



AYSA Club Report 2019-2020

Alaska Rush is excited to enter our 16th year as a member of Rush Soccer, the largest youth sports organization in the world. Rush Soccer currently serves over 40,000 members with more than 100 clubs in the United States and around the world. Rush Soccer is committed to providing an unparalleled soccer experience for everyone in the game of soccer. The Rush promotes the spirit of sportsmanship, the electricity of competition and the importance of pure enjoyment. The Rush accepts the responsibilities of teaching life lessons to our athletes to further their development inside the game and out. The Rush is committed to making soccer a pleasant, safe and rewarding experience for everyone involved, regardless of age or ability. We believe that all players are winners because everyone is afforded an equal opportunity to explore their potential and pursue positive outcomes on and off the field.

In the 2019-2020 season, Alaska Rush had many highlights. To name a few:

- Our club membership grew for the second straight year despite challenges and adjustments due to COVID-19
- Continued our partnership with Capelli Sport. We are looking forward to our brand new custom uniforms in spring of 2021
- We had multiple players selected to play with Rush Select, an all-star team made up of players from Rush clubs around the world at events in Italy, Germany and all around the US
- We had several of our staff in the ADP program including Lauren Meehan, Mike Montgomery, Dan Rufner and Chris Hoke
- More than 50 of our players were selected to ADP teams this cycle
- We added a Women's UPSL team to our club becoming the only club in the state with a full women's adult team
- Our Men's UPSL team finished as league runner-up for the second season in a row, earning a 0-0 tie against the eventual league champions AK Timbers along the way
- Former youth player Paul Matyas was recognized as scoring the fastest goal in UPSL history (2.5 seconds) when he scored from the opening kickoff this season
- Our coaching staff grew considerably as we added Bobbye Pendleton (HSG, 07G, 08G), Reuben Seidl (09B), Lauren Spinelli (11G) and Noah Ronquillo (06B/07B) to our staff
- Expanded our Recreational program to add a South location, now we are able to offer Rec soccer for all areas of Anchorage 4 days a week
- Sent coach Mike Naylor to attend the USC convention in Baltimore to further his coaching education
- Had several coaches received honors, most notably Johnny Turner who was AYS Competitive Coach of the Year and Dan Rufner who was honored as a United Soccer Coaches High School Coach of Significance for Alaska 2020
- Had several graduating players begin their college soccer careers: Henrikje Bodine - University of Texas-Dallas, Keegan Burke - North Idaho, Chase Hodges - Southern Oregon University, Kasey Johnson - Eastern Oregon University, Paul Kopp - Masters University, Kana Mateaki - Eastern Oregon University, Race Rome - Southern Oregon University, Vaughn Simpson - Colorado School of Mines, Sebastian Szweda Mittelstadt - Blue Mountain, Sammy Twenhafel - Willamette



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2020 YEAR-END REPORT

CLUB PHILOSOPHY

AYSC focuses on educating players and coaches while maintaining a positive environment. The club promotes sportsmanship, respect, and hard work while teaching the technical, tactical, physical, and psychosocial components of the game.

Creating a positive club culture is as important to us as creating a highly skilled and competitive player. To stay true to our philosophy, the club has placed great emphasis on the following:

- Long term development of all players, not just the better ones.
- Providing opportunities for our players to participate at all levels of play.
- Implementing age-appropriate training sessions by educated & licensed coaches.
- Encouraging our coaching staff to further their soccer education.
- Promoting teamwork that encourages personal discovery in players.
- Encouraging players to become well rounded athletes that love to compete.

Club Highlights

- In January, the Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns invited AYSC to become an Alliance Club to provide a pathway to our players and share resources and knowledge. We have already been able to share players for events and send players to train with other Alliance teams.
- AYSC hosted the **6th Annual FootGolf Classic** at Fox Hollow Golf Course, we had 40 players enter, and we had Pro and Amateur divisions playing a scramble format. We were able to still hold this event due to FootGolf already being a socially distant sport and the numbers at this event are much smaller than a soccer tournament.
- When soccer was in a Stay Put Phase AYSC continued to connect with our players with weekly challenges, weekly zoom calls, and a **weekly E-Training program** for our players to work on all of the components of the game.



