

2020/2021 AGM - DOC Report

Let me start by saying thank you to the Board for having the confidence in my abilities and giving me the opportunity to develop the club for the future.

As everyone knows, it has been more than a challenging 2 years, not only for our Club but for everyone in general.

Although an uphill battle, PCSA succeeded in getting the kids playing this season. It was very gratifying to see our players back on the pitch and enjoying themselves.

The Board deserves a great deal of credit for making this happen as there were many difficult criteria and different organizations that had to be satisfied to be able to be granted permission to play.

We heard from our membership regarding their concerns with the Technical Team and the support offered by them for teams. I met with each coach and gathered information regarding their needs for technical support. The information provided allowed us to better support and use the allocated budget for technical training for this season. Overwhelmingly the requirement for goal keeping sessions was one of the highest priorities and the Board was able to provide that within the limited budget this year. Moving forward I will do my best to expand the sessions and training for the upcoming season.

A big thank you to Jamie and Evan for their work with the goalkeepers of PCSA.

Unfortunately, with the current situation with COVID and uncertainty of the times, the Board had to cancel the Academy program. At this time I would like to thank Gergin, our Academy Head Coach, and his team for all their efforts regarding the Academy.

We were unable to host any tournaments due to the restrictions we were under by the City of Peterborough and the Health Unit. Also due to these restrictions at the time of planning for our league play, we were limited to play only teams within the ECOSA District. Although not all teams were able to take part in this District league we tried to involve those teams in inter club training and scrimmages. I observed many games and was glad to see our teams were competitive and having fun developing their skills after a long hiatus from the game.

During our long lockdown, I spent many hours preparing a manual which I sent out to our coaches and that I hope gave our coaches some guidance on training, coaching requirements and age appropriate training. Our fantastic webmaster Barry had it posted on the website within minutes of me forwarding it to him and it is still posted as a reference for new coaches.

Now we come to the Coaches. What can I say other than that I feel we have the best Coaches of any club in the area. Without all of you and the love you have for the game of soccer we simply would not have a club for the kids. I want to say a Big Thank you on behalf of the Board and myself for all of the time, effort and patience during the last 2 years.

Lastly I would like to mention that every great coach has a support staff of assistants and managers who do so much of the behind the scenes work that is critical. So a Big Thank you to all of you who may not be in the spot light but your efforts are noticed and appreciated by the Board, Parents and the Kids we do this for.

I look forward to the upcoming season with some sense of normalcy so we can provide a great experience for all our club members.

Thank you for all your efforts,
Biren Patel
PCSA Director of Coaching

