

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS PARK  
SOCCER CLUB (DPSC)  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

Attending members:

Peter Keenlyside

Kim Ball

Steve Weston

Darin Bennett

Greg Williams

Georgia Weinstein-Wright

Charmaine Van Possel

The meeting commenced at 7:32 pm.

1. Introduction of parents and Board members. 8 parents attended from various age levels.
2. The Minutes of the previous AGM were reviewed and approved.
3. President's Report (Read by Greg Williams): Robert Sambrook, President, addressed the year's events. The report was read into the Minutes and is attached as an Appendix.
4. Treasurer's Report: Charmaine von Possel, Treasurer updated the Board and parents on the financial position of the Club (report attached). Highlights included:
  - i) A 23% surge in registrations.
  - ii) Continued support from the Provincial government through a \$40,000 Gaming Grant. The Club will apply for continued support from the Gaming Branch next year.
  - iii) Player development clinics have added additional revenue to the Club.
  - iv) The Club posted a modest surplus due to stringent financial controls and a strong revenue line.
  - v) The Club hopes to raise additional funds through sponsorship and fundraising programs.
  - vi) The budget for the upcoming year was submitted and approved unanimously.
5. Registrar's Report: The Registrar entered his report (attached). Highlights included:
  - i) Older age groups reported some decline in registrations.
  - ii) Boys' registrants were up substantially over last year
  - iii) Girls' registrants were about flat.
  - iv) Overall, registrations have gone from 697 to 683 to 745 in three years.

6. Merger Process Update and Nomination of Merger Committee:
  - Parents were updated on the status of merger talks with other clubs and urged to form a consultative committee to assist in talks with other East Side Clubs. Janet Shung, parent, expressed a willingness to be part of such a committee.
7. Head Coaches' report: The head coach entered his report (attached).

Player of the Year Announcements:

- i) The boys' player of the year was Derek Galinha.
- ii) The girls' player of the year was Christina Arcadi.
- iii) Winners receive a plaque and \$250 each.

8. Election of Officers and Directors:

The floor was opened and the following individuals were nominated to positions at the Club:

**President:** Rob Sambrook

**Vice President:** vacant pending acceptance of Brendan Avery (since approved)

**Registrar:** Darin Bennett / Kevin Soulsbury

**Treasurer:** Charmaine von Possel

**Secretary:** Peter Keenlyside

**Officers were elected unanimously.**

The following Directors resigned at the end of their terms:  
Andrew Roets, Greg Williams, Georgia Weinstein-Wright

The following were nominated as Directors at large:

Hark Hoag (director)

Dan Getz (director)

Mat Loup (director)

Ann Duggan (director)

Paul Sewell (director)

**Directors were elected unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Douglas Park Community Centre.

Appendix 1:  
President's Report - for Wednesday, May 18, 2011

There was continued growth in our club this past season, with 756 players registered. A great deal of the growth was in our House program, which contributed 342 players. This remains an important focus for our club, with a significant proportion of Steve Weston's time spent with this age group – one which represents a critical time in every young player's development.

Douglas Park had more than 140 players in the U11/12 age groups; 90 boys and 54 girls, including bronze, silver and gold level teams. The challenge in club of our size is providing teams with sufficient depth at the 11-a-side Divisional level for the players coming through from this age group, and this past season we have largely managed to do this, with the help of some excellent and committed coaches.

Notable competitive successes this past season were:

- Douglas Park Blue Rangers, coached by Nick Perguini, who were U15 Gold Divisional Champions, and also had tremendous success in a number of tournaments, including division champions in recent tournaments in Las Vegas and Kelowna.
- Three Douglas Park players were selected to the recently formed High Performance League (HPL) and fifteen to the Metro teams in Vancouver, Richmond or Burnaby

The Club once again received the Provincial Government gaming funds, with the same allocation of \$40,000, as in previous years. These have helped tremendously in balancing the Club finances, and have enabled our club to keep the registration fees down this year, with only a modest increase to cover planned increases in the BCSA, VYSA and referee fees, as well as to the slightly higher field rental fees resulting from a lot of game time on turf fields.

This past season, new facilities at Trillium (2 fields), Memorial, and Jericho have been completed, and all are available for both practice time and home games. This, along with the recent resurfacing of Andy Livingstone, represents a dramatic improvement in the situation from two or three years ago, when home games were routinely played on gravel fields.

Douglas Park is still committed to an amalgamation with the Grandview Legion and Vancouver Girls' soccer clubs for the 2012/13 season, as well as with other interested clubs. This is particularly critical in the light of the recently confirmed merger of the three West side clubs, Kerrisdale, Point Grey and Dunbar.

An important change to Risk Management is on its way for the coming season. All registered team officials (coaches, assistant coaches, managers) and all Board Members will be required to have a criminal record check. This will replace the current 'Risk Management Forms', and will need to be completed before teams are affiliated with the

District registrar in September. Further details about the logistics of this will be circulated shortly.

The club continues to being held together by a small handful of exceptionally dedicated (and exceptionally busy) volunteers. There is always room for more.