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Club Highlights Continued

- AYSC did not host the **34th Annual Far North Invitational Tournament** at Kincaid Park due to COVID-19. We plan on hosting again next year **July 8th-11th, 2021** and we will have the Portland Timbers attending to scout players and work with our coaches.
- AYSC did not host the **5th Annual Sterling Camp** right after Far North. We plan on having the camp in 2021 right after Far North and bring up 5 coaches so players will be exposed to Division I, II, & III College Coaches.
- AYSC was still able to offer our **in-house Recreational League for the 8th year** offering age groups U5 – U16. We were able to offer recreational soccer year-round with 4 different seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer). We have recreational Futsal seasons in the fall & spring at O'Malley Sports Center and indoor rec soccer at Fox Hollow in January. We expected a decrease in our enrolment due to COVID-19, but we still had over 70 players this summer and several players transitioned from our rec program to our competitive teams.
- AYSC were still able to offer our **Preschool Academy** with classes for 2.5-5-year-old, January-November, we have modified our curriculum and kept the class sizes small to follow our COVID mitigation plan
- AYSC did not offer our **10th year of TOPSoccer** due to the many risk factors with COVID-19 and our TOPSoccer athletes. Our TOPSoccer Director, Megan Coleman will still be running our program once COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our TOPSoccer athletes and their families.
- We have added **37 new players** onto AYSC teams.
- We added **3 new coaches** onto our coaching staff.
- AYSC has **5 coaches** coaching ODP teams and over **54 players selected for** the Alaska Development Program, that is an increase from last year.
- AYSC continues to work with the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to provide scholarships and the opportunity to play soccer to kids in foster care. We have already awarded scholarships to 9 kids to play recreational soccer last winter and plan to grow our relationship with CASA.
- AYSC awarded over **\$13,000 in scholarships** to AYSC players in need.



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Club Highlights Continued

- **Alaska Timbers joined the UPSL** for the first year, we had 54 players tryout with most players staying in the training pool for a competitive environment. Our 2nd team entered the Adult State Tournament and took 2nd place after losing in penalty kicks. **Our first team won the division with an undefeated season and had 5 players making the Best Starting XI First Team and 4 players making the Best XI Second Team in the Alaska Division.** Cole Fox made the National Best Starting XI and was one of four players nationally to be nominated for MVP honors. The Alaska Timbers finished ranked #1 with the Best Offense scoring 30 goals in 6 games and finished ranked #8 with the Best Defense only allowing 8 goals in 6 games. **Cole Fox and Hatcher Manning also finished top 5 Goal Scorers in the UPSL 1st Division** with 8 goals a piece in the regular season.
- **AYSC is excited to announce we will be entering a Alaska Thorns team in the Women's Division of the UPSL for the 2021 season** and are very grateful for our Club Sponsors that will help us bring the UPSL experience and level of play to the women in our community.

We appreciate all the commitment and involvement from our members, and we are looking forward to seeing what 2021 brings AYSC and the State of Alaska.

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About Cook Inlet Soccer Club

Cook Inlet S.C. was founded in 1982. The club was founded for the elite player and strives to place these players with knowledgeable and motivated coaches.

Cook Inlet S.C. regularly competes in the USA Cup, Dallas Cup, Surf Cup, WAGS, Las Vegas Mayors Cup, Crossfire Challenge, US Club Regional's, Far West Regional's, President's Day Tournament, NIKE Friendlies in Bradenton, and numerous College Showcase Tournaments across the country. To date, Cook Inlet SC has produced over 80 Alaska State Championship teams, and over a 100 local tournament champions. Additionally, we have won tournaments from the west and east coast of the lower 48 states.

Cook Inlet Soccer Club is located in Anchorage, Alaska, with our office and fields just south of Dimond Blvd. Cook Inlet Soccer Club is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit that serves the greater Anchorage community by promoting the game of soccer, serving over 1,000 youth participants annually. Cook Inlet S.C. offers playing opportunities for the entry level to the most advanced and provide a full service professional office staff and club trainers that are dedicated to serving its members. The club programs focus on player development in a fun, soccer passionate environment while offering professional training to assist our players on advancing to the highest levels of play.

Many of the local high school and amateur teams are comprised of Cook Inlet Soccer Club players and many other players in the area have been developed in the club's recreational and pre-competitive programs. Cook Inlet Soccer Club has promoted

players to many colleges and university in the United States. Social Media outlets include Facebook, Instagram and the Cook Inlet S.C. website.

Board of Directors

Cook Inlet S.C. has been constituted as a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors:

- President - Cathy Stone;
- Vice President - David Wight;
- Treasurer – Jessica Young
- Director - Traci Stanley
- Director – Dylan Faber

Programs

Cook Inlet S.C. provides a multitude of opportunities for youth soccer players of all ages and experience, including the:

Recreational Soccer Leagues (5 seasons per year)

- Kiddie Soccer (2 & 3)
- U6 (4 & 5)
- U8 (6 & 7)
- U10 (8 & 9)
- U12 (10 & 11)
- U14 (Middle School Ages)
- U19 (High School Ages)

Development Academy

- For U9/U10 players who want advanced training and higher level soccer.
- Pre-competitive age group, training offered two to three times a week in the Dome or at Anchorage Gardens. Teams participate in UAYSL and local tournaments.
- Licensed, CISC Staff Coaches
- Focus is on individual skill development and introducing simple tactical ideas.

