



## Annual General Meeting - Directors & Technical Director Reports

April 4, 2022 7:00 pm  
Layritz Turf

### **PRESIDENT: Colin Dams** **Presidents Report**

Thank you for being a member of Prospect Lake Soccer Club. This was my first season as president of PLSC and it was a busy, challenging and ultimately rewarding experience. After a very limited 2020/21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this season saw us return to a mostly normal on-field season. COVID-19 continued to pose some challenges though including limits on tournaments, new Provincial Health Orders, vaccine passport rules for coaches and a lengthy delay on getting any new equipment for the club. I'm very proud that our board, coaches, managers and volunteers met all these challenges and continued to provide a fun soccer experience for the kids at our club.

After seven excellent years at the club, Ben Hooks retired from the Technical Director role. I've had the pleasure of getting to know Ben and working with him on and off the field. Ben's commitment to youth soccer, his integrity, his ability to communicate his soccer knowledge to kids of all ages and his skill at making it fun for everyone are just some of the things we will miss. Ben continues to be a member of PLSC while coaching his kids teams. Thank you Ben for all of your hard work over the years!

Finding a replacement for Ben was one of the earliest and hardest challenges of the year. Ryan McCurdy joined us in the TD position last August. Ryan was born and raised in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and has over 10 years coaching experience. He captained the Victoria Highlanders in the Professional Development League and then played for the Vancouver Island University team, winning a national championship in 2017. In 2019, Ryan moved back to Victoria to sign with Pacific FC for the inaugural season of the Canadian Premier League. Since then, Ryan has been part of the Pacific FC coaching staff as well as a staff coach for the Royal Bay High School soccer academy. He is currently completing his Canada Soccer National B License. We are very pleased and excited that Ryan joined us and we think he's doing an amazing job bringing his skills, knowledge and energy to the field.

I look forward to continuing my role as president for the next season. I've really enjoyed working with our board, other soccer clubs, Lower Island Soccer Association and getting to know so many people. We're always looking for volunteers to help with the running of our club and growing our community. If you are interested in helping out, or just want to chat, send me an email at [president@plsc.org](mailto:president@plsc.org). I would love to hear from you.

Colin Dams  
President

**REGISTRAR: Mary Newell**

**Registrar and Communications Coordinator Report:**

Taking over the Registrar's position for one year so that Colin could take on the role of President has certainly been rewarding and it was wonderful connecting with so many families during this past year as we returned to regular play. It was also interesting to learn about the reporting aspect of the Club to Lower Island Soccer, associated with the fees that we pay. With pooled teams at our older age groups, it was nice to connect with Peninsula Soccer, for the most part, along with other Registrar's in the lower island. The position was certainly challenging at times but it was a great experience. Working with Ryan on his additional programs was a highlight of this position.

I took on a few hats this season and will provide my report from the communications coordinator perspective. First off, thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered where and when they could this season. I can not stress enough how important volunteering is with this Club, not only to help the club grow but to grow our soccer community. My only recommendation is that all teams take on a manager position with their team. The position would be the go between between us, the coaches and communicating with the team about field closure and volunteer activities. It's also a great opportunity for some of our younger families to get an education on what soccer is going to be like moving forward, beyond mini's.

With BC Soccer guidelines for public disclosure on our website, I look forward to some web updates before the fall season and working with our new Registrar and Comm Coordinator on the inner workings of Power-Up, our website and the club. As everyone knows my son is graduating soccer this year and I can not speak more highly of Prospect Lake Soccer Club and all of our families that come together to make community youth soccer a success.

Mary Newell  
PLSC Registrar & Communications Coordinator

**Boys Coordinator: Jeffrey Bosdet**

**Boys Coordinator Report:**

As we wrap up another successful season I am thankful we were able to have the kids playing all year. I share many of the same sentiments as my fellow board members – grateful for all of our volunteers, staff coaches and Ryan McCurdy for his enthusiasm and technical direction. It is such a pleasure to work and play with such wonderful individuals and families. As restrictions lift, we are keen to foster the growth of our community.

