



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
June 6, 2023

Present:, Paul Wedman, Dara LaLonde, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Jane Penson, Kriss Scott, Stefan Caers

Staff: David Rojas

Regrets: Derek Van Tassell , Carlos Ramos, Sherri Clayton, Chad Moore, Houssam Chattri

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

David Rojas chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised agenda of June 6, 2023.

Moved by: Paul

Seconded by: Dara

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 May 2, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated May 2 , 2023.

Moved by: Jane

Seconded by: Corrie

Carried

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Financial Reports: Tabled



5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

We have secured four days at the Hanson Lincoln field (CKC) for Outdoor 2023. This field is being used for competitive practices during the week and Grassroots games on Sundays.

We have submitted a booking request to the Crosslink for our 2023-24 Indoor season. Our fall/winter season will start mid September and wrap-up mid March. We have requested a total of 19 hours of full field time per week – Waiting to hear back.

We have replaced the doorknobs that were not working at the Rotary building. We now have access to the concession room. We will paint the building on Tuesday, June 6th.

Grassroots

Grassroots program is well underway. After our last board meeting, we were able to add 60 additional spots.

Finding quality coaches is the biggest challenge.

Fundraising

Each competitive family is required to contribute \$100 as a fundraising commitment to the club. We have 178 competitive players from U9 to U17. We are waiting for our AGLC account to be updated before we can request a new raffle licence.

A few parents and players from the U13 Boys Comp, U15 Boys, and U17 Girls teams ran a fundraising out of EMCO. They raised \$600 for the club.

Grants

Co-op Community Spaces Grant. \$20,000 \$150,000. We applied for a \$25,000 grant to use towards restoring the Rotary fields irrigation system and Rotary building – Waiting on a response. Executive Director Report – June 5th, 2023



Contracts

We have placed a new jersey order for our competitive teams. With the addition of five new teams (three U9 and two U11) we did not have enough small jerseys for all the players. The new jersey order should be ready by the end of June before the teams go to their second tournament. There are four sponsorship board spaces available.

Other

We have completed the purchase of the new irrigation system. The system works great; we will be able to have healthy fields for the entire outdoor season.

- We continue to discuss a possible system sponsorship with White Water Management.

Technical Director Report – N/A

5.2 **Facility Committee – N/A**

5.3 **Fundraising Committee – N/A**

5.4 **Senior League Report -**

Senior Tournament

Outdoor 11 v 11 tournament at CKC Field. Need to confirm a weekend before people can commit to volunteering and tournament planning. There will be social activities, food trucks and entertainment. We will require volunteers to make this a successful event.

Outdoor League Teams

Women's League – 4 teams playing Tuesdays/Thursdays

The Crew

Strikers

Hot Headz Inferno

U17 Girls HP

Men's League – 7 teams playing Mondays/Wednesdays

GP Fire

RDS

GP 7's

Farm FC

Deportivo FC

100 Flavours

Tonik SC



Would like to have a social outdoor season wind up and awards night event in August.

League Growth

Request to have a Women's league soccer clinic set up for players who want to enhance their soccer skills. There are also some people who want to play soccer but won't sign up until they are able to attend a clinic to learn the skills and rules of the game. There are some team reps who are interested in helping with the clinic if we could find a qualified person to run it. Can we schedule this clinic in September?

As well, we would like to start up a weekly women's drop in soccer night in September to attract new membership as the league is not growing. Suggestions of a "bring a friend" night or a "minor soccer mom" drop in night. Received a lot of interest in this.

Meetings/Communication

Received a request from one of the teams for a senior league meeting to be held prior to the start of outdoor league. The meeting was held on on May 9th but ended up to be a poor turnout (4 team reps total).

Emailed outdoor team reps on May 31st for feedback on how the league is going, questions, concerns, ideas for improvement. Received comments from only two teams:

Men's team:

Game scheduled for 8:15 but other team didn't show up until 8:22, clock was running, ref didn't give time back. Feels there should be a penalty to teams that can't be punctual.

Women's team:

Overall team is happy with the season thus far. Great turnouts and even better weather. Mostly positive experiences. Only major issue is related to training of the linespersons. Finding a consistent issue with handball and offside calls not being flagged by linespersons. While we understand there are referees in training, we believe this training should not be at the expense of our enjoyment. Have observed a couple of the referees coaching a particular linesperson at halftime and after the games, however, we haven't seen noticeable improvement. It would be helpful if this issue was raised, and it would be beneficial if supplemental training could be offered.

Next meeting for senior league will be scheduled in August after outdoor season is complete.



5.5 Power Soccer (PS) Report

SCFC PS athletes played in our final tournament of the 2022-2023 season in Calgary May 26-28. Coach Corrie Funk was able to get one on one direction from Team Canada's National Power Soccer coach from Montreal during the games.

Our SCFC Logo sign from Eastlink upstairs office space has still to be moved down beside the door in gym that we are renting as storage space.

This PS season will end June 20, 2023 and the next season will start in September.

A collaboration with ACPSA and the 4 cities offering power soccer in Alberta has grown our number of provincial athletes and need for competition. Corrie was asked after our successful SCFC PS tournament to create an event hosting template for the organization to ensure the athletes have the best experiences.

The ordered Strike Force chair using the Rotary funds has still not arrived.

I am working on other grants for help with chair maintenance costs. Wheels and casters will need to be purchased this August to ensure safety during use.

The SCFC Share the game initiative will hopefully be reintroduced in the Fall of 2023. All of the SCFC participants benefit from this program.

1 person attended the 3 day PS Refing clinic in Calgary taught by an Internationally certified PS referee from Quebec. The Board agreed to \$500 reimbursement for anyone attending.

5.6 Beaverlodge Report

Update about Beaverlodge soccer.

Total registrations is 149

No direct sponsors this year due to lack of time and resources to pursue sponsorship

Want to organize exchange games with SCFC for U11 and U13/15, discuss with David and Housam after meeting

Asked input from our comity on creating an identity for our club without any negative comments:

- We would like to run a competition for the U5 and U7 group to find 2 team colours that they would relate to the town of Beaverlodge and surrounding region

- We would like to run a competition for the U9 and up to design a new logo for the club

- We would like to rename the tots to U11 program "Beaverlodge Soccer Kits (Kits being a little beaver and a play on words for "kids")

- We would like to use the name Swan City FC for everyone above U11 age to inspire the youth to go and try out in GP for more competitive soccer and show them that they are part of a bigger organization.



With the new identity of the club being created we would like to put together a sponsorship opportunity booklet for next year with items for sponsors to pick from like: tents with all logos (club, SCFC and sponsor), flags, equipment and field development.

Motion 03

Adopt the ED and Committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Dara

Seconded by: Stefan

Carried

6.0 Old Business

- i) Discuss SCFC bylaws review: Still working on them.
- ii) New irrigation system: Working well

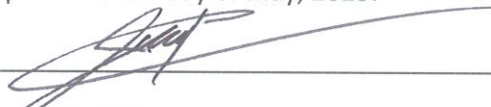
7.0 New Business

Discuss competitive team managers.


8.0 NEXT MEETING:

July 11, 2023 @ 7:30 pm at Fletcher Mudryk Board Room

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00
Approved the 2 day of May, 2023.



CHAIRPERSON (David Rojas)



SECRETARY (Lynda Atamanchuk)