



Swan City Football Club  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 6, 2022

Present: Derek Van Tassell, Paul Wedman, Dara LaLonde Lynda Atamanchuk  
Corrie Funk, Sherri Clayton, Jane Penson, Carlos Ramos, Troy Smith

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Kris Scott, Chad Moore

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Derek Van Tassell chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

### **2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **Motion 01**

**To adopt the revised agenda of December 6, 2022, with change:**

VII) Gala Committee: Paul, Sherri & Troy

Moved by: Corri

Seconded by: Troy

**Carried**

### **3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 November 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

#### **Motion 02**

**To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 8, 2022.**

Moved by: Corri

Seconded by Sherri

**Carried**

### **4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT**

4.1 **Financial Reports: Tabled**



## 5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

### 5.1 All Committee Reports

### 5.2 Executive Director Report

#### Facilities

As of January 2023, SCFC Pitch 1 will be our only location available for Grassroots and Adult League programs. We are currently using The Eastlink Centre, The County Sportsplex, Ecole Nouvelle Frontier, and SCFC Pitch 1 for our competitive program. This will continue into the new year and until the end of our indoor season.

#### Grassroots

A new section to start January to March. E-transfer is now available for registrations. Ideally, come outdoor, we will be able to move to e-transfer only to avoid Stack fees and make our programs more affordable.

#### Fundraising/Grants

Ongoing - Cars for Christmas (\$5,000 - \$15,000). The U17 Girls and U13 Girls teams are looking after the requirements for this fundraiser. Ticket sales started on late October and will go until December 16th .

Ongoing - Raffle tickets are ready for pick up. \$200 dollars (20 tickets) to be required from each competitive player. The U17 Girls team did a square sale fundraising. Total sales of \$3,100 will be split 50/50 between the club and team.

#### Contracts

There are seven sponsorship board spaces available.

Sportswear Plus has created a Swan City FC online store. It is now available for everyone.

Old GP United kits are being sold to current competitive players at a discounted price to be used as practice kits. There has not been a lot of success with the sales. The old kits are not appealing to current players

#### Other

SCFC to run the Mini–World Cup tournament in collaboration with Northwestern Polytechnic (March 2023).

Granted NWP provides 25+ coaches for the event, they will collect the revenue generated minus pitch rental and expenses associated with the event. – Pending commitment response form NWP.

SCFC is interested in purchasing some items from TLC (pitch boards, score board, turf vacuum).

– Awaiting on more information from the City.

Sub committees needed to be updated:

- Facility Committee
- Fundraising/Advertising/Social Media Committee
- Senior/Minor Committee

Starting on December 2022, Swan City FC hopes to have a monthly newsletter that will include information about our season highlights, sponsors, relevant dates, etc.



Swan City FC is looking at the possibility of introducing an end-of-season gala/award night for our competitive program. SCFC staff and fundraising/advertising committee would work in coordination to make this event happen.

### 5.3 Technical Director Report

#### **Programming**

##### **Minor Soccer:**

##### **• 22-23 Grassroots Indoor Season 1:**

- Grassroots Festival - Season Wrap-up Tournament on Dec 10th.
- Tim Hortons will provide water, hot chocolate and Timbits; Photo Booth; Medals and trophies for every team.

##### **• 2023 Grassroots Indoor Season 2:**

- Online registration is open, will most likely reach full capacity by the end of the week.
- Starting January 10th. 10 weeks program.
- U4PT/U5PT to U6; every Saturday.
- U7 to U11 boys; 2 sessions per week, Skill development on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday; Games. every Saturday and Sunday.

U13/U15 only games on Sunday.

- 374 players total in the grassroots program.

##### **Competitive Teams:**

- Indoor Season Structure: Grassroots/House league, Competitive and High Performance streams.
- 22-23 Indoor Swan City FC Teams: Competitive program: U11 boys, U13 boys, U13 girls.  
High performance program: U11 boys, U13 boys, U15 boys, U15 girls, U17 girls. Total of 8 teams.
- Christmas break from December 18th to January 8th. No practices scheduled during the break.
- Friendlies on December 4th in Grande Prairie:
- U13 Boys Competitive VS Fort Saint John U13; U11 Boys hp VS Fort Saint John U11; U13 Girls Competitive VS Fort Saint John U13 at the Swan City Pitch 1. 1
- Tournaments: Remembrance Day, Caledonia Cup November 11-13 for the U13 boys hp and the U15 girls; Family Day Caledonia Cup February 17-19 for the U11 boys hp and competitive, U13 boys and girls competitive.