Academy

- For U11-U15 players who want to advance their technical skill and tactical ideas.
- Competitive age groups, training offered two to three times a week in The

- Dome or at Anchorage Gardens. Teams participate in UAYSL, local and out of state tournaments.
- Licensed, CISC Staff Coaches
- Focus is on advanced technical skill, reading the game tactically and executing game management.

Elite Academy

- For U16-U19 players who are serious in developing into a well-rounded player who is preparing for collegiate soccer.
- Competitive age groups, training offered two to three times a week in The Dome or at Anchorage Gardens. Teams participate in UAYSL, Soccer Alaska, The Alaska Premier League, in state and out of state tournaments.
- Licensed, CISC Staff Coaches
- Focus is on developing the whole player and creating competitive training sessions that push players to their maximum effort. Combined training sessions create an environment that is always intense.

Supplemental Training

The CISC Supplemental Training's are offered twice a week through the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer. These training sessions are open to all competitive and pre-competitive age groups within the club at no extra cost.

Individual Skill Development will focus on the individual players skill on the ball. This includes ball manipulation, passing & receiving, crossing, volleys/headers, striking, and more.

Also offered within Supplemental Training is Injury Prevention & Fitness. This is an opportunity for players to develop good running habits and hit their highest fitness point. This program can be geared towards the oldest players or youngest in the club. Offering age specific work outs and injury prevention plans.

College Advisory Program

Competitive Players within Cook Inlet S.C. have the opportunity to utilize the CISC College Advisory Program. This opportunity will help our competitive players decide on

which program level or specific schools they would like to attend. We explore programs of all levels of the game - D1, D2, D3, NAIA and Junior College on the Men and Women's sides, and wade through the maze of information that

includes:

- Athletics Scholarships
- Academic Scholarships
- Accessing the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Academic Processes
- Grants and WUE
- Preparing emails and contacting college coaches
- Preparing video and player profiles

Office Staff

Justin Atteberry – Interim Executive Director

Tim Valesko - Director of Coaching

Daniel Vernon – Director of Recreation & Operations

Cat Jurgensen - Staff Coach

AYSA Report

The Eclipse Club has continued its strategic focus on comprehensive player development. The prior season, Eclipse had grown by adding U9 teams to the mix. The system that has been built comprises a “Grassroots Academy” and play 7-a-side competitions on a smaller field and the U11s and U12s comprise an “Advanced Academy” and play 9-a-side on a medium sized field. The U13s and older play and train as single birth year teams on 11-a-side full-sized pitches. The Club has experienced steady growth over the past year with over 325 at tryouts and approximately 290 players rostered on teams. We were sporting an all time record number of teams and a record number of member/players in the club. Eclipse is currently fielding 18 competitive teams made up of players born from 2014 through 2003. This is the second time in many years we have a team in every age group for both genders—U9 through U18. Despite dealing with Covid-19 we have been able to continue to build on our efforts from 2019.

Coaching Staff

Our coaching ranks have had some changes over the past year but our numbers remain about the same. We have a fantastic dedicated group of coaches working hard to help our players develop. First, the club-wide coaching leadership staff Howard Maxwell as Director of Coaching, David Powers as Technical Director, and Damon Crutcher as Club-wide Keeper Trainer. Our group of strong head coaches (and assistant coaches) are passionate, well-trained, and well-respected by their colleagues across the state. On staff we currently have: Howard Maxwell, David Powers, Charlie Parr, Reed Thomas, Danny Dominick, Damon Crutcher, Shannon Staiger, John Mayer, Peter Shurr, Justin Racette, and Kenny Hoop. We have a very strong group of assistant coaches as well, all working hard to help our players improve. They are also working to develop their skills as coaches. Many of our coaches have pursued coaching education and professional development this past year and several have emerged with new advanced coaching licenses. We are very lucky to have this stable of highly qualified, dedicated coaches working to make our players and our teams better every day! I know parents and club-mates alike are excited to watch as this staff of coaches work their magic in 2020, and as they take their teams to new heights and develop players’ technical skills along the way.

June Team Camp

Our annual team camp held in June was cancelled due to Cpvld -19.

Pre-Academy

In addition to our 270+ current members, we are building a group of young boys and girls who will participate in our soccer *Pre-Academy*. These players in pre-comp ages U9 and younger will focus on fun foot skills and building passion for the game. Our pre-academy is currently run by our Technical Director, Coach David Powers. This Pre-Academy will hopefully start in January and run on the days we have found outside of public school gym rentals.

Special Programs

These are on hold as we deal with Covid -19.

