



Ebb Tide RFC

Over-40 Rugby

Victoria, BC, Canada

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

Windsor Park Pavilion

AGM MINUTES

Attendance:

Bossi, Vahid	Iachetti, Pierre	Okrainetz, Glen
Braund, Mike	Jervis, Hugh	Oliver, Gord
Butler, Harold	Klatt, Rob	Penner, Mike
Cameron, Ian	Knox, Dave	Shelley, Mike
Capron, Jim	Kovacs, Darren	Spiller, Bill
Cook, Aaron	Love, Bob	Toorenburgh, Murk
Dunstan, Andy	Lussier, JP	Turner, Jim
Edgington, John	MacKay, Ken	Waters, Ian
Exton, Ken	Millard, Dave	Zosiak, Jim
Holmes, Bryan	Muldrew, Shane	

1. Agenda

Glen Okrainetz read the agenda and asked for items from the floor. The agenda was adopted.

2. Welcome & Moment of Silence

Glen Okrainetz opened the meeting at 7:06 PM and welcomed all members present.

Glen read all the names on the RIP Tide Shield and asked for a moment of silence for our departed members.

3. 2014/2015 Minutes

The minutes of the 2014/15 AGM on Thursday, June 18, 2015 were distributed by Dave Knox for review by the members.

Proposal by Murk Toorenburgh that last year's Minutes be adopted.

Seconded: Dave Valentine

All in favour, Approved ✓

4. Directors' Reports

The annual Reports from the Directors were delivered verbally by each director.
Copies attached.

(a) **President's Report**

Delivered by Glen Okrainetz

(b) **VP's Report**

Delivered by Mike Penner.

(c) **Captain's Report**

Delivered by Harold Butler

(d) **Treasurer's Report**

JP delivered the financial report for the year ended April 30, 2015

Proposal by Harold Butler that the financial reports be accepted.

Seconded: Dave Millard

All in favour, Approved ✓

Bryan Holmes asked what would happen to the Bullen Park credit if the club moved to WestShore.

Dave Knox asked about the deficit for the past two years and JP indicated that this was due to the Gentlemen visit which was spread over two fiscal years.

(e) **Social Report**

Prepared by Mark Edgington and delivered by Dave Knox.

(f) **Quartermaster's Report**

Delivered by Dave Valentine.

(g) **Fields' Report**

Delivered by Murk Toorenburgh.

(h) **Registrar**

Delivered by Jim Capron

(i) **Director @ Large's Report**

Prepared by Darren Kovacs and delivered by Glen Okrainetz.

5. Election of Officers

Glen Okrainetz outlined the returning executive members and the positions up for election. Election will be conducted by a show of hands.

One Year Remaining

- ♦ President Glen Okrainetz
- ♦ Fields Murk Toorenburgh
- ♦ Quartermaster/Haberdasher Dave Valentine
- ♦ Director at Large Jim Capron

New Two-year Term

Nominations were requested for the following positions:

- ♦ **Vice-president**
Mike Braund nominated Jim Capron
Seconded: Murk Toorenburgh
There were no further nominations
Jim Capron was acclaimed
- ♦ **Secretary**
Dave Valentine nominated Dave Knox
Seconded: Brian Beglau
There were no further nominations
Dave Knox was acclaimed
- ♦ **Treasurer**
Dave Valentine nominated JP Lussier
Seconded: Harold Butler
There were no further nominations
JP Lussier was acclaimed
- ♦ **Social**
Dave Valentine nominated Duane Stephenson
Duane declined
Russ Lazaruk nominated Austin Jay
Seconded: Dave Millard
There were no further nominations
Austin Jay was acclaimed
- ♦ **Registrar (one-year term)**
Jim Capron outlined the responsibilities of the position for the consideration of the meeting.
Dave Valentine nominated Jim Capron
Seconded: Dave McMordie
There were no further nominations
Jim Capron was acclaimed

- ♦ **Club Captain** (one-year term)
Murk Toorenburgh nominated Harold Butler
Seconded: Dave Valentine

Rick Kotzian nominated Paul Eby
Seconded: Dave Millard

Voting:
Harold 12 - Paul 17
Paul Eby succeeded by vote

6. New Business

(a) **2017 Japan Tour**

Dave Knox read a Tour Update statement (attached) for the proposed 2017 Tour to Japan.
Dave also produced an advertizing flyer for distribution to drum up support.

