

2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF WEST SEATTLE SOCCER CLUB

West Seattle Soccer Club is 54 years old this year and going strong after surviving Covid. We saw a significant decline in coaches and older players, but the future is bright with a sizeable number of participants in our CoEd program.

GOVERNANCE:

WSSC is governed by a twelve-person volunteer Board of Officers and Commissioners. Terms are two years; half the board is elected each year by vote of WSSC's membership.

Your 2020 board was:

President: Chip Goss

VP Administration: Joel Oltyan*

VP Players: Jesse Russell

VP Coaches: Erich Wiener*

Treasurer: Curtis Allan*

Secretary: Jamie Foulk

Commissioners:

Brett Conway

Tim Hinthorn

Pushpa Larsen*

Mick O'Byrne *

Claire Brannan

Tim Tilbury*

(* Positions Up for Election)

The Board meets the second Monday of each month, currently via Zoom. Minutes of all meetings are available on the WSSC website.

FINANCES:

WSSC's financial position remains strong. In 2021 WSSC brought in \$338,746.01. in registration fees and \$1,191.30 in donations from our generous supporters. Our significant expenses were: equipment costs \$73,506.40, field rentals \$55,866.38, referee fees \$25,663.02, WYS and HSA fees \$38,354.50, Coaches' support \$14,601.04, and administrative support \$11,856.72. Ongoing expenses such as bank fees, gear storage locker rental, PO Box rental, insurance, annual goal maintenance and repair, were paid as usual. WSSC had a net operating loss of \$11,266.43 for 2021; In lieu of the annual volunteer appreciation event, which could not be held, WSSC donated \$1,500 to the West Seattle Food Bank. WSSC ended 2021 with a positive balance of \$342,979.18 (of which approximately \$189,743.72 is set aside for field development). Annual accounting information for WSSC is available for review by membership upon request. WSSC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Washington State.

MEMBER SERVICES:

Covid restrictions lifted for outdoor sports in Spring permitting our U6/U7 CoEd Skills program, Spring Champions League for U8-U12, and some older WSSC teams in the South Sound United League (SSUL).

Soccer returned in full swing in the Fall. WSSC had 1729 players registered, including nearly 500 CoEd players.

SafeSport, the federally enacted program to protect youth athletes from misconduct and abuse is integrated into WSSC. Our parent entity, Highline Soccer Association, has published a SafeSport Protocol for its member clubs. You can find FAQs and other information about SafeSport, including links to the national Center for SafeSport, on the WSSC website.

During Covid, VP of Coaches Erich Wiener paused the Coaches' Social meetings but diligently pursued more support structures for our volunteer coaches. Once again, WSSC offered our Fall coaches free membership at United Soccer (a source of considerable training and information), and improved support for the RMA clearance process.

Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA): WSSC recognizes the quality of each player and parent experience is highly dependent upon coaching. WSSC supports PCA training for coaches that emphasizes goals, integrity, resiliency and teamwork over winning.

HIGHLINE SOCCER ASSOCIATION:

WSSC is a member of the Highline Soccer Association which also includes the Highline Soccer Club. It is through the HSA that WSSC provides players with the opportunity of advancement to more skilled and competitive Select and Premier leagues. 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. Highline Premier FC (HPFC) is the highest competitive level within Highline Soccer Association, and a proud sister club to WSSC, HSC and HSA Select.

With gratitude to all who contribute to make WSSC so successful, here's to a wonderful 2022.

April 6, 2022

West Seattle Soccer Club Board