Future

The future of the Eclipse Soccer Club continues to be strong, despite this pandemic year. Our relationship with FYSA and the Executive Director, Colt Chase, continues. The Club has office space in the FYSA offices and our two-way communication has improved dramatically since the hire of Coltsix years ago. The quality and durability of our great field complex is in no small part linked to the FYSA leadership and membership. We enjoy working with the recreational base of players in Fairbanks and we anticipate exploring numerous opportunities for partnerships with FYSA and the Fairbanks soccer community going forward.



Annual Report from Chugiak Soccer Club

**A proud partner of SSAAK, Southcentral Soccer Alliance Alaska Soccer Club with membership included from (Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage/KSA Pro-Profile Academy) Submitted to:
Alaska Youth Soccer Association for the year 2020**

SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage/KSA Pro-Profile Academy Soccer Club Locations: 2020 provided continued growth and expansion to Chugiak Soccer Club;

As our Executive Director/Director of Coaching, Operations Director and an Effective Staff enter their Fourth year with the organization the policies and direction of the Soccer Club is reflective in its programs on and off the field. With a wealth of experience in Youth Development, Soccer Camps, USYSL National League, (ECNL) Elite Club National League, (ODP) Alaskan Olympic Developmental Program, USYSL (ODP) Region Four Staff, Semi-Professional, College, and Professional Coaching and Playing experience the SSAAK Membership is proud to provide the leadership and direction that is growing the sport of Soccer throughout Alaska. We are doing it one player and one team at a time.

Our Staff additions have helped to refine proficiency and effectiveness of club day to day operations. The South Central Soccer Alliance Alaskan community provided many developmental options, player specific programs and locations for families to consider and benefit from.

Our Developmental Player philosophy was implemented to encompass the many soccer programs servicing our many communities under one umbrella. Each organization maintained their own identity and leadership but each organization would work to support and nurture the sport of soccer for the community and help grow the sport here in South Central Alaska and around the State. From this ideology, SSAAK, "Southcentral Soccer Alliance Alaska", was created to meet this need. Today, SSAAK supports and promotes Alaskan Soccer community programs and resources for all players; designed to meet each player's needs and expectations at all levels of their development through Recreational and Competitive play, and from youth to adult. The expansion of this philosophy has benefited all SSAAK locations and communities. It has provided options, programs and development to meet the needs of our respective communities. Most importantly it has created a business model that supports community growth and direction for the youth soccer player while being cognizant to family cost effectiveness. With all entities working for the community and supporting the sport of soccer, growth and development we continue to see an increase of participation in all our programs. The numbers of individuals participating in local soccer programs at all levels of development in the South Central area have increased nearly 36% percent.

The continuity of effort of club coaches supported by the consistency of leadership by the Chugiak Board of Directors has only benefited from the most important resource of the community, that being its youth. With our community working as one, there have been a number of benefits and accomplishments for our community.

Some notable changes at our SSAAK Chugiak locations are:

- Consistency and direction of Club coaching education throughout all teams. The Executive Director and Operations Director attend all team practices and games while sharing their educational background alongside the staff to maximize the development of its membership

and the game management understanding to benefit our teams in competition. This collaboration of ideas between our staff has accelerated the development of our players and improved club game management and systems of play.

- The most important aspect of this coaching collaboration has provided consistency of development and education between all teams. With our players sharing the same methodology they can play and fluctuate between teams and grow more effectively.
- SSAAK Chugiak Soccer Club has embraced the US Soccer Federations 2015 Bio Banding Player Developmental Methodology. When a player is Physical enough, Technical enough, and psychologically ready, that player will benefit and further their player growth by practicing and playing with older players.
- SSAAK Chugiak is also a club that promotes and financially supports staff education provided by our Alaskan State Association, United Soccer Coaches of America and by the US Soccer Federation. Our SSAAK Club Coaches have attended and completed the newly presented US Soccer Federation's Coaching Modular, "Grass Roots Program".
- SSAAK Chugiak Membership is proud to afford the finest outdoor and indoor playing and training venues in the State of Alaska. That being our Out-Door playing Facility at Russell Oberg Soccer Complex in Chugiak and our In-Door playing Facility at the Harry McDonald Municipal Sports Complex in Eagle River.
- SSAAK Chugiak provides added training and playing opportunities to accommodate community logistic concerns and conflicts.
- SSAAK Chugiak continues to expand our Coaching Resources by expanding its Staff and their Educational Expertise.
- SSAAK Chugiak has partnered with Retailor Tursi Soccer to meet our membership's soccer retail needs.
- SSAAK Chugiak has also partnered with Uniform Manufacturer "Adidas", providing our membership with the most Top line soccer uniform attire and gear.
- SSAAK's Club Website Platform designer and moderator is considered the best in the Country.
- SSAAK's Chugiak Tournament specific Website servicing our 2018 and 2019 Zane Cup Memorial Tournaments also added an APP for up to date Cell Phone minute by minute Tournament alerts and updates. Our Tournament website is user friendly and Tournament specific and inclusive.
- SSAAK Chugiak was also excited to host another successful Alaskan community Zane Cup Memorial Soccer Tournament this past summer. Unfortunately, like other National Soccer Programs had to cancel due to the covid-19 epidemic. The Tournament did have its challenges with forest fires threatening to close vital roadways for our attending guests; local fire crews did a great job in maintaining the fires so everyone could attend. This Memorial Tournament Honors and remembers one of its best and brightest. Thank you all for supporting the kids and see you at the 2021 Zane Cup Memorial Tournament June 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th.
- SSAAK Chugiak is happy to provide a College Experience Program that directly meets the needs and understanding of the college recruitment process for our players and their parents. This understanding provides a more realistic and actual path of the playing level, coaching identification and understanding the College application process requirements.
- The SSAAK Family once again enjoyed the opportunity to participate and interact with some of the most respected and credentialed club, youth and college soccer coaches in the Nation during our annual 2020 summer Team Camp.
- The SSAAK Chugiak Team Camp also provided a College night for all participants allowing Camp Coaching staff and the players and their parents an opportunity to meet and hear real time accounts of the process and procedures college coaches reflect upon when considering a potential player prospect.