Rob Sambrook  
President, Douglas Park Soccer Club

Appendix 2:  
Treasurer's Report:

In the 2010/11 year we have again maintained a strong financial control of our funds. Our revenues showed a 17% increase based on the continued application of the gaming funds, funds from the new player development programs and a considerable growth in the House registration numbers. Expenses were comparable to the previous year, fluctuating in certain categories but with a similar end result. Our year ended with a surplus due to the tight control of expenses.

Revenues:

Registrations showed a 23% growth from last year mostly due to the increase of in the House program (147,149 vs. 119,835).

We received our final installment (\$40,000) of the pre approved Direct Access Program Grant for \$120,000. A new application for qualification of gaming funds will be remitted by the end of May and we hope to again be awarded the \$40,000 for the upcoming 2011/12 season.

The re-introduction of Summer Camps and the addition of the Player Development Program has created additional revenues for our use in the upcoming season.

Expenses:

This year our main expenses included an increase in administration costs, coaching clinics, Thriva fee and field and gym rental fees. All other fees were very comparable to the previous year varying in increases and decreases. New nets were purchased to replace aged ones at a reasonable cost. The DPCA membership fee has not been applied for the 10/11. We are in ongoing discussions in regards to the continuation and application of this fee with the DPCA Board.

The 2011/12 season will be a new season to consider the growth of our club and the finances that will be needed to support it . We look forward to continue receiving the Gaming Grants and hope to expand on a Fundraising and Sponsorship program.

Charmaine von Possel

Treasurer, Douglas Park Soccer Club

May 19, 2010

Appendix 3:  
Registrar's Report

Overall registration for the 2010/11 season increased 9 % over the previous season. This was largely due to an increase in our House program, which has seen steady growth since the 2008/09 season. The U11 and U12 age groups also showed increased registration numbers, while registration for our older age groups (U13-U18) showed a slight decline. The number of boys participating in our club increased significantly last season, while the number of girls has remained steady.

We have 222 registrants so far for the 2011/12 season, compared to 258 at this time last year.

Age Category	Season		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
U6	47	42	63
U7	48	74	82
U8	86	74	87
U9	84	88	102
U10	76	87	84
U11	73	66	80
U12	92	55	62
U13	52	78	32
U14	31	15	50
U15	37	16	18
U16	51	34	17
U17	20	36	33
U18	0	18	35
Total	697	683	745

	Season		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Boys	462	426	514
Girls	238	253	250

Darin Bennett  
Registrar  
Douglas Park Soccer Club  
18 May 2011

Appendix 4:  
Head Coach Report

**Player Development:**

Again this season a lot of my time was spent on player development for a lot of the younger house players, Saturday morning sessions for the U6/7 players, and evening sessions for the joint U8 / 9's and U10's.

Improving individual technical skills has been the main focus of these sessions so that all players become comfortable on the ball, and pass and support rather than the "big boot and chase approach"

Goalkeeper sessions were run for the U11 and U12 age group which were well attended and coaches saw the need for this to be offered to younger age groups for players to develop early keeper skills.

Ongoing work with coaches and players at all divisional age groups continued to be another main focus, especially with the transition of house to 8 aside and the from the 8 aside to 11 aside.

A DPK summer soccer camp was well attended with 45 players, with parent comments asking for more camps both at Spring break and the summer.

**Coach the Coaches.**

DPK held all the certification courses for the Community Coach Children / Youth and Senior during the summer and fall of 2010.

Grass Roots Development for the coaches at the younger age groups was initiated prior to the season and throughout the season to offer continued support for our excellent and dedicated volunteer coaches.

A new and well attended initiative was the monthly on field coaching for all coaches of all age groups. This gave an opportunity to share idea's, philosophies and most of all see new faces and network as we all learn together.

**Referee Development:**

The Junior referee development course was well attended by 20 young DPK referees. All new referees past the course and applied those new skills on the field for the U8 – U10 age groups. We recognize that we need and we are short of Entry level referees for the U11 / 12 age groups.

We are offering the Entry Level weekend course at Douglas Park in the late summer.

I encourage all players above the age of 14 to take this course, both as a way to earn but most of all improve ones understanding of the rules of the game.

**Fields:**

DPK has had more access to the turf fields resulting that most of all divisional games were taken of the west and east grass fields on to the turf fields. This has met with some complaints especially from the U11 / 12 age groups who may have an 8.00am game but the positive side has resulted that many of those teams have not had to play on gravel which is much better not only for safety but player development.

Over the summer months we are negotiating with the Parks Board to have even more access to the turf fields for training. All this is looking very positive. As the new fields are open DPK has been allocated very good training times on a variety of days.

**Joint collaboration with the East clubs:**

On the girls divisional side DPK has collaborated with Grandview, Vancouver Girls Soccer and Killarney Youth for player evaluations for next season. This has been a lot of work, but a tremendous success as not only have we been able to add some new teams at DPK, we have managed to place girls on similar teams with the same skill set.

In closing I would like to thank the board of Douglas Park for their continued support, and all players, coordinators, managers and coaches not only for their support but their total dedication to the club and its players.

I thank the players for commitment and enjoyment of this beautiful game

My aim is that every player at what ever level enjoys having the ball. By having the technical skills to be confident in their dribbling, passing and a variety of ball control techniques.

Yours in Soccer

Steve Weston  
Head Coach  
Douglas Park Soccer Club