(b) **WestShore**

Jim Turner read and presented his motion that:

The Ebb Tide executive, with Jim Turner's assistance, approach WestShore Velox Rugby Club to inquire about the availability of the regular training time (5:30-6:30) every Thursday starting in the fall of 2016, and that WestShore Rugby Club be approached about overlaps with change rooms, use of clubhouse and other common matters.

Seconded: Duane Stephenson

Discussion:

Sean Renshaw asked can we start earlier and leave later than 5:30 and 6:30? Jim can investigate.

JP Lussier indicated that the lights come on at 5:30 on a timer.

Bob Love asked what happens to the credit @ Bullen Park if we move?

Mike Shelley asked what is the alternative? Stay at Bullen and move to WestShore on Wednesdays for December and January.

Duane Stephenson stated that traffic is not an issue for getting to WastShore.

Ian Cameron stated that he can't drive after dark and it takes him 1 hour anyway from Brentwood Bay.

Duane Stephenson asked what is the amount of the Bullen credit. About \$500.

Murk Toorenburgh asked must we train at one place all year? Velox can promise us one location all year. Need to support this motion.

Dave McMordie stated that it is a long way for him to cycle.

Sean Renshaw asked that we consider investigating alternative fields for Feb which is also a wet month.

Harold Butler stated that he attended the meeting with Velox before their move to WestShore and ET had asked for 5:45 to 6:45pm on Thursdays.

Dave Kelpin asked the members to think about themselves before voting on a move. Ask yourself if you will make the move if the majority of the members votes to move.

Russ Lazaruk asked how much investigation have we done about other fields? Murk has done a lot of work to obtain alternative fields. Russ suggested we look at all options.

Brian Beglau stated that he has a history with Velox who are very picky about times. WestShore Rec are looking at creating additional field(s) at the site. Make contact with WestShore ASAP.

Bryan Holmes stated it seems we are getting conflicting options on what is available or not. Form a team to find out what is available and when.

Rick Kotzian stated that we have lost the interaction with youth and younger rugby in the last years since our move to Bullen Park. Losing half our practices during the year is counter productive.

Jim Capron stated that Westshore Parks is a bad organization to deal with. Shamrocks want to leave WestShore. Grizzlies are also looking to move. The Ebb Tide should think before we move.

Bob Love stated he shares Murk's pain trying to book fields. All fields are waterlogged in the winter – a problem in Victoria.

Gord Oliver asked we find out current costs vs possible future costs at WestShort.

\$15 for grass field - \$50 for turf field – per hour.

Jim Turner read the motion again.

Voting:

For: 21 Against: 9 Abstention: 1

Motion carried.

(c) **ET Regatta**

Scheduled for August 5, 6, & 7.

Suggestion that Ganges is the venue. There is a music festival in Ganges on the same weekend.

Hugh Jervis said he would send out a newsletter with information.

(d) **All Blacks vs Ireland**

Dave Kelpin mentioned a connection with the AntiDeluvians in Edmonton who were planning a road trip to Chicago in Nov3ember 2016 with a game and watch these games should anyone from the Ebb Tide be interested.

It was mentioned that this was not a good idea with the problems being experienced by the Japan 2017 Tour.

7. Close

There was no further business.

Glen Okrainetz asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Proposed: Dave Valentine

Seconded: JP Lussier

Meeting closed at 8:38 PM

The 2015/2016 club awards night:

The 2015 Awards Night took place on June 16th at Windsor Pavilion. Approximately 50 people were on hand for the occasion. A good time was had by all.

