



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
February 7, 2023

Present: Derek Van Tassell, Dara LaLonde Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Sherri Clayton, Jane Penson, Kriss Scott, Chad Moore, Carlos Ramos, Troy Smith

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Paul Wedman

Members: Kenzo Takeuchi

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Derek Van Tassell chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised agenda of February 7, 2023.

Moved by: Chad

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2023.

Moved by: Chad

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried



4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Treasurer's Report – Financials not available.

Dara meeting January 31 with Corrie Fund and Nevada Wafler.

- Discussed Power Soccer Bookkeeping and budget.
- To have a plan going forward to support Corrie with managing annual budget and fundraising for annual expenses and capital purchases.

Budget meeting set with David Rojas, Nevada Wafler and Jesse Noppibul for February 15.

- Discuss best methods for setting up annual operating budget, team budgets (power soccer, adult leagues, competitive teams, grassroots, etc.)
- Discuss accounting policies currently in place and those that should be set up:
- Examples travel, honorariums, part time/ coach wages, board expenses, etc.

5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

Swan City FC presented in front of City Council on January 9th, 2023. As a result of this meeting two motions were moved:

1. Council direct Administration to bring a report to the appropriate Standing Committee on January 31 regarding option 3 as suggested by Swan City Football Club, including parking spots; and
2. Council direct the Mayor to consult with the school board about future uses of the Avondale site.

Following two more council or standing committee meetings, City administration recommended City Council to endorse the Avondale High School Site for a future indoor multiuse and recreation facility. On February 6th City Council directed Administration to refer this item back to the appropriate standing committee for further discussion.

Grassroots

The last day of grassroots will be April 2nd, 2023. Registration for the spring/summer season will open first or second week of March. The program format will be the same as our fall/winter sections.

Fundraising/Grants

Cars for Christmas- The U17 Girls and U13 Girls teams looked after the requirements for this fundraiser. Ticket sales started late October and ended December 16th . We are waiting to hear the amount SCFC is entitled to.

Ongoing - Raffle tickets are due. \$200 dollars (20 tickets) to be required from each competitive player. Last day to return raffle tickets is Monday February 13th .



Possible Grants:

- The Community Services Recovery Fund. \$10,000 to \$200,000
- Co-op Community Spaces Grant. Up to \$150,000

Funding for these grants would be used towards a new indoor turf for Pitch 1, upkeep/