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## Using Soccer to Inspire and Empower

### Message from the President

Dear Street Soccer supporters.

It has been eight months since my last message and a lot has happened at VSSL, including our recent AGM at which we welcomed five new Board members. We are well on the way to obtaining charity status, which will greatly assist in fundraising.



Charles organized and ran what was the highlight of our schedule - the Canada 2014 Street Soccer Cup.

Our players continue to impress. Rick and Patrick and Dennis consistently show leadership and mentoring for new and younger players; Taran coordinated a team for a "World Cup" event; Erin participates very professionally on the Board and with Matt in updating our Facebook presence; Paul led our participation in "Toonie for Footie" and a marathon soccer event; Debbie helped create the Monday women's program with Sunny from Atira; Virgil landed a job and gave back by sponsoring a Sunday practice lunch. I could go on, and will if you ask me at a practice!

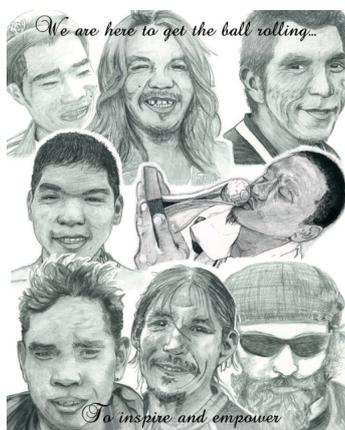
While we reluctantly had to cancel our participation in June Sports at Alert Bay, a very successful trip to Bowen Island helped to raise the spirits. Funds are already in the bank to meet much of the estimated costs of our participation in the 2015 June Sports.

As part of the building of our VSSL community and organization, we plan to run a facilitated planning session in late 2014. This will be open to all players, coaches and volunteers and should set the foundation for the future of the VSSL.

Good luck to all players, coaches, volunteers and sponsors for the rest of 2014!

Sincerely,

Steve McMinn  
President  
Vancouver Street Soccer League



### The VSSL Reflects on the Past Year and Welcomes New Directors at the Annual General Meeting

VSSL players, volunteers, and the Board of Directors met over pizza on September 9th to reflect on the past year and to usher in an exciting new year for the League.

President Steve McMinn offered his thoughts on challenges faced over the past months, the impressive achievements of VSSL players and volunteers and the numerous practices, games and tournaments that players have participated in.

The Board of Directors reappointed current members, Arun Agha, Matt Owen, and Howard Langford to serve another one-year term. They also elected team members Bruce Jeffrey and Dennis Munroe, who will help provide greater player input on the board as well as volunteers Dan Coles, who has provided coaching support and assistance with the League's application for charitable status, and Chantal Norrgard, who assists the League with communications and is a member of the VSSL's sponsorship committee.



### Major Milestones for VSSL Players

Every year our players make a positive difference in their own lives and the lives of others. Indeed, there are so many examples of their achievements it is impossible to list all of them. However, we would like to recognize the following players for their major accomplishments:

Erin Backer serves as a member of the VSSL Board of the Directors, has been working for Fairware and recently accepted a position as a programmer for the Vancouver Boys and Girls Club.

Virgil Goosehead landed a construction job in Alberta and has been giving back to the VSSL by contributing funds for lunch at Sunday practice.

Jenny Hawkinson is a talented artist whose work was recently featured in an art exhibition by the Open Book Collective entitled "Dear Life" and her sculpture and embroidery pieces were recently displayed in the Vancouver Public Library.

Bruce Jeffery recently accepted a job with Lush Cosmetics and will be serving on the VSSL Board of Directors for the next two years.

Herb Jim is rapidly improving his soccer skills and working in the Vancouver construction industry.

Paul Muller Hullohan led the League's participation in the "Toonie for Footie" charitable marathon soccer event. He recently accepted a position with BC Hydro in Kelowna.

Debbie Krull coordinates women's soccer practices on Monday in collaboration with Atira.

Patrick "Shoosh" Maclean mentors new players and leads a skills practice on Monday. He runs in several marathons and trains other marathon runners. He also works for the Whitecaps.

Dennis Munroe continually as positive role model for players new to the VSSL and was also hired at Fairware. He will be serving for the next two years on the VSSL's Board of Directors.

Richard Mountain has demonstrated impressive leadership skills and regularly coordinates Thursday practices. This spring, he ran in the BMO Vancouver half marathon with Shoosh Maclean.

## Lush-VSSL Extravaganza

On July 26, VSSL members and volunteers, and players from Lush Cosmetics gathered together on a beautiful, sunny Saturday afternoon at Andy Livingstone Park to play a series of scrimmages sponsored by the company. There was an excellent turn out of 60 people, who were divided into four teams composed of both VSSL and Lush players.

The teams played four fast-paced, rigorous games on both fields. VSSL players got a chance to display their skills, while socializing with Lush team members. The VSSL also recruited several new players who are now actively engaged with the league.

After the game, Lush treated the players to pizza and handed out an innovative 'play-dough' soap that can be used as a shampoo. Everyone came away from the practice sun-kissed, well-fed and energized thanks to the generosity of Lush Cosmetics.



## Get Involved

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with coaching and other VSSL activities.

If you want to get involved, [email us here](#).



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