- SSAAK Chugiak instituted a variety of programs that tested our membership's players in different aspects of the general game of soccer, such as Fun Finishing Night, Goal Keeping and Speed and Agility Training.
- In 2020 SSAAK Chugiak was unable to support or participate in our local Alaskan Soccer Tournaments, these being the 2020 Zane Cup Memorial Tournament, Alaska Airlines Cup, Far North Invitational or the USYSL Alaska State Cup. Fortunately SSAAK Chugiak SC was able to participate in the annual October 1st to December 18th Alaska State Sponsored Futsal League helping to benefit our players development.

Some notable accomplishments from SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage locations are:

- 5 Alaskan State Cup Championships in just under Four years.
- Our 2006 Eagle Boys having won two consecutive Alaskan 2017 and 2018 State Championships finished as Finalists last year.
- Our 2005 Thunder Girls Repeated as 2018, 2019 and 2020 Alaskan State Champions.
- Our 2005 Thunder Girls team was the only Alaska State representative to qualify and participate in the 2018 and 2019 National Premier League Northwest Conference. They were the First team from Alaska to have been accepted and to play in this Northwest Regional National League.
- Covid 19 mandates and emergency orders regrettably paused the Thunder girls from continuing their successful run of accomplishments. But they are ready to pick up where they left off once the National stage provides a safe environment.
- SSAAK Chugiak SC is happy to announce that even with the challenges of Covid, our players development over the last four years is now allowing them the playing and training opportunities in the lower forty-eight with Regional Championship teams and in the UAYSL National Piedmont League and at USYSL National staged Tournaments.

Closing statement: Our SSAAK Philosophy of player development focuses on working together with fellow programs and associations to find players within our communities and TEACH them the Technical, Tactical, Physical and Psychological aspects of the game mandated down from the US Soccer Federation.

SSAAK Chugiak SC's continued cultivation of working with our fellow community organizations and other resources has helped to grow each of our team's rosters and has seen our club grow from 6 teams in 2017 to 11 Teams in 2020. Even with the pandemic and its challenges we have added an additional fourteen players over the last two months to our membership.

We offer prospective community athletes developmental programs that help them grow as soccer players but also as people, while they enjoy learning the beautiful game.

All SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage/ and now KSA Pro-Profile Academy Club Staff and Administrators, are here to teach and educate our membership and surrounding communities.

We look forward to 2021 and working with our (AYSA) Alaskan Youth State Association, the (UAYSL) United Anchorage Youth Soccer League and our fellow League Associations in supporting the growth and development of Alaskan Student Scholastic Athlete's.

PALMER SOCCER CLUB 2020 Annual Report

President Report

Submitted by James Brewster

The Palmer Soccer Club began the 2020 season with an Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting in January. The only position that stayed filled from the previous season was the Vice President, and he ran the AGM with ease. All of the open board positions were filled during the AGM, and the board immediately got to work.

Going back to the end of the 2019, PSC had some issues with the previous president, who absconded with all of the paperwork, and some of the laptop computers and tablets that belonged to PSC. Due to these moves, as well as complaints of communication issues from the families of the players meant that the new board had a lot of work to do to return PSC to favorable conditions amongst the local community. This almost new board understood the necessary steps, and what they needed to do, and were happy to take on the huge project in front of them.

