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Fall 2022 message from your Board of Directors

Greeting from your Pinnacles FC Board of Directors. We hope you had a terrific summer and had a restful break. We are happy to see athletes excited to be back on the pitch, reuniting with old team mates and meeting new team mates! As we transition to the fall season, we thought it was timely to provide a club update.

Administration

For those that have not yet had the chance to stop by the club office, we are pleased to share that our administrators, Willon Fragoso and Darla Roy, have been working steadily through the summer to prepare for the fall and winter seasons. Willon and Darla's transitions to PFC were supported by many people, including our Coaches Manny and Jacquie,) along with Shea, Joaquin and many volunteers. The Board was very impressed with how hard this group of people worked to get us through the record breaking Spring Season. It was not without a few bumps and learning opportunities, but we made it through and are in a great position moving forward. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Coaches

At the heart of player development are our Coaches. We are pleased to share that both Jacquie and Manny continue to lead our Excelsior programming and share the role of co-head coach. Along with a number of other great coaches, we also have our community coordinators and house program coaches. Andy Foster and his team are back to continue to lead excellent programming in Oliver, and we are thrilled to have Michelle Rolston join us Summerland this season. We expect that with this roster of passionate and talented staff, and the support of our many junior coaches, our athletes will be well taken care of and set up for success.

Director Meetings

Since last spring, the board has met at a minimum, on a monthly basis to meet pressing operational needs and strategically plan for the future. We have dealt with an array of time sensitive operational issues and assessed priority strategic issues with the underlying goal of moving the club in a positive direction. All of the decisions have taken into account what is in the best interest of the athletes, the club and the community. When we first assembled as a Board in March, we began with weekly meetings. Once we got our bearings we moved to bi-weekly meetings and eventually, by utilizing communication tools and being supported by a strong staffing group, we are now meeting monthly.



Training Jerseys (Fall/ Winter session)

If you have been with Pinnacles for a more than a few seasons, you probably have a number of your child's past jerseys occupying space in your drawers or closets. We also noticed our historic jersey stock was taking up valuable storage real-estate. In an effort to reduce our club's "jersey footprint", we have decided to equip our fall house players with "practice jerseys" for the training session which we will ask to be returned at the end of the season. The Excelsior players, will be loaned past Excelsior jerseys to also return at the end of the season. We believe that wearing club gear when on the fields helps promote a positive cohesive image that builds club pride and fosters a sense of belonging for our athletes.

Adidas Sportsplex

As most of you are aware, the Pinnacles FC no longer manages the Adidas Sportsplex in Penticton. While our club continues to utilize space inside the building for administration and storage, the City of Penticton is responsible for the bookings and maintaining the indoor facility along with all the outdoor fields. The City has indicated there are plans to replace the existing turf inside the dome with new turf. We have been told that this will occur between December 12-26th. Please note that our admin team has been working closely with the City to ensure they understand our needs as a club and all efforts will be made to reduce any disruption to our winter season.

The "Clubhouse"

In Penticton, the adult soccer club otherwise known as the Penticton Soccer Club (PSC) operates the "Clubhouse" which is adjacent to the main building. To build and maintain partnership with the PSC, our club has met with the them to develop a 'usage agreement' in which our club can utilize the clubhouse for events and activities. We are hopeful to begin using this space during the fall and winter months to offer social gatherings for our members, and potentially host gatherings/ viewings of the upcoming FIFA World Cup in November and December. The agreement will also include access to the concession on the main level facing the field. Efforts are currently in-process to put this concession to use on Saturdays and potentially for other events. We notice that the club comes alive and feels extra welcoming when the concession and clubhouse are operating. Plus, our newly purchased speakers help to create a fun energy.

Annual General Meeting

Once a year our club hosts its Annual General Meeting (AGM). This meeting is open to all members and attendance is encouraged. During the meeting, members will be provided with a report on the financial status of the club, a summary outlining the year's key activities, a review of and voting on any proposed changes to the club bylaws, and then finally an election in which new directors are chosen. At the present time, the club has 10 directors. The duration of term



for each director is two (2) years. At the last AGM, all 10 of the current directors were selected, however to maintain continuity, 5 of the directors were appointed a two (2) year term and 5 were appointed a one (1) year term. What that means is that there will be an election this year for 5 directors. The AGM will occur mid November (date TBD) and more information will follow in a separate email at least one (1) month prior to the event.

Thank you

We would like to thank all of our members for your patience as we worked through our growing pains and for your continued support and registration with Pinnacles FC. We are also grateful for the generosity of our sponsors. We are proud of how our club navigated through the past spring and summer with a brand new board that was supported by PFC's dedicated administrative and coaching staff along with the volunteers, players and parents throughout the south Okanagan! We are committed to the success and stability of the club and are hopeful and excited for the upcoming season and beyond! We look forward to seeing you all on the fields!

As a reminder – If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office.