

2017

Philadelphia Falcons Annual Report





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Message from President

Dear Falcons,

I would like to thank everyone for their involvement with the Falcons this year. Whether you came to pick-ups, played in our leagues, played on a Falcons team in the CASA or Tri-County leagues, came to our parties, served on a committee, or played in the Liberty Bell Classic, you were part of making the Falcons a diverse, inclusive and fun community. I like to think of the Falcons as more than a club. Simply by meeting up to play soccer together we are providing a safe place to play soccer, combating stereotypes about the LGBT+ community, and creating lasting friendships. In a year like 2017, when our diverse communities are under attack, having the Falcons is essential. It's a place to play the game we love with a community we can count on.



I'm extremely proud of the Falcons 2017 Board for packing this year with leagues, activities, social events and opportunities for us to come together as a club to do what we do best, play soccer and have fun! In addition to our usual annual Summer and Winter Leagues, this year we added a Spring League and a Fall league too. We are able to keep these leagues affordable, so all members have a chance to play, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors.

We also took on the daunting task of moving our Tenth Annual Liberty Bell Classic tournament to OutFest weekend, one of the two queerest weekends of the year! It was a great day of soccer, ending with an exciting final with two evenly matched teams that came down to the last seconds.

One new initiative that will continue into the new year is our work on the LGBT Refugee Program. Partnering with HIAS of Pa and the William Way Community Center, we are offering free membership and participation in club activities to LGBT refugees resettling in the Philadelphia region. We are also pairing up each participant in the program with a Falcons ambassador to help welcome them to the club. We are working towards getting three refugees, identified by HIAS, to join the club in the new year.

There is so much to look forward to in 2018. We are planning to send one men's team and one women's team to the Gay Games in Paris this August where the Philadelphia Falcons will compete against teams from all over the world. And we will also have opportunities for you to play soccer all year long here at home. See you on the pitch in 2018!

Jessie Dummer

New in 2017

LGBT Refugee Program

In 2017 we partnered with the [William Way Community Center](#) and [HIAS PA](#), to offer a safe space for LGBT refugees to become members of our club and participate in our leagues and events free of charge. We recognize that LGBT refugees face many challenges when resettling in our community, but they will help it to thrive through their unique experiences and talents.

We have already raised money through [GoFundMe](#) that will be used to supply our program participants with free Falcons membership for one year, participation in our intra-Club seasonal leagues at no cost, free participation in our annual Liberty Bell Classic tournament and extra funds for transportation and/or participation in a city-wide league with a Falcons team. In 2018 we will focus on identifying participants interested in joining the Falcons.

New Leagues

The Falcons made some big steps this year. We expanded our ever-popular Summer League with 2 new seasonal leagues, Spring and Fall to join our Winter and Summer Leagues!

Winter League



League Format – 5 Teams, 6 week regular season, 1 Day playoff

Play Format – 5v5, co-ed, w/out goalkeepers

When – February & March

Where – Guerin Rec Center

Winners – Team Janine (Pink)