Behind-the-scenes it was very busy with many changes coming from BC Soccer and Lower Island Soccer Association over the past couple of seasons. I am most excited about Tier 2, formerly VIPL, returning once again this April. This additional play, and all our spring programs, only help with our kids development, fitness and offers a positive social experience.

I am looking forward to being on the field in April to help with assessments for next years Tier 3 teams. If you have any questions about this process, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at [boyscoordinator@plsc.org](mailto:boyscoordinator@plsc.org).

**Women's Coordinator: Julie Ainsworth**  
**Women's Coordinator Report**

This was my first year taking on the role of Women's Coordinator after having served as the Girl's Coordinator for many years. I am grateful for the support and hard work of my fellow executive board members again this season!

Being the first full season of soccer after two years of the pandemic, posed a number of challenges for the PLSC Women's teams. Prior to the pandemic we had 6 women's teams registered with the club: 030A, 030B, Div.3, Div.2 and 2 premier teams. Before the start of this season we had hoped to even increase that number to 7 adding a Div. 1 team. However, there was a lot of uncertainty in the fall of 2021 and many players were still not ready to fully commit to playing this season forcing our Div. 2 and 3 teams to merge to create one Div. 3 team, our Div. 1 and one of our Premier teams to merge forming one Div. 1 team, and the other premier team was simply not able to recruit enough players to form a team and were forced to fold. Unfortunately, we were left with just four women's teams for this season 030A, 030B, Div. 3 and Div. 1. All of our remaining teams did have strong numbers and had great seasons. The Div. 1s are continuing on in post season play and the Div. 3s and the 030A's and 030B's finished strong.

I am hopeful that our women's soccer program at PLSC will maintain and hopefully begin to rebuild next season with the addition of either a Premier and/or a Div. 2 team.

**Equipment Coordinator: Julie Ainsworth**  
**Equipment Coordinator Report**

The Club was without an Equipment Coordinator this season so I offered to help with this position until we could find someone to take it on. This was a challenging year for equipment due to the fact that the previous two years were unusual and regular purchases and replenishment of gear had not occurred. We had also purchased new uniforms for the club just prior to the pandemic, but they had not yet been numbered. It was a scramble at the beginning of the season, but we managed to get uniforms numbered as needed and gear distributed to all teams that needed it, even though we had to use all of our reserves of socks and youth shorts. We had to order more soccer balls of various sizes, more youth pinnies, goalie gloves, soccer ball bags and shorts and socks for the entire club to be prepared for next season. This spring we will likely have to order a replenishment of socks and shorts for the adult and full field teams to be ready for the upcoming 2022-2023 season.

We are currently in the process of managing equipment returns and plan to continue to prepare and organize for the upcoming season so that the delivery of equipment can be streamlined and a smoother process for years to come.

Huge thanks to everyone that helped me to manage this additional role this season and to the incredible hard work and dedication of so many board members!

## **Referee Coordinator – Chris Leon**

### **Referee Coordinator's report:**

This is my fourth year being involved with the executive and in the role of Referee Coordinator and it was a season like no other after restrictions were lifted. I would like to thank the executive members for your support during the past season and the patience of the members due to the shortage of referees that affected us all this season.

A big thank you for all the referees I have had the pleasure to work with on the field officiating, your dedication for the sport and the courage to step on the field as an official is paramount to the success of PLSC.

Prospect Lake covered 208 games this year from U9 to Adults, 3 times more games in comparison to last year's numbers. We used 11 District Referees and 21 Small sided in total and spent \$7,220.00 on referee fees.

Prospect Lake is looking for new referees to join our team, if you are interested in becoming a referee, please contact [refcoordinator@plsc.org](mailto:refcoordinator@plsc.org)

I hope to see you on the field soon!