Because of the timing of the AGM as well as the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus, the PSC board opted to forego an indoor season and instead focus its efforts of putting on as good of an outdoor season as possible. After multiple conversations and ideas, the decision became putting on a week long preseason skills clinic, with the hopes of the COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, and if so, moving into a 7-week outdoor season. This turned out to be the proper decision, and the skills clinic as well as the season were all a success. Fortunately, we only had two COVID-19 scares, only involving secondary contacts.

With this being my first season as president, I enjoyed working with each member of the board. With all of the challenges brought on from the issues with the previous President as well as the challenges from COVID-19, we talked each of those challenges as a group and as far as I'm concerned, we succeeded. I owe a lot to each member of the PSC board, as well as each and every family that participated in the outdoor season. Along with the PSC board, I was able to work with Linda Burke at ASYSA. She was an invaluable resource in both working with COVID, as well as working to spread soccer, by getting us set up with the training resources to get our coaches trained through the Grassroots phase and into Level D.

I feel that this board is set up to succeed in the future, and I can't wait for the 2021 season.

Vice President Report

Submitted by John C Deal

Being the only remaining member of the PSC Board from 2019 I called an Annual General Membership meeting on January 28th, 2020, with the primary purpose to reconstitute the PSC Board and put its house in order. During the AGM all empty board positions were filled, with the exception of the Referee Director position. Besides setting up and running a summer season, I focused on two objectives: validating and inventorying the field equipment ordered and received from the Mat Su Health Foundation Grant and legal pursuit of PSC files and equipment held by previous PSC President.

- Worked with the Fields and Grounds Director, setting up the Sherrod Soccer Fields and putting together the new goals and bleachers.
- Adopted and abided by the state and AYSA COVID 19 mitigation guidelines for outdoor sports activities.
- PSC Initiated a COVID 19 mitigation plan per AYSA guidelines. PSC used a cohort plan by age group and the plan served our community well. No bleachers were set up to discourage congestion, contact tracing was enforced, each parent signed a COVID 19

mitigation agreement, equipment was cleaned after each session, and had signage around the field showing entry and exits.

- Paid approximately \$10,000 in overdue bills – WinnersSports (2019 uniforms), phone, porta potties, D&O insurance, 2019 outdoor referees, etc.
- Repeated attempts to negotiate/meet with Past President.
- Itemizing losses and filing a small claim in Palmer Court of Alaska.
- Request judgement of small claims.
- Health of the Board – currently short Director of Uniform and Equipment, Director of Referees and Registrar.

Treasurer Report

Submitted by Gerrie Deal

The 2020 Treasurer Report starts with the draft PSC Budget completed in February; the budget was not approved but was used as guideline for spending throughout the 2020 year. COVID-19 impacted budget projections and actuals and should be considered when reviewing the PSC budget information. Planned annual income was \$40,514.00 and planned annual expenditures were \$46,619.00. As of September 30, 2020, actual income is \$31,374.26 and actual expenditures are \$35,794. Income is down due to cancellation of the indoor season and a modified summer season. Participation for the summer program was at 50% of historical numbers. There are a few remaining outlay's remaining for this year to include, but not limited to, outdoor season field lining and insurance for next year. The monthly bills (MEA and UPS) and all seasonal bills were paid on time and all coach refunds and referee payments were dispersed for the 2020 outdoor season. The PSC has an invoice process for all reimbursements provided to volunteers who personally paid for budget items and all expenditures are supported by an invoice or receipt. Our largest expenditures are for uniforms and equipment and our greatest income is from registrations. The PSC taxes for 2019 were submitted and received by the IRS. PSC is in good standing with the IRS.

Accomplishments for this year included closing the old bank account and opening a new bank account, paying outdoor referees from the 2019 season, paying seasonal bills (Rent A Can, GCI, Valley Soccer Services, etc.), and paid contractors supporting PSC in 2019 (e.g. insurance, uniform vendor, paint vendor, etc.). Submitted the 2018 taxes to the IRS. The IRS returned the taxes with some questions on the format of the 2018 taxes. These questions were addressed and the PSC 2018 taxes were resubmitted.

A special thanks to the PSC President and Vice President. Both have been supportive and responsive during this year of rebuilding.

Secretary Report

Submitted by Gerrie Deal

Held monthly PSC Board meetings each month January – May and August and September. Meetings were held at multiple locations and were ultimately held on Zoom due to COVID-19. There are minutes and Order of Business on file for all PSC Board meetings in 2020, to include the PSC Annual General Membership meeting. We continue to work towards the return of all PSC historical and foundational documents both secretarial and financial. All pertinent PSC information, filings and payments have been filed for 2020 and we remain in good standing with the State of Alaska, AYSA and the IRS.