Spring League



League Format –
6 Teams, 6 week regular
season, 1 day playoff

Play Format – 6v6, co-ed,
w/out goalkeepers

When – April & May

Where – Sacks Playground

Winners – Team Red

Summer League



League Format - 8 teams, 7 week
regular season, 1 day playoff

Play Format - 6v6, co-ed, w/out
goalkeepers

When - July & August

Where - Fairmount Park Athletic Field

Winners - Team Billie Jean King

Fall Futsal League



League Format – 6 Team, 6 Week regular season, 1
Day playoff

Play Format – 5v5, co-ed, w/out goalkeepers

When – November & December

Where – Guerin Rec Center Winners – Team Pepper
La Beija

2017 Playing By the Numbers

Leagues – 4



Travel Tournament Teams



Blizzard Cup

February 17-19

Albany, NY

Hosted by the Albany
Empire Soccer Club



FTSC Women's Indoor Cup

March 19

Fairfax, Va

Hosted by the
Federal
Triangles Soccer
Club



World OutGames

May
26-June4

Miami, FL

Hosted by
the Gay and
Lesbian
International
Sport
Association

2017 Playing By the Numbers Cont.

Hosted Tournaments – Liberty Bell Classic, October 6-8



Falcons Teams in City and County Leagues



Tri-County Women's
League D3

11v11

Falcons Green



Tri-County Women's League D2
11v11
Falcons Orange



CASA League
Segunda B
11v11



CASA League
Tercera
11v11
Falcons and Devons

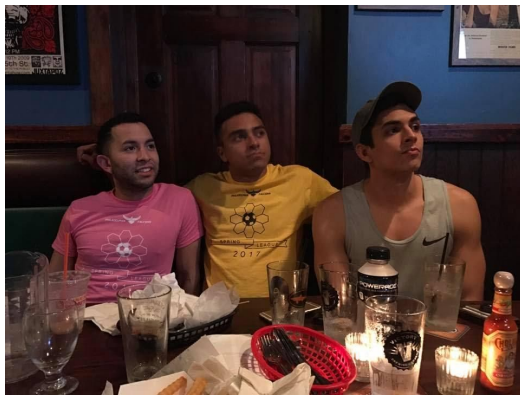


CASA Summer League
7v7
Falcons
Second Place

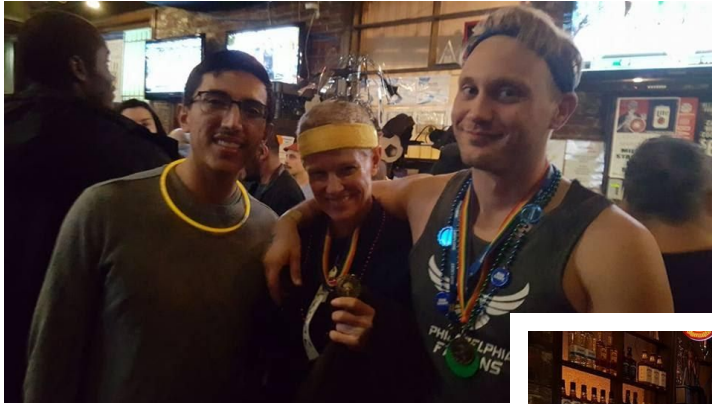


Hans Moses Memorial Game, Falcons vs Spruce Goose, November 2017

2017 Social Highlights

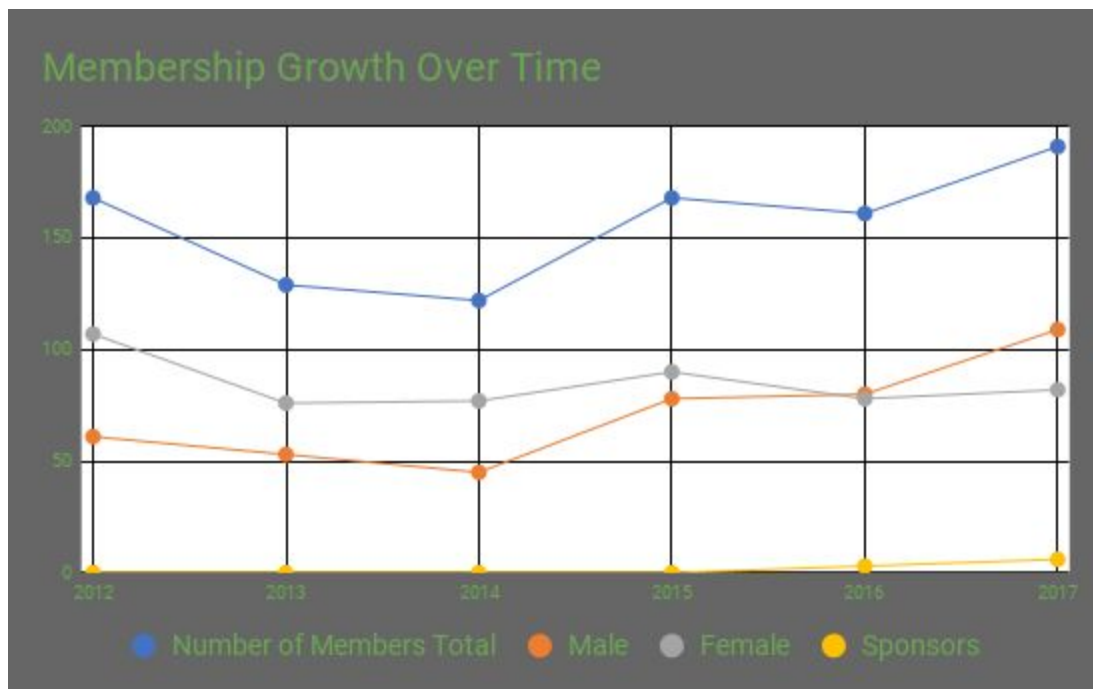


2017 Social Highlights



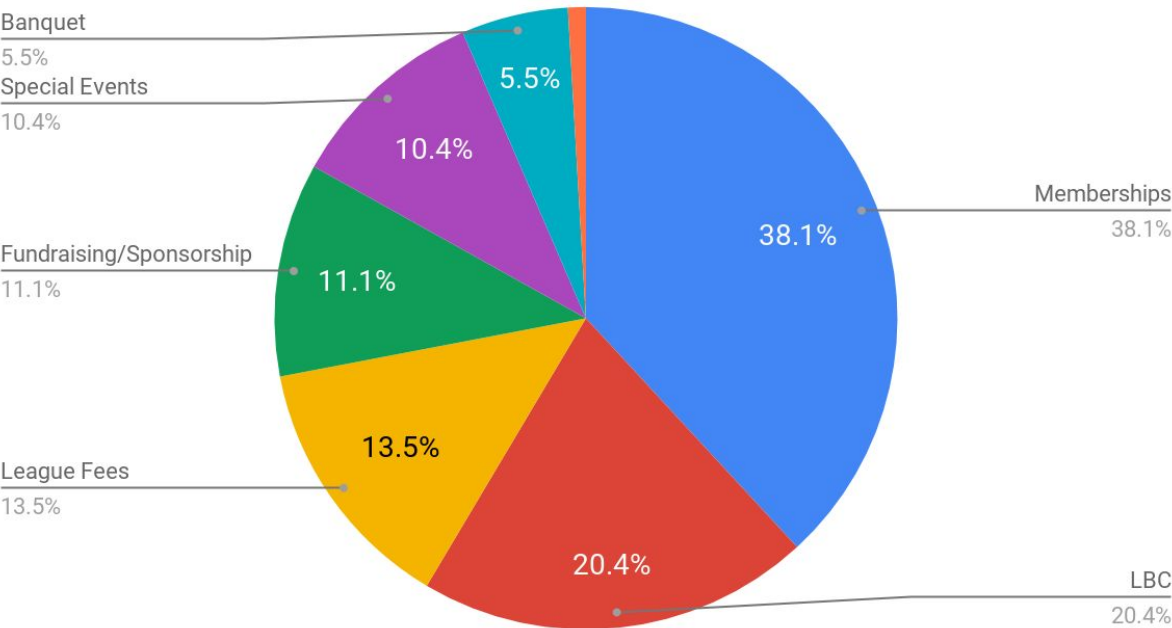
Membership Update

	2017	2016 Comparison
Full Year Member - \$50	86	70
1st Half Year Member (Jan-Jun) - \$30	46	28
2nd Half Year Member (Jul-Dec) - \$30	52	59
Scholarship Used	6	0
Total	190	157