The award winners were:

Captain's Award: (Player of the year): Paul Eby

Bind tight Award: (Forward of the year): Mike Braund

Big Shot Award: (Back of the Year): Jim Zosiak

Most Popular Player: Austin Jay

Most Inspirational: Bob Love

Old Geezer Award: Barry Wheelhouse

Road Runner: Rob Phillips

Fastest Ebb Tide: Mike Penner

Paddle of the Year: (shit disturber): Jim Turner

Road Warrior: Murk Toorenburgh

President's Report – 2016 Annual General Meeting

The past year was a good one for the Ebb Tide Rugby Club.

We have had good turnouts for games and events, and an influx of some younger and not so younger new players. We entered teams in another 10-a-side event hosted by CW in May. Evidently Westshore did not get the memo about it being for 38+ players. However, if you added the ages of any two players together then they did, for the most part exceed 38. Nonetheless these types of events are excellent recruitment opportunities, and Don Swainson and I have spoken already about organizing another 10-a-side in late August.

I want to commend our Road Warriors. While we were still challenged for a full side on a few occasions, the numbers were generally up. I would like to set a club goal of at least 20 players on every road trip next year. Just like the old days.

A special thanks to Bob Love, our volunteer trainer extraordinaire. Bob not only showed up early for home games to tape the walking wounded, of which we seem to have many, but more importantly travelled to road games to take care of the players.

The social events were, as per our high standards, good as well. A shout out to Joe for keeping the Ebb Tide Christmas as **THE** social event of the year on the Westshore. And I must thank the Ebb Tones for once again drawing people on to the dance floor with their rock and roll offerings. Good turnout for the golf tournament last summer, and thanks to Mark for organizing that. A thank you as well to all those who donated to the prize table.

Ebb Tide continues to give back to the rugby community. Once again we provided a significant contingent of volunteers to two Rugby Canada events: the Americas Rugby Championship and Langford IRB Women's 7's Tournament. We continue to support the Rising Tide program, both financially and with Ebb Tide members participating as coaches. Members are on the coaching staff of a large number of club and school teams, for both boys and girls, throughout the Capital region. This type of investment of time and resources is an ongoing source of pride for me as the President of Ebb Tide.

Mike Penner and Mark Edgington have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election this year as Vice President and Social Director, respectively. I would like to thank them for their time and effort in serving on the club Executive.

Yours in rugby,

Glen

Vice President Report 2015-2016

Another successful season for the Ebb Tide is behind us, and I offer the following summary of the year that was.

Scheduling was an issue again this year, though the Ebb Tide made considerable efforts at the executive level to balance our home and away dates to have a better balance than last season. The league will need to put continued emphasis on balancing the schedules of the outlier teams (Ebb Tide, Kelowna, Seattle and Nanaimo) with those of the Lower Mainland.

The Ebb Tide responded to our schedule as usual: abundant numbers for home games, scant few for the road games. I wish to personally thank each and every "Road Warrior" for not only coming out to play, but often having to play the full 60 minutes, hurt or not.

Personally, I always find the away games more gratifying for that reason and I encourage all of you to make an effort to make it out to the road games next season.

I am very pleased to observe the influx of new players, particularly the young lads from Velox who have brought considerable skill and energy to our lineup. I would like to thank Andy Dunstan for the Tuesday training and Eric White for his coaching on Thursdays – both of these endeavours have improved the quality of our play.

I am stepping down from my term as Vice President and I wish to thank the club for giving me the opportunity to serve. I was impressed and humbled by the level of commitment the Executive has to the Ebb Tide and amount of effort that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running (or jogging, depending on your fitness).

Sincerely,
Mike Penner

Captain's Report 2016

Gentlemen,

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity of being your captain /coach again this past year. We had a somewhat successful year with seven wins seven losses. Three of those losses were by one try. However, four times this year we were beaten by more than five tries, these were all away games.

Although we had 18 members that travelled to more than 4 games this year, we never had more than 17 actual players to a road game. But hopefully with the influx of new players, we will travel better in the future.

I would like to urge you all to look at this year's schedule and make an effort to make at least 4 away games. I also urge everyone to stretch prior to every game and practice as injuries have taken their toll this year.