Accomplishments for this year include finding a new location for meetings (Palmer Public Library), reconstituting PSC files where possible, and establishing email accounts.

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Registrar Report

Submitted by Sabra Sturgis

Indoor season had 77 registrants. Due to Covid-19 this season had to be cancelled and all participants were refunded their registration fees.

Outdoor season had 232 registrants with 218 confirmed. As Covid-19 cases in the Palmer area began to rise several participants elected not to participate and were refunded their registrations fees.

Camp had a total of 13 registrants across all of our age groups. Due to these low numbers camp was cancelled and players were refunded their registration fees.

Program Director Report

Submitted by Sabra Sturgis

Our almost entirely new board got off to a great start with our indoor season planning. Due to uncertainty about weeknight gym usage we elected to hold all of our indoor sessions on Saturdays with a practice time followed by a game time. This season was slated to start right after Spring Break in March, but due to school shutdowns in the wake of Covid-19 we had to cancel our season and refund all fees.

While our community was shut down for Covid-19, the Board began planning an outdoor season in anticipation of being able to play in the summer. As our anticipated season start date approached we began taking steps to formulate our Covid-19 mitigation plan to ensure that we kept our players, coaches, and parents as safe as possible. We followed state and national recommendations and increased cleaning, removed bleachers to encourage social distancing, and cancelled our annual family picnic.

The main adjustment made was related to team formation and games. In order to limit player contact circles we elected to form larger teams that would practice together then be divided into two teams to play against each other for games. This system worked out well both in terms of limiting player contact, and in teams being able to continue play even when their numbers dropped as families elected not to continue their participation.

We had four teams at 6U with 10 players on each team, four teams at 8U with 10 or 11 on each team, three teams at 10U with 16 or 17 on each team. Two 13U teams were formed with 19 players on each. Our 14-19U age group had 43 registered participants but as this was not enough to split into two groups and still be able to have enough for a game we elected to keep this group together as a single group. Typically between 25 and 30 players showed up for practices and games.

When we reached the last week of our season and had no cases of illness the board elected to allow teams to interact in a Round Robin tournament. The players and parents very much welcomed the opportunity to play against another team.

Our number of registrants for camp was far below what was needed to be able to conduct a worthwhile camp therefore we elected to cancel and refund registration fees.

Overall it was a highly successful season that was enjoyed by many.

Director of Referees Report

Submitted by Gerrie Deal

This year's indoor season was cancelled which gave us additional time to get referees lined up for our outdoor season. This was a rebuilding season for PSC referees. We recruited 11 referees, two adults and nine youth to support our outdoor season. We scheduled two certification classes thru the AYSA Referee Instructor and nine of our referees became certified. The two that did not get certified were too young to get certified. Although one did attend the certification training to get more experience. PSC held a Welcome back meeting with the referees to discuss new rules, schedules, meet and greet each other and information on uniforms. We had one adult, when they were available, observe the less experienced referees and provide guidance, we had three of the more experienced youth referees dual with the less experienced youth referees for games U8-U13. To gain confidence less experienced youth referees shadowed an adult referee during U10 – U13 games before that youth referee was a center referee for those age groups. Also we had experienced youth referees shadow less experienced youth referees during AR positions to build confidence and gain experience. The level of training, mentoring and confidence building will put PSC referees in a good position to support next years indoor and outdoor seasons. If next year is not impacted by COVID the pool of referees will support an indoor season; however if next years outdoor season is not impacted by COVID PSC will need more referees to support outdoor game days.

Referees purchased uniforms, some thru PSC, were provided game score cards, AR flags and a draft work schedule approx. 5 days before game day with a final schedule two days before game day. Referees were recognized in front of their peers and were given an appreciation gift of a magnetized score card holder and a thank you note.

A special thanks to PSC coaches, Program Director, President and Vice President. All were open to having multiple referees during games, were very helpful and understanding during the growth of the PSC referees.

Director of Coaches Report

Submitted by Cory Cole

Coaching Director Position: Ron Stevens served as Director of Coaches from the time of his election at the AGM to June 2020. Ron stepped away from the position shortly into the summer season. Cory Cole, MAL 1 year, filled in as an Acting Director of Coaches.

Coach Search: There were between 17-20 individuals registered as volunteers to assist with coaching. Volunteer positions include head coach, back up/assistant coach, volunteer, board member, etc. Coach breakdown was as follows (numbers derived from information provided by President and Program Director):

6U: 4 head coaches

8U: 4 head coaches

10U: 3 head coaches, one assistant

13U: 2 head coaches, one adult and one teen assistant

19U: President, VP, and Program Director rotated as head coach

*There were a few head coaches that coached multiple teams. Multiple board members coached teams, including the following: Gerrie D., John D., James B., Nathan P., and Sabra S. It should be noted that these board members were routinely willing to step in as a back up when regular coaches were unavailable. A huge thank you to them for their willingness to step in on short notice.