Chris Leon

## **Technical Director: Ryan McCurdy**

### **Technical Director Report**

This was my first year as the new Technical Director of Prospect Lake Soccer Club and I was extremely grateful for this opportunity. I would like to thank the board, and everyone connected with the club for all their help throughout the year. I could not have done this job without the help from our staff coaches and volunteer coaches, who commit so much time and energy into their teams training sessions and game days.

I took over as Technical Director from Ben Hooks, who has been at the club for seven years. Ben laid a great foundation at PLSC and I plan on doing my best to build on that. It was big shoes to fill, and Ben was instrumental with his help in the transition. I thank Ben for his commitment to the club and his guidance at the beginning of the season.

The first two months were a steep learning curve as everything was new to me and a lot of members at the club, after a very restricted previous season due to COVID-19. From handling new registrations, forming teams, having assessments, scheduling, using PowerUp, communication with teams and parents, and making sure all the on-field sessions were running smoothly, it was a busy first two months. I thank everyone for their patience during those months and I felt as the season progressed and everything settled, there was a lot of progress made with each team, from the coaching and player development perspective.

For the season, our Full Field gold and silver teams, the club once again continued its relationship with Peninsula Football club. Here were the Full Field teams below:

- U14 Boys Gold – Pooled with Peninsula FC.
- U14 Girls Gold – Pooled with Peninsula FC.
- U14 Girls Silver – PLSC
- No teams at U15/16 Level
- U17 Boys Silver – Pooled with Peninsula FC
- U17/18 Boys Silver – Pooled with Peninsula FC
- U18 Girls Gold – Pooled with Peninsula FC

Our U11-U13 Super 8 Teams consisted of:

	U11	U12	U13
Girls	1 Gold -1 Silver	1 Silver	
Boys	1 Gold- 1 Silver	1 Gold-1 Silver	1 Gold – 2 Silver

We had very strong numbers at house level U5-U10. We had 3 U10 Boys teams and 3 U10 Girls teams. At U9 we had 4 Boys teams and 2 Girls teams. The U8 age group, we had 6 Boys teams and we combined our U7 and U8 girls to form three teams. U7 Boys there were three teams. The Little Kicker program had 97 players registered. All our volunteer coaches at this level were very strong, eager, and willing to learn. For each session, I send out a session plan to all the coaches including pictures and links of specific activities and drills, what we are working on, certain attacking/ defending principles to instill in the players, and detail as to why and how we can achieve what we are trying to do for the session. This is something I am looking to build for next season, having a club philosophy and way of playing throughout each team.

This season I brought back the Goalie Academy which was great to see so many youth players looking to develop as a goalkeeper. I also introduced Pro-D day camps, which had quite a lot of interest and something I really enjoyed doing. I partnered with Dan Cumming at Gorge, to bring back the Striker Goalie program. This program was a lot of fun and had very promising numbers.

For the Spring season, we are offering a few different options, depending on the player's ability and chosen pathway. There will be a spring Little Kickers Program, as well as a Skillz N' Soccer program. These two programs are recreational and focused on getting the players enjoying the game through various skill stations and small-sided games. There will also be the PLSC Academy, which I have designed a 10-week training plan to focus on developing the individual technically, as well their understanding in a game and problem solving within a game. The players in the academy will also play as a team in the United Soccer League. There is a Spring Break Camp running from March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> as well as two weeklong PLSC Summer Camps.

For the 2022 season, I plan on doing all the same programs as well as starting a PLSC Academy, which will be designed sessions for our players looking to continue their development and have more training. The Striker Goalie Program will be back, and we are looking to have one run at the beginning of the season. Coaches' seminars are something I am looking at doing, where the club will bring in a coach

educator and can host any of our volunteer coaches looking for more information on how to develop as a coach and a better understanding of running training sessions/game day.

I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped make this a great season and I truly appreciate all the work behind the scenes by everyone involved with the club. I am very excited to continue to build for the 2022/2023 season

Ryan McCurdy  
Technical Director