Your Captain in crime,
Harold

Financial Report 2016

Ebb Tide RFC

Income statement 2015-2016

	2016-04-30		2015-04-30
REVENUE			
Dues	11 225,00 \$	55 playing, 10 social	11 400,00 \$ 57 playing, 5 social
Christmas dinner	- \$		
Smile Card		Transferred to Tour account	972,69 \$
Hosting	1 595,35 \$	\$1330 Hosting Gents	3 992,00 \$ Gents (\$3790) reg \$202
Tour	- \$		
10-a-side	- \$		2 947,20 \$
Fundraising	720,00 \$	\$220 Bocce, \$500 Rugby Canada	1 037,00 \$ \$287 Bocce, \$750 RC
Equipment	1 845,00 \$		1 624,00 \$
Interest	328,08 \$		320,67 \$
TOTAL REVENUE	15 713,43 \$		22 293,56 \$
EXPENSES			
Christmas dinner	- \$		
Club Hosting	6 349,42 \$	\$4387,66 Gents	6 300,06 \$ \$4719,76 Gents
Misc Social	812,25 \$	Awards night	678,00 \$
Storage	- \$		277,12 \$
Equipment	519,60 \$		5 124,16 \$ Most for Gents tour
Bank Fees	153,00 \$		167,22 \$
Donation	500,00 \$	Junior Tide	1 000,00 \$ Junior Tide
Publicity	260,00 \$	\$200 CW program, \$50 Old Growth tour	200,00 \$ CW program
Field rental	2 008,32 \$	Bullen:827; MacD: 432; Wind: 749	1 176,46 \$ Bullen: 446; MacD:437: W: 292
Referees	50,00 \$		
Insurance	- \$		100,00 \$ Gents game
PNWRU	450,00 \$	Yearly dues	450,00 \$
BCRU	785,00 \$	Yearly dues	785,00 \$
Travel	4 528,54 \$	Got picked up twice, no bus required	5 259,35 \$
10-a-side	- \$		1 921,16 \$
Tournaments	250,00 \$	Year-end	
Web Hosting	160,00 \$		151,20 \$
Tour	- \$		
Office supplies	17,85 \$	Stamps	131,19 \$ Cheques
Trophies and engraving	67,20 \$		
TOTAL EXPENSES	16 911,18 \$		23 720,92 \$
NET INCOME	(1 197,75) \$		(1 427,36) \$
ASSETS (2016-04-30)			
Cash	48,75 \$		
Chequing	9 094,86 \$		
GIC	3 360,70 \$		
GIC	5 601,15 \$		
GIC	2 311,82 \$		
Total	20 417,28 \$		

Japan 2017 Tour Account

Ebb Tide RFC (Tour account) Income statement 2015-2016 2016-04-30

REVENUE	
Smile card	1 870,09 \$
Fundraiser	396,00 \$
	- \$
	- \$
	- \$
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>2 266,09 \$</u>
EXPENSES	
Bank fees	53,40 \$
	- \$
	- \$
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>53,40 \$</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>2 212,69 \$</u></u>
Balance	
CIBC account	7 223,69 \$
Tour deposits	3 100,00 \$

Social Director's Report

Golf:

2015's event was held on July 18th @ the prestigious Metchosin Golf & Country Club. Due to the lack of appropriate information at my finger tips I will hazard to guess that there were just over 60 in attendance. Thanks to the absence of Honey Bunny, Mr Phillip's was the mens champ & I'm pretty sure the ageless Mrs Turner won the women's title. If not, she should have. Other categories don't matter, I'm sure Jim Turner has all that info licked in his head.

2016: once again @ the M G & CC, on the 23rd of July.

Regatta:

2015: 5 captains, 11 somewhat able deck hands & 1 Gilligan set sail on a balmy August (maybe July) weekend, destination Salt Spring Island. Details are sketchy as no one will talk.

2016: once again setting sail to Salt Spring Island & I know that it will be on the August 5th weekend. Contact your local skipper for an interview. It's not a picnic, it's seafaring me lad.

