



2010 President's Address

Welcome to the 2009/10 Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank everyone for attending. It is great to see so many people take interest in the welfare of football in Twin Cities. 2009 was a year of many changes. From League changes to Board of Director changes, TCMTFA was ever evolving.

Predators

The Predators kicked off the year with a record turnout at the Feb. tryouts. Through the hard work of many individuals we were able to field four teams in the OFC and SCOFL. While there were many ups and downs at all levels the season ended on a positive note with our Varsity Predators winning the OFC Championship. I would like to thank the players involved in the Championship run. Through much turmoil and a season filled with spectacular wins and disappointing losses they pulled themselves together and worked as a team to reach their ultimate goal – an OFC Championship. Thank you to all the coaching and management teams that made the 2009 Predators season possible.

Warhawks

The Warhawks started the season with assessments in June and practices in July. This year Twin Cities fielded 12 teams again with one less in Pee wee and one extra in Tyke. With over 300 players registered it took a tremendous amount of work to run the program. The Warhawks achieved success both on and off the field as we introduced over 100 new players to the game of football. Twin Cities was represented in 3 of the 7 SOFAL Championships, losing a tough game in the Tyke White Final and winning the Tyke Red and Myte Championships. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, and volunteers that contributed to a successful 2009 Warhawks season.

Changes and Initiatives

2009 saw some changes and the start of some new initiatives. The Board of Directors was restructured with a focus on dividing duties to help lessen the load on all volunteers. League Directors were given non voting members to help with their programs. These members are able to focus on their specific role and program without having to worry about the overall league and Board issues. This will be a great help to positions such as the Equipment Director as they now have a Predators and Warhawks Equipment Director who will focus solely on the maintenance and distribution of the equipment.

From Dec. 28 – 30 Twin Cities ran its 1st Annual Warhawks Christmas Football Camp. 45 players attended for 3 full days of football and fun. The Camp was run by Zach and Gareth Mason and a team of former and current Predators players. It was a great success and Twin Cities is looking forward to running more Camps in the future.

This Spring will see the first season of Twin Cities Touch Football. It is progressive pass touch football that will follow the rules of the grade 7 and 8 Varsity teams that play in the Fall at Senior Public Schools in Kitchener Waterloo. At \$100 for a 14 week program Twin Cities is focusing on attracting new Canadians and females to football. It provides an option in the Spring for our current Warhawks and it will give a great introduction to football for players looking to play in the Fall.

Thanks

There are many people to thank for a great 2009 season. To all the coaches and managers – thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the youth of Twin Cities. Thank you to all the game day volunteers. Games would not happen without your help. Thank you to parents who braved the heat and cold to allow your children to play this great game. Many thanks to all the Board Members who served in 2009. Your hard work made for a great year and without your many volunteer hours Twin Cities Football would not have seen the success it did. For those Board Members leaving – thank you. Dean Steiss provided a great Warhawks program that brought home 2 Championships and maintained registration numbers through tough economic times. Jenn Ward provided professionalism in the role of Secretary. I have had the pleasure to know Jenn for 3 years and her dedication to Twin Cities Football is incredible. I would like to thank Dan Givlin for his commitment to Twin Cities. Dan has served on the Board for several years and his role of Treasurer has grown tremendously over that period of time. His countless hours of work are greatly appreciated and he has been a major part of the expansion of TCMTFA.

Lastly, I would like to thank the players for choosing to play what I think is the greatest team sport. With your dedication, hard work, team spirit and determination to face and overcome any obstacle you show the true strengths of today's youth. Over the last 6 years of my involvement with Twin Cities Football you have allowed me to relive my youth through your eyes. Being on the field and watching the games from the sidelines reminds me why we volunteer our hours – for the players, for our children and for their future. Thank you.

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