

PCSA AGM - DOC Report -Dec 7th 2019

Just a recap of my year in the position as it was very much a learning year for me:

-Took over as DOC just before the AGM 1 year ago.

-Quickly hired and deployed technical staff to applicable age groups. Very happy with the work of the technical staff over both the winter, spring and summer months. A big thank you to Biren, Bruce, Serge, Dave, Dan, Leanne, Rianna who were leaders in training through most of the year with the tech staff.

-Keeper training through the winter was quite successful and I believe we saw strong improvement from our keeper's as a result. Thank you to our three keeper coaches, Serge D., Jamie M. and Maddie P.

-Last season we had our best Academy year in terms of results and registration. Our girls' team had an excellent indoor season in the PISL going right into the finals. I want to send a big thank you to the Academy Coaches, Gergin, Franco and Sam for all of your hard work with this program.

-In the spring our appointed men's coach decided to not continue and resigned as head coach. A big thank you to Biren who stepped up with his coaching team to handle both our U21 mens and our MJ men's teams this past winter. We are looking to you and excited for another strong season in 2020.

-In April we hosted a Soccer 4 Life course here as per ECOSA allocation of coaching courses to us. We had 15 coaches attend from Peterborough with an additional 9 from other clubs allowing us to generate a slight profit from that course.

-Spring hit with a flurry of wetness. I did take criticism for not being prepared to handle the wetness, but I really don't know how it could have been done different. We made a decision to remain on turf into early May this year when we typically stop on turf at mid-April. A big thank you to Fevri who was all over securing us the additional time on turf at both Fleming and Spilplex to keep our training going the best we can.

-The wetness of grass fields provided a challenge. We had to reschedule 37 games and 97 practices as a result which meant our seasons went long into September. Some of the development teams were forced to play twice per week which is against OS policy under LTPD. Working with DRSL and OS to obtain permission was crucial to make sure we had everyone play a full season.

-The June Challenges went off very well this year. I had technical coaches dressed in red deployed around the tournament to view and report back to me team's progresses as I just couldn't be everywhere. I did catch most of the team's playing. This was a great measuring stick to how well our development had come over the winter.

-Our U15Boys hosted an Ontario Cup tournament here in Peterborough. I was able to be a part of the organization for that. It was a great weekend of soccer and all of the teams enjoyed their stay here in Peterborough.

- This summer I coordinated the summer soccer camp. We had strong numbers at the camp this year and turned a nice profit for the club. I want to send a special thank you to both Bruce Rowe and Chris Entwistle who stepped up as lead councillors of the camp. These guys put strong processes and plans in place for the kids to ensure that all of the kids had a great summer camp experience.

- In August an interview panel was created to select our Academy coaches for the next two seasons. Congratulations to our successful coach Gergin. We are excited to have you back to continue to grow our program even further.

-Our Season wrapped up just days before try outs. Technically we had a team still playing Cup games during try outs. A big congratulations to U13Girls (Ange Gaskell), U13Boys (Chris Entwistle), U14Boys (Shaun Watmough) and U15Boys (Franco Turnone) for winning your DRSL leagues respectively and earning promotion into the CSL. I also want to congratulate U16Girls (James Onusko) and the girls went to the finals of the CSL Cup and finished with a strong runner up position in both Cup and League.

-At the end of the season I sent out a parent survey through the club to let parents speak about their season. Typical survey results are good if you get a 20-25% response rate. 73% of club responded with some important information that I was able to use when interviewing and selecting coaching staff's for our teams this year.

-Behind the scenes I've spent hours of developing a training structure for our club. I feel at this point all our own teams operate as their own islands. Coaches are doing their best based on their knowledge, but I need to find a way to pull everyone together so we are on the same page. Shortly after the AGM I will be announcing coaching education sessions starting in January. The sessions will be once a month for two hours. Half will be focused on physical development (personal training, diet, concussion protocol) and the other tactical (keeper training, possession, etc). More details to come. I'm just trying to determine the best day/time right now as our winter training is scattered all through the week with our teams.

-Earlier in the fall I had a tactical planning day with some of the technical coaches. You all had valuable input to share, and I would like to host a couple more of these days very soon to pull all of these training idea's together. Thank you to all of the technical coaches that participated in this.

-Recently I had to make a mid or early season coaching change with one of our teams. I want to thank the board for your support behind that decision and thank you to Sonja who was also there to support me at the parent meeting.

-Currently I'm working with Fevri to finalize the winter training schedule at Spiplex. We hope to have that released very shortly

-Over the year I had been working with James Onusko and Chris Bellis to facilitate us coming together with Peterborough Youth Soccer Club and Peterborough Youth Indoor. This is something that I have been serious about for the betterment of development in Peterborough. Conversations have stalled again. I think the new board should take one more reach out with the two clubs to see if this can happen, otherwise it might be time to move in our own direction for recreation play and development.

And last piece of news is that OS has officially approved Peterborough just last week to host a C license course over two full weekends at Eastgate. The dates will be May23/24 weekend and May 30/31 weekend so please block these dates in your calendar now if you are planning to take this course.

Lastly, thanks to the entire board for your support and contributions

- Scott Cockburn, DOC