##### **Adult League:**

- Indoor Adult league: October 24th - mid March; Indoor boarded.
- Men and Women leagues; competitive and recreational divisions.
- Round-Robin 3; Relegation/promotion after every 4 games played.
- Women's games: most Tuesdays and some Thursdays. Relegation/promotion after every 5 games played.
- Red Eye Tournament - January 6-8, Men's and Women's Competitive and recreational divisions
- Social night at Earls; Money prize and trophies.

##### **Equipment:**

- New gear for the competitive and grassroots coaches.
- New Adidas ball bags .



- Online Swan City FC store is now open (Hoodies, hats, Shirts etc); parents can order online.
- EMSA games are live-streamed through the VEO camera. Great tool to enhance the tactical training of our teams.

### Events:

- Adult League: Started Oct 24th.
- Grassroots Festival: December 10
- Red Eye Tournament: January 6-8
- FC Memorial: January 26-29.
- Caledonia Family Day: Feb 17-19.
- Slush Cup: March 2-5.

## 5.4 Power Soccer (PS) Report

- Share the game initiative needs to be sent to all competitive team managers for the new year to get more SCFC athletes interacting with the PS athletes and program.
- 3 NWP college students will be volunteering at PS for 15 hours which is required for their course.
- Eastlink rental fee of the fieldhouse B for PS (Sept 2022-June 2023) was amended to **\$61.45/hour+GST** as a "sport partner rate". A new contract was made and signed by David.
- The ACPSA board is working on a travel document for all Alberta athletes with recommendations for the airlines on how to transport the Strike force chairs used to compete and their personal independence chairs. Derek was asked to create a letter of support from SCFC for the BC athlete who had so many issues travelling with West Jet when coming to and from our PS tournament in October 2022. This BC athlete is filing a human rights complaint and possibly a class action lawsuit.
- 2 athletes from Grande Prairie will go to Arizona in January 2023 for a North American 10 team tournament with team Alberta. Sherri is working on fundraising for them.
- 2022-23 ACPSA fees are paid. Receipt for \$160.00 submitted.
- Our PS program received another generous sponsorship from Pomeroy Lodging for \$5000. They also wish to partner and help with our annual PS tournament next fall. Our sponsors logos are on all of the athletes chairs and a holiday thank you will be posted on social media recognizing **Hi-tech, Blundell, City of Grande Prairie and Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre**.
- Now that we have our own account, I am working with David and Dara to have a budget for the PS program.
- Tuesday December 20, 2022 (5:30-7pm) is our volunteer appreciation night at the Eastlink fieldhouse. Volunteers can "try the chairs" and will be offered snacks as a thank you. Please pass on to any athletes, coaches, board members that have come to help with the PS program this season.
- Eastlink is looking into the SCFC PS equipment insurance under our office contract. A new contract needs signed that states **office and storage** insurance which would then cover the Strike Force chairs (loss, damage, theft) that are stored there and not at our SCFC facilities. I feel that it would be beneficial to have our board meetings in that office space at the Eastlink to support this. If we stop renting that space other insurance will be needed.
- The **Rotary** grant application is being reviewed still.
- I will be applying for other grants in the new year to be able purchase more Strike Force chairs for athletes to play in. The goal is to have 2 more by Sept 2023.

### Motion 03

**Adopt the ED, TD, and Committee reports as presented.**



Moved by: Paul  
Seconded by: Carlos  
**Carried**

## **6.0 New Business**

### **6.1 Update sub committees**

Facility Committee: Chad, Derek, Kristen, Terri  
Fundraising/ Advertising/ Social Media Committee: Dalene, Corri & Jess  
Senior Committee: Derek & Kriss  
Minor Committee: Jane, Troy & Carlos  
Gala Committee: Paul, Sherri & Troy

- 6.2 End of season gala
- 6.3 Grassroots season end tournament
- 6.4 Discuss indoor season facility
- 6.5 Red Eye tournament
- 6.6 Banking resolutions: - Remove and update with new names

## **8 NEXT MEETING:**

January 10, 2023 @ 7:30 pm at Eastlink.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30.

Approved the 6 day of December, 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

(Derek Van Tassell)

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SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)