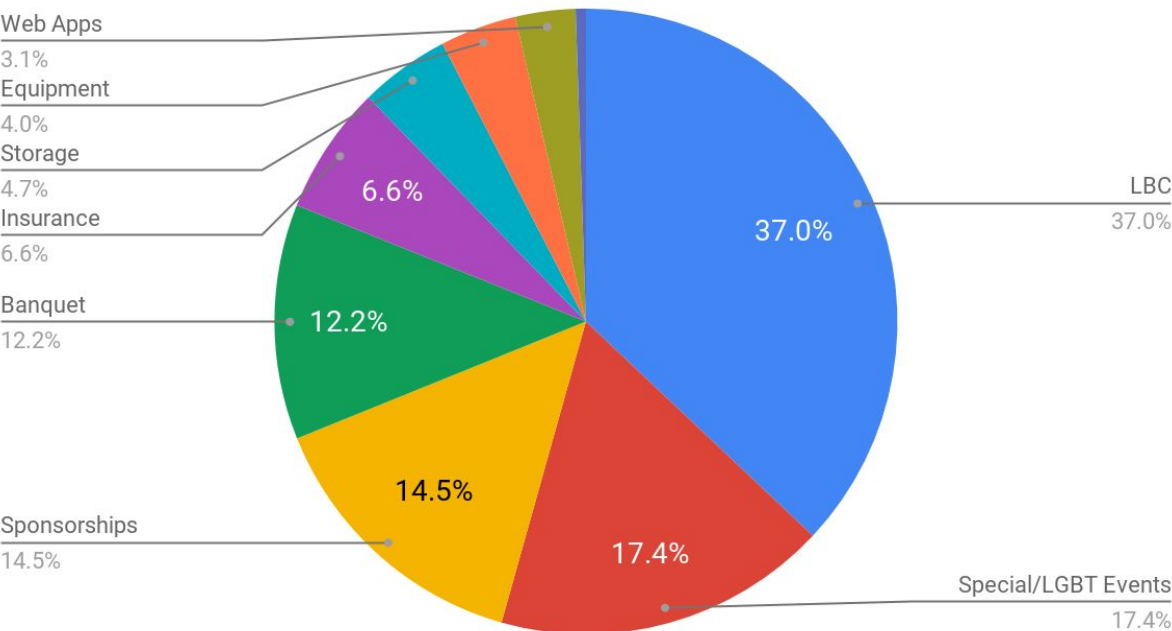


Financial Update Summary

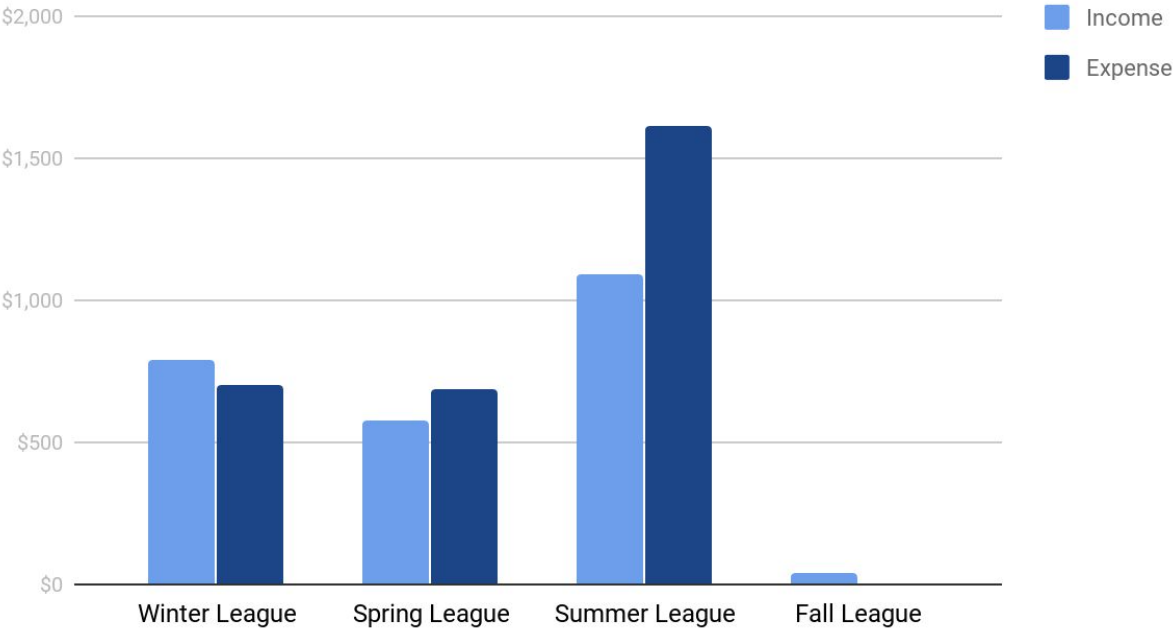
Income



Expenses



Leagues



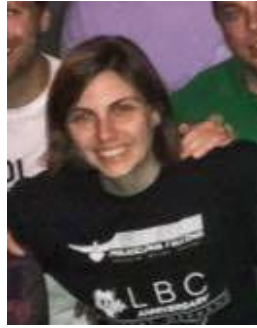
Updated By Laws

Overview of Major Changes (please note, that all changes were voted on by the whole club):

- **Instead of an Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee will send an Annual Report to the Members**
- **Removal of Non-voting Captains from the Executive Committee**
- **Remove one of the Vice Presidents from the Executive Committee, and replace it with a Sporting Activities Officer**
- **Remove the option to vote by mail, all voting to be done via email**

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2017 Executive Board



Jessie Dummer
President



Yunio Martinez
Vice President



Caitlin Daley
Vice President



Maggie Ross
Deputy Vice President



Chuck Potts
Treasurer



Crossley Simmons
Secretary



Liz Koster
Communications



Shane Dreher
Marketing



Isaiah Johnson
Recruitment



Ali Birouti
Fundraising

2017 Committees

– LBC (10th Annual Liberty Bell Classic) –

Juan Franco, Melanie English, Ed Argothy, Jessie Dummer, Caitlin Daley, Maggie Ross



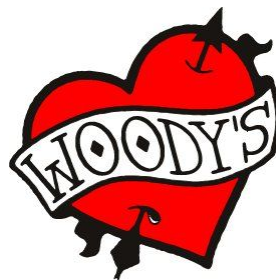
– Elections –

Colleen Doherty, Eric Brizuela

– Hall of Fame –

Janine Remillard, Monika Kruemmling, Ed Argothy, Elisabeth Flynn

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