Preseason Coaches meeting: Ron Stevens held a short introductory coaches meeting to distribute equipment and coach packets. A short training session was provided. Cory Cole demonstrated

Play Practice Play (PPP) for coaches coaching younger age groups. Ron Stevens worked with the coaches coaching older teams. Coaches were provided training curriculum for the season. Approximately 5-7 coaches attended the meeting.

In Season Trainings: Cory Cole, Acting Coaching Director, offered a short PPP session (and curriculum) for new coaches that were unable to attend the preseason coaches meeting. 3-4 coaches attended the session.

Director of Grounds and Fields

Submitted by John C Deal and Gerrie Deal

Due to COVID 19 the PSC Indoor Season was cancelled. In preparation for PSC Outdoor Season we re-established our relationships and paid outstanding accounts with vendors who supported the PSC soccer program. These relationships and accounts were with:

- Rent A Can
- Valley Soccer Services (initial field lining)
- Gate Creek Enterprises (paint supplier)
- City of Palmer

Held a Sherrod Soccer Field clean up and set up on May 16th, 2020. PSC is the Sherrod Soccer Complex sponsor in the Adopt a Park program and PSC conducted a walk thru and litter pick up of the Sherrod Soccer Complex. During the cleanup day PSC inventoried the new field equipment from Mat Su Health Foundation Grant that was delivered in 2019 and put together the goals and bleachers. We placed all the goals on the field and the day before practices began, we put up the nets.

Coordinated with City of Palmer for field mowing on a weekly basis and the fields were re-lined by Pitney Kids Line Painting.

Held a field winterization and equipment storage on October 10th, 2020.

Annual Report: 2019-2020

Alaska Youth Soccer AGM

Wasilla Youth Soccer Association
Valley Revolution Program



The WYSA Valley Revolution program began the 2019-2020 with a strong showing at the Alaska State Cup with 3 champions (2001G, 2005B, 2006G) and 3 finalists (2005G, 2007B, 2008G). While the year was full of cancellations and challenges due to Covid-19, we were able to communicate & mitigate, limiting the impact to players & families as much as possible, with 0 known cases during the 2019-2020 soccer year.

AYS Sanctioned Leagues & Events

UAYSL Fall 2019: 7 teams entered (2005B, 2006B, 2006G, 2008B, 2008G, 2009G, 2010B)

AYS Futsal 2019: 4 teams entered (2006B, 2007B, 2008B, 2008G)

UAYSL Winter 2020: 11 teams entered (01G, 03B, 06B, 06G, 07B, 08B, 08G, 09B, 09G, 10B, 10G)

UAYSL Summer 2020: 14 teams entered (01G, 02B, 04G, 05B, 06B, 06G, 07B, 08B, 08G, 09B, 10B, 10G, 11B, 11G)

Staff & Coach Education

Michael Green & Ula Rowe traveled to Baltimore to attend the USC National Convention in January 2020.

Lisa Catlett traveled to Iceland to visit soccer clubs and experience the Icelandic Soccer Model in October 2019.

Community Events

Soccer Ball Fundraiser "2020 Vision" to launch collaborative development project capital campaign.

Inspired by Iceland - Parent Engagement & Community Presentations

Tournament Travel

Pac NW Winter Showcase, Seattle, WA (January 2020) ~ 2004-2005B team

Players Showcase, Las Vegas, NV (March 2020) ~ 2003-2005G team [cancelled]

USYS Region IV Championships, Boise, ID (June 2020) ~ 2001G, 2005B, 2006G [cancelled]

All summer tournament travel [cancelled]

All local tournaments [cancelled]

College Soccer

This was an exciting year for our Valley Revolution program, as players from our inaugural team graduated and 100% of our senior graduating class signed to play college soccer:

Nicole Catlett - Western Oregon University - NCAA DII - GNAC

Sylvia Xaivong - University of Hawaii at Hilo - NCAA DII - PacWest

Aiyanna Laufo - University of Hawaii at Hilo - NCAA DII - PacWest

Brooklynn Carver - University of Hawaii at Hilo - NCAA DII - PacWest

Finn Sprankle - Central Washington University - NCAA DII - GNAC

Reese Sande - Northwest University - NAIA - CCC

Maura Grahek - Linfield College - NCAA DIII - NWC

Ryann Cannava - Clark College - NWAC

Stirling Elliott - Tacoma Community College - NWAC

Madison Elliott - Tacoma Community College - NWAC

Kiara Melendez - Portland Community College - NWAC

We also had our first signing of the Class of 2021:

Aubrey Stacy - Northern Arizona University - NCAA DI - Big Sky