

President's Report - for Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- In the 08/09 season our club consisted of 690 registered players (230 girls and 453 boys and 17 adults). Overall registration was down slightly from last year, particularly in the boys' divisional groups.
- Notable competitive successes this past season were:
 - The U17 Strikers, coached by John Howie – the 2008/09 5 District Silver 2 Champions
 - The U13 Blue Devils, coached by Chris Laxton – VYSA representatives in the Provincial Cup
 - Six boys from this year's U13s were selected for the U14 Vancouver Selects
 - The Douglas Park men's team who are representing Vancouver in the Provincial B Cup in Prince George
- The Club once again received the Provincial Government, gaming funds. These have helped tremendously in balancing the Club finances.
- A proposal is currently being drafted to include the West End Community Centre teams under the umbrella of Douglas Park's house league program. This is expected to lead to closer ties in the future between these organizations, with the West End teams being affiliated to BC Soccer under the umbrella of Douglas Park, and joint Divisional teams being formed in the future.
- The club is being held together by a small handful of exceptionally dedicated (and exceptionally busy) volunteers. A frustrating aspect of this season has again been the difficulty mobilizing much of the membership to volunteer even a small amount of their time for the benefit of the club. A volunteer coordinator needs to be recruited to help with this recruitment drive.
- The following positions are currently vacant and need to be filled
 - Secretary (Board Position)
 - Gym Scheduler
 - Referee Development (Board Position)
 - Volunteer Coordinator (Board Position)
 - Fund Raising
 - Communications
 - Equipment Manager
- Coordinators:
 - Boys U16
 - Boys U15
 - Boys U12
 - Girls Divisional Coordinator
 - Girls U8
 - Girls U6-U7
- Very special thanks to Laurie Steen, who recently stepped down as House League Co-ordinator and has been an outstanding servant to the club for many years.

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