Slow pitch:

2015: a nice round number of players showed up for the annual drubbing at the hands of the Gorge FC old timers. But it was close this time. Err for a questionable grand slam, the win might have been ours. Sonny Vickery hosted another bbq afterwards which helped soothe the sting of the loss.

2016: we will be striving for that first win on the 13th of August @ Centennial Park followed by a bbq at Sonny Vickery's.

Christmas party:

2015: on December 4th about 64-65 members & wives attended the party at the prestigious (but no Metchosin) Royal Colwood GC. Singing, dancing & a merry old time was had by all. The Ebbtones performed with(out) flaw.

2016: I believe we have it booked for the first weekend in December at the Royal Colwood. Musical guest an unknown at this time.

Mark Edgington

Report of the Director of Fields

What a busy year this has been. With our many fixtures and events to book, I have worked many hours to ensure that we have places to go.

Contacts at Victoria, UVic, GNS, Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Westshore Parks and Rec have worked with me to book time at fields, change rooms and halls. They have worked with us as plans and needs have changed. Rugby Canada has been prompt when we asked for insurance coverage certificates.

The main issue this year has been the cancelling of training fields due to weather. I do understand the frustration. Unfortunately, alternative locations were difficult to obtain on short notice. As per discussion at last years AGM and at the executive table, we had not approached Westshore/Velox for training space this past winter. We felt it best to wait until they had worked out the operational kinks in their organization. Bar revenue was not going to come to the club so, other than social

considerations, there would be little benefit to the new club. Other fields at Beacon Hill and UVic were unavailable to us, so we missed some Tuesdays and Thursdays due to the wet winter weather.

Currently, I have made contact with WestShore Parks to begin the process of getting booked space on the all weather field (inside the cycle track) for the coming winter. The executive discussed this option and we decided to ask for Wednesday evening 6 pm to 7:30pm for the entire months of December and January. We discussed the idea of running at the velodrome on Thursdays at our regular time 5 pm to 6:30pm but the issue of traffic congestion was thought to be too difficult. We felt it would be hard to have a full run before the regular WestShore teams begin to show up and want the field.

I understand some ideas may come forward at this year's AGM and I will work toward what the membership and executive direct.

Thanks for a great season of Ebb Tide rugby.

It has been a pleasure to serve.

Murk Toorenburgh

Quartermaster's Report

Stock on Hand:

Sells For:

Pins:	400+			\$4 ea
Pocket Crests:	10			\$15 ea
Ties:	41			\$15 ea
Old Cotton Jerseys:	6	(2 x L) (3 x XL) (1 x XXL w #99 on it)	SALE!!	\$15 ea
Toques:	11			\$12 ea
Balls:	1			
Socks:	10 pr			\$15 pr
Golf Shirts:	4	(4 x L)		\$35 ea
Regular Jerseys	10	(4 x M) (2 x L) (4 x XL) Price includes Number		\$80 ea
Shorts (White)	9	(1 x S) (8 x XL) also used to dye for yellow		\$30 pr
Shorts (Black)	11	(2 x S) (5 x M) (3 x L) (1 x XL)		\$30 pr
Shorts (Red)	6	(1 x M) (1 x L) (3 x XL) (1 x XXL)		\$30 pr
Purple	1	(1 x M)		
10 a side T's	12	(7 x XL) (5 x XXL)	For 2 SALE!!!	\$5.00

I have some new T-Shirt concepts that will be revealed in Sept. Also a number of people have requested Kit Bags, however an order of one or two makes the price to prohibitive. When I order kit for the Japan Tour, I will be able to take advantage of the bulk buy and get some extra bags for anyone that is interested.

Also exploring some fleeces as there has been some interest.

Anyone that wants kit, I will be bringing some with me tonight for the AGM.

Respectfully Submitted,

DV (QM)

2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT

REGISTRAR, EBB TIDE RUGBY CLUB

53 players registered with Ebb Tide this year, down from 59 last season. I believe Ebb Tide has once again the most registered players in the PNW040's league. The national registration site is only a year old and most of the players were able to register fairly easy. Thanks again to everyone for registering in a timely manner.

