A cup - Surrey United

Coastal Supra went on to represent BC in Western Classics and brought home GOLD!!

Surrey United went on to represent BC at Nationals and brought home SILVER!!!!

Committee's we participated in this year included:

1. Governance – BC Soccer 2. Legacy - BC Soccer 3. Competitions – BC Soccer 4. Adult Soccer – BC Soccer

Follow through:

1. Golden Boot – Inaugural award this year Premier Division

2. Online payments – Interac – Credit Cards

3. Awards Ceremony – stay tuned it is in the works...

4. Flags – Stand and Repeat – Professional Photographer - Beer Garden- Soccer Express – and torrential down pouring of Rain made these the best and wettest finals in recent memory

Still in production:

Competitions page – working at adding content

Yours in Soccer,

Laurie Robertson

President MWSL – GO CANADA GO!!!!!!!!!!

MWSL Head Referee and

Referee Administrator Report

Fall Season 2014/2015

Correspondence

- Coaches/managers – thank you for continuing to send in your referee reports. We appreciate your feedback. This season the online system as been set up to auto-generate the referee's name on every report. This has been a huge positive in being able to provide immediate feedback to the head referee regarding referee performances.

- Please continue to send me emails with any questions or concerns you have...all feedback that you provide is helpful to me.

Referee Information

- Total # of Referees used 276 - Total Females used 34 - Our female referees were part of 435 games this season

Opportunities for Females

- Cup Finals 24/54 appointments on the finals went to female referees - Last May, MWSL, in cooperation with BC Soccer, ran a 2nd Women's Only Clinic. There were 15 participants in the course, we are working on getting these female referees into our league on a more regular basis - We are in the planning stages of offering our 3rd female – only entry level course in late August or early September. Stay tuned for information.

Online Scheduling System

- The online referee scheduling system is working much more efficiently now. Referees are becoming much better at accepting or declining their games within the 24 hour window. - Are still working towards having the system Auto-assign assistant referees, currently we are having to put them in by hand - Feedback from referees is positive. They find the system relatively easy to use - Have added an Automatic Email Reminder Notification that goes out ~48 hours before the game. This is greatly helping to reduce the number of officials who are missing games. (I believe we had <10 games this year where a referee failed to show up)

Challenges

- Ensuring that all referees are applying the Laws as they are meant to be applied (ie. Giving verbal warnings, and cards when they are warranted). - Feedback from coaches/managers is sometimes inaccurate in Law, and therefore we need more education out there - Games being cancelled and rescheduled at the last minute. This often proves difficult for John as referees are already committed to other leagues (out of 3108 games this year, at least 700 games were rescheduled, many two or three times) - Defaulted games (at least 49), often frustrating to referees who have committed their time to the MWSL

Future Goals

- To hold a Coaches Evenings with focus on Laws of the Game questions and improving coaching strategies to prevent injuries. - To continue to provide support and opportunities to the female referees in our league (while working to increase the overall number) - To continue to support all the referees in the league and ensure that the best referees are getting appropriate games - To complete on-going evaluations of all the referees in the MWSL - To continue to use coaches reports and evaluations to provide on-the-job training of our referees to improve the overall level of officiating - To continue to remove referees from the league who are not doing their job - To ensure that the women of the MWSL have a safe and fun place to play soccer