

REGISTRARS REPORT

Spring of 2016 all clubs seen an increase in registrations which caused many delays in organizing the teams. Season start date was pushed back as a result

Fall 2016 our club continued to grow its membership. As you can see from the charts on the next page there is a steady increase in total registrations. The most encouraging of those numbers is the fact that girls and boys are increasing at the same rate. Personally, I would still like to see a higher number of girls playing soccer and I have ideas to try and improve that as long as our volunteer team increases

My concern with the increase in growth is the ability of the club to support its membership. That can only happen with an increase in volunteers. Not only on the executive board but with team support staff (i.e. coaches, asst coaches, managers, etc.) I'm working with the Mission Sports Council and other sports groups to learn ways to increase our volunteer base. The board has many plans and dreams to take the club forward and to constantly improve but we are limited with manpower to get it accomplished.

We have brought on a new registration system and eventually a new website. The registration system will help the club grow and to increase the abilities of our volunteers. The system is much more user friendly but there are no similarities between this system and our old one. There will be a learning curve involved for all members during the fall 2017/2018 registration. I'm working on creating a 'cheat sheet' to send to all members to help ease the pain of the new system and to highlight some of the major changes. We have spent a lot of time testing the system to do our best to alleviate as many issues as we can find but there will be a learning curve as it is introduced. I appreciate everyone's patience as the new system is brought on board.

There is a common issue families and especially coaches have in the beginning of any season and that is speed at which they are given a roster and players know who their coach is. Much of this could be eliminated with players being registered earlier and within the registration dates. There continues to be a large percentage of players registering after the closing date which causes a great deal of work for everyone involved. Many times, there is a scramble to find additional coaches as a result. The club is working hard to plan ahead and have coaches lined up prior to teams being assembled and it is still an area that we could improve on for the future. As I said earlier, with a larger volunteer base, we will have the ability to tackle these plans for efficiently and effectively.

Respectfully,

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