

PETERBOROUGH CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2013 AGM President's Report

The 2013 year was a very busy year for the PSCA. PCSA had a lot of positive factors that took place and a few things that still need to be worked on as an association.

1. The introduction of LTPD. The PCSA continues to do a great job with adapting to the new LTPD introduced by the OSA. The ECDSL/Development representative took on the challenges of the first year program and introduced the family fun day for the rep team from U7 to U9 teams. This went extremely well with goals of having fun and player development achieved.

The PCSA will continue to support and grow with the LTPD in the future. The association must recognize how this program benefits the association and put forward a game plan to achieve both the LTPD and PCSA goals.

Overall, our youth teams in both the girls and boys continued to be strong in 2013 winning a number of tournaments and strong league play.

- 2. Last year, one of our goals was to improve our communications with our membership. We achieved this goal with reviewing our duties and responsibilities with the administrator position within the club. An email system was put into place to keep all board members, coaches, assistant coaches and managers know in time of what was taking place within the association and to allow them to communicate back to the club. This is still a work in progress, and we are continually looking at improving the communication within the club.
- 3. Another goal was to improve communication through our web site. The PCSA did a better job this year once Barry Graham took over as webmaster.
- 4. Financial 2013 budget goals were achieved and surpassed (see financial statement). The PCSA remains financially sound and we need to continue this direction in 2014. We are building for future growth and development.
- 5. Uniforms 2013 was a disappointment for all involved. The PCSA has already put a program in place that will eliminate all of the concerns for the 2014 season. The program includes a new supplier, new deadlines for choosing uniforms, team fittings and ordering. All teams will have all uniforms/equipment before the beginning of their 2014 season. This program must be followed through and reviewed for any changes that will improve the system in 2014 and going forward.
- 6. Registration Fee Is now transparent. All parents have been given a handout to explain what their fees cover. This can continue to improve as we listen to the concerns our members have.

- 7. The biggest endeavour was the start of the PCSA Academy (something that has been discussed at the board level for many years). The Academy will be able to give the extra training that our top players have been asking for. The Academy will continue to evolve and grow.
- 8. Player Development for the past two seasons, we have had some success with individual teams being promoted while others have been demoted. The PCSA must begin evaluating the overall ranking of the club. For the past two seasons, the PCSA overall performance has been status quo. As a competitive club we must be moving forward. There are a couple of ideas on how we can begin to achieve this goal:

First, the PCSA must review our LTPD that the OSA has implemented and make sure that our technical program lines up with their initiatives. The LTPD is going to be implemented to the age group of 12. To help with this, a survey was distributed to the parents to help us evaluate how the technical team could improve. This is something that as a club we are constantly looking at and trying to make changes that will benefit the players.

The PCSA must also have a technical program in place for our teams beyond the age of 12.

- 9. As noted last year, training is critical in the development of our players. With that, the club has booked extra training time at the Spiplex so we can provide more training for the U13-U18 age groups from now until Christmas and the younger teams can stay inside until the end of April.
- 10. PCSA after many long discussions decided to move in another direction with our Club Head Coach. With LTPD being implemented, it was felt that we no longer needed a Club Head Coach at this time and appointed a Director of coaching who oversees the Technical team and all coaches within the club. This allows us to have a lower ratio of Technical Coaches to players.
- 11. The PCSA needed to make sure that the club has the right equipment for each age group for their training sessions, so the board decided to purchase training equipment for the development session. To ensure this equipment did not disappear, the equipment room was renovated to allow the equipment to be locked, but still easily accessed. There are still some issues with this that need to be ironed out for next year.
- 12. As many should be aware, we held a Special Meeting on September 12th to update the PCSA Constriction. Unfortunately the turnout wasn't the best, but the new Constitution was approved

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the board members for their support and commitment over the past year. The board members are a dedicated group of individuals who have put in long hours before, during and after the season to make sure everything runs as smooth as possible for the club. Please make sure you thank them when you see them

On a final note, I would also like to thank all of the coaches, managers, players and other volunteers for their support and commitment this year. The PCSA appreciates everything you do!

Yours in soccer,

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