My other duties involve submitting game reports to the BCRU who use these reports to ensure that all players are registered. I also wrote a few game highlight reports for the team and we had fun with Russ's 6 try game heroics.

I do feel a wee uncomfortable being on executive as a non-playing member. As most of you know I just can't get my head back into the game (pun intended). So I will leave that up to the members to decide if they want me to continue nagging them again to register. I will do my best to remain in the game in some matter. It's too much fun to give up entirely.

Yours in rugby,
Jim Capron

Highlights of 2014/15

- Over 50 players registered in time for the beginning of the season
- Trip to Seattle, despite the scotch.
- Watching the Commander play with his son.
- Great volunteer work from Ebb Tide again for both Rugby Canada events. (ARC's and Women's 7's
- Vancouver 7's was a blast, wasn't it?

Director at Large Annual Report 2015-16

May 26, 2016

It has been another great year of rugby. Coming in the midst of a rugby world cup year, the excitement seemed to spill out onto the fields of British Columbia. There was a dearth of new players introduced to the club during the course of the year and this seems to have revitalized the club once again.

Other members will certainly summarize highlights of the year for the Ebb Tide so I won't reiterate them here. I have again found myself as Director at Large filling in where needed and being told where to go and such. It is something I am being accustomed to and willing to continue but I am also looking at exploring new opportunities.

In case no one else has mentioned, I would like to recognize the efforts of Andy Dunstan in running the skills and drills Tuesday sessions as well as Mike Braund filling in on the weeks Andy is not available. The sessions certainly help develop the skills to play better and more safely. As a relative newbie, personally, I still have a distance to go and will continue to benefit from these sessions.

Lastly, I implore to the membership and particularly to the newer Ebb Tide members to seriously think about committing to the 2017 Japan tour. It is a great opportunity to bond with other members in an exciting new fashion.

I will continue to stand for the position if you will have me. Thank you,

Darren Kovacs
Director at Large

The tour is now **12** months away (May 26, 2016 – May 13, 2017).

ET Japan 2017 Tour Update

May 26, 2016

Based on the decision of the Club at the 2014 AGM it was agreed to undertake a tour to Japan in 2017. At the AGM in May 2015 a proposed itinerary was presented and accepted.

There have been many emails back and forth to our Japanese contact Miki Oku of the Gentlemen, to establish the dates, itinerary and in-country arrangements.

The current proposed tour schedule is from May 12 – 28/29, 2017 with 5 games against:

- Fuwaku – Tokyo;
- Towaku – Nagoya;
- Gentlemen – Osaka;
- Old Bears – Tenri; and
- Meiwaku – Fukuoka.

The reason for May is:

- better weather;
- travel is cheaper;
- Japanese clubs access to good fields; and
- Tenri has religious activities in April.

Based on their participation in our club's 40th celebration we are obligated to return to both the Osaka Gentlemen and Tenri Old Bears.

We have the remainder of the Japanese Warrior suite to match the helmet awaiting our return to the Osaka Gentlemen.

The first tour committee meeting was held on October 26, 2016 to form the Committee and assign responsibilities. The members of the tour committee (with their responsibilities) are:

- Dave Knox (Tour Chair, Itinerary);
- Glen Okrainetz (Japan Clubs: Invites and Gifts);
- Jim Capron (Treasurer);
- Shane Muldrew (Player Gifts);
- Dave Valentine (Equipment);
- Ian Cameron (Newsletter);
- Vahid Bossi (Player Cards);
- Rob Phillips (Tour Program); and
- Harold (Member without portfolio).

All committee members were also tasked with the responsibility of encouraging tour participation from Ebb Tide members.

We obtained email contact addresses for the 4 clubs (excluding the Gentlemen who Miki represents) from Miki and emails formally requesting the Ebb Tide to travel to Japan and play against these clubs were sent in November by President Glen. We received enthusiastic responses from all clubs, inviting the Ebb Tide and looking forward to our tour.

Our first tour newsletter was published in December 2015 in time for the Christmas dinner to try and drum up support from the members. Thanks to David Millard for the display of some of the clubs Japanese memorabilia at the dinner for our newer members to see. David has also hung many of the Japanese club banners in the Gorge Pub.

We estimate that the tour will not cost more than \$4,000 per member and hopefully less once airfares and in-country arrangements are known.

The tour goal is to take 40 players across all age groups to hopefully field at least two teams similar to the 2006 tour. The 2006 tour had 37 players fielding two teams (one each of 40s and 50s) plus 6 red shorts.

We held follow up tour committee meetings on February 10 and March 16 of 2016, with the second tour newsletter published in March 2016.

The newsletters have outlined our history with Japanese clubs to foster enthusiasm and the need to maintain our old contacts and build newer younger contacts for the future.

At our May 11, 2016 tour committee meeting our focus was on the low numbers of committed players and what to do about it. To date only 19 members have paid their \$100 deposits. 6 x 40s; 2 x 50s; 9 x 60s; 2 x 70s. We cannot effectively tour and play with this breakdown of ages on one team. Of these 19 – 3 plus a 4th Mike Joss are not regular Ebb Tide players. So that is only 15 Ebb Tiders committed.

While emails announcing the tour to PNORU club presidents had been sent with little response, it was decided at this meeting that each club would be contacted personally and directly. We prepared a list of 14 PNORU and Island clubs and assigned each club to a committee member to contact. (Skip)

SOB	Knoxie to contact Jim Armstrong
Twits	Jim Capron to contact Nick Oliver
Kelowna	Knoxie to contact Kasper
Seattle	Harold to contact Scout
Snocaps	Glen to contact Andrew Gilbert
Nanaimo	Knoxie to contact Don Dunbar
Abby	Glen Graham the president
Referee	Glen to contact Don Barber regarding the Snocaps Ref
JBAA	Knoxie to contact Cobra
WestShore	Knoxie to contact Paul Eby
CW	Shane to lead this
Cowichan	Jim C to contact John James
Port Alberni	Knoxie to contact Jim Turner
Ebb Tide	Harold to continue to promote this at practice, functions and games

Since May 11th there has been very little response from these efforts.

Unfortunately the Evergreens are planning a tour to Fiji in 2017.

I prepared a flyer for to promote the tour at club events:

- AGM May 26th;
- End of Season @ Twits May 28th; and
- Club Awards Night June 16th.

I don't know what all the reasons for the low numbers are, but at the 2014 AGM when this tour was first proposed there were 17 hands out of 26 in attendance (65% support). I wonder how many of those 17 have signed up? If you arbitrarily extrapolate the 65% support to the club's 70 membership, it equates to 45 members, not counting non-Ebb Tide tour players. With almost 3 years to commit, plan and save for this tour, there should be more support. There are a number of members that have been spoken to that are on the fence but still not committed and paid.

Based on the current low committed tour numbers at the May 11th meeting the committee discussed what the go-no go criteria for the tour should be and agreed the following. We need:

- to have enough players for two teams – (40/50) and (60+);
- a minimum of 30 players; and
- a \$500 deposit payment, received by June 24th.

The next tour committee meeting is scheduled for June 27th– where a decision on the tour based on this agreed criteria will be made.

Unfortunately I don't hold out much hope for success.

It saddens me that a more than 40-year old club with long traditions of touring and camaraderie, as chronicled in our history book, seems to be coming to an end. As I said in the 2nd newsletter in March, the club toured Japan in 1992; Vancouver golden oldies in 1997; Wales in 1999; Chile in 2003; Japan in 2006; New Zealand in 2009; France in 2012 and then nothing for the past 4 years and who knows when the next tour will happen.

In 2013 a tour to England in 2015 was cancelled; in 2013 a (backup) tour to Eastern Canada in 2015 was cancelled; and soon in 2016 I think this tour will too be cancelled.

Cancelling this tour will cost the club a significant amount of credibility with the Japanese clubs which hopefully is recoverable.

This is YOUR club and it will be what the members want it to be and maybe touring is no longer part of it.

Thank you,
Knoxie