

2016 ANNUAL REPORT WEST SEATTLE SOCCER CLUB



March 30, 2017

2017 represents the 49th year that the West Seattle Soccer Club has provided soccer programs in the West Seattle area. Similar to coaches working with players and parents to develop a successful team, the WSSC Board interacts with our wonderful volunteer coaches, Seattle Parks, league representatives and other volunteers to provide the "best soccer experience" for West Seattle families. We are proud of our club and hope this Annual Report provides a glimpse of our activities and accomplishments during 2016. Looking ahead to 2018, we are excited to celebrate our 50th year!

GOVERNANCE

WSSC has been constituted as an unincorporated association governed by a 12-person Board of Officers and Commissioners: President James Foulk; Vice President of Administration William Fry; Vice President of Players Stefan Persson; Vice President of Coaches Tom Gass; Treasurer Curtis Allan; Secretary Chip Goss; and Commissioners Tim McMonigle, Clydene Evans-Wenzel, Patti Bunting, David Unruh, Sarah Detzer, and Tim Hinthorn. Commissioner Unruh resigned in August leaving a vacancy.



In February 2017, the Board approved for consideration by the membership Articles of Incorporation, Amended Bylaws, and a slate of candidates for expired and open positions. The purpose of formally incorporating is to provide liability protection for our volunteers and to simplify our tax status. The purpose in amending the Bylaws is to provide greater clarity and accountability for members and parties we contract with, and to prevent repeated issues of ministerial non-compliance.

FINANCES

WSSC's financial position is strong. Generally, Registration Fees brought in \$340K and donations and merchandise sales added another \$15K. Uniforms and equipment are the largest expense (\$142K), followed by Seattle Parks field rental fees (\$63K) and payments to referees (\$54K). WSSC also pays \$6K to Highline Soccer Association for scheduling, field assignment, referee coordination and other administrative services. WSSC ended 2016 with a positive balance of \$300K (of which approximately \$150K is set aside for field development). Annual accounting information for WSSC is available for review by membership upon request

Financial standing and accountability

The Highline Soccer Association (HSA) is a 501c3 non-profit organized under the laws of Washington State. The Board of Directors of the Highline Soccer Association (HSA) and the elected leadership of its Member Clubs, Highline Soccer Club (HSC), Highline Premier FC (HPFC), and the West Seattle Soccer Club (WSSC) take their fiduciary duty to membership seriously. To help assure that the Association and its Member Clubs are good stewards of member resources and employ sound financial practices, HSA contracted with the Certified Public Accountants, Hawthorne & Co., to complete an audit of HSA, HSC, HPFC, and WSSC. Hawthorne & Co. evaluated the current cash management systems to determine the effectiveness of policies, procedures, and internal controls. They also analyzed financial information and interviewed the Treasurers of each organization. Hawthorn & Co. published their findings and recommendations on August 5, 2016, and HSA has acted on those findings to assure adherence with best practices.

We are proud to report that HSA and our Member Clubs are in strong and sound financial standing. Moreover, HSA and all of its affiliates are employing appropriate measures to manage and safeguard assets. Annual accounting information for HSA and its Member Clubs is available for review by membership upon request.

MEMBER SERVICES

Spring Champions League (2016): WSSC had 1,506 players on 110 teams 2009 (U-8) and older, and 61 teams in the Coed 2011 and 2010 age groups.

Fall Season (2016): WSSC had 2,217 players on 150 teams 2009 (U-8) and older, and 46 teams in the Coed 2011 and 2010 age groups.

Master Coach Program: In partnership with UK International Soccer, WSSC provided coach training with model practice drills and instruction before each game at the 2011 and 2010 Coed age groups.

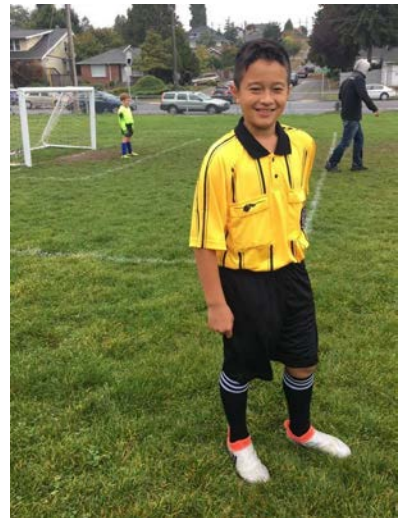
Clinics: Also with UK International Soccer, WSSC made available half and full day skills clinics in April, July and August.



Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA):

WSSC recognizes the quality of each player and parent experience is highly dependent upon coaching. WSSC provided PCA training for coaches that emphasizes goals, integrity, resiliency and teamwork over winning.

Referees: WSSC makes a dedicated commitment to improve the soccer experience by providing referees for games. Through the tireless work of Commissioner Tim McMonigle, WSSC has been able to recruit and train enough referees so that an unbelievable 86% of all games had referee coverage, including 98-100% of games for ages 2006 (U-9) and older.



End of the Year Survey (424 responses): WSSC has achieved tremendous success with the support of our members. 96% of those responding confirmed they had fun. 95% said player skills improved and 91% rated their Coach "Outstanding" or "Very Good." 96% plan to return next Fall! Chief complaints were SSUL affiliation and muddy and potholed fields.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Fields: WSSC has recognized from census data that the number of expected players over the next decade will overwhelm field capacity in our area. Accordingly, WSSC included an assessment registration fees to be dedicated toward field development and maintenance.

Highland Park Re-Development: WSSC entered a partnership with Seattle Parks for the renovation of fields adjacent to Highland Park Elementary School. WSSC contributed over \$6,000 to the project and expects renovated fields to be available for the Fall 2017 season.

South Park: WSSC continued its partnership with the South Park Community Center during its transition from SeaMar Community Health to Seattle Parks. 140 players from South Park participated in our program.

HIGHLINE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

WSSC is a member of the Highline Soccer Association which also includes the Highline Soccer Club. HSA currently represents over 4,000 youth soccer players from the communities of Des Moines/ Midway, Sea-Tac, West Highline, and West Seattle. It is through the HSA that WSSC provides players with the opportunity of advancement to more skilled and competitive Select and Premier leagues.

HSA Select. HSA launched the HSA Select Program in 2015. The program provides a select tier of instruction and play for members of the communities served by HSA. Teams are led by volunteer coaches and the youngest teams are formed at U-11 (Birth Year 2007 in 2017). Tryouts are in May, practices begin in June, fall league runs September through December, and State Cup is held in January to early February. For more information, please visit http://www.highlinesa.org/HSA_Select

Highline Premier Football Club (HPFC). Highline Premier FC (HPFC) is the highest competitive level within Highline Soccer Association, and a proud sister club to WSSC, HSC and HSA Select. HPFC competes in the Puget Sound Premier League, under U.S. Club Soccer. HPFC believes in a player-centric approach to development and is proud in its role, within the last year, in advancing eighteen (18) players to the PSPL Surf Academy and Jr. Academy (WA state all-stars) and four (4) female players to the Elite Club National League (competing in the NW conference of the national league). Additionally, we are honored to be recognized for our high-performing teams who will compete in the National Premier League this coming year (2017-18). For upcoming tryout information, please visit <http://www.highlinepremier.com/tryouts>

SOUTH SOUND UNITED LEAGUE

In 2016, WSSC joined the South Sound United League (SSUL) for 2001 (U13) and older teams. The new alignment was promoted by Washington Youth Soccer in order to facilitate the development of south sound clubs like Renton, Federal Way, and Maple Valley that likely would not survive on their own. The Board spent several months evaluating and debating this new alignment. This included a study of eleven (11) categories, including competition, travel distance and traffic. The Board approved the new alignment with SSUL in May. Results from the fall season were generally favorable, with only a few complaints about travel distances and field quality.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

WSSC teams fared very well in fall league and year-end competitions!

- Fall leagues: 10 first place teams, 7 second place teams
- WYS Recreational Cup Champs! BU-17 WS Fury (also SYSA City Cup champs)
- WYS Recreational Cup Semi-Finalists: BU-11 WS Thunder, BU-16 WS Thunder, BU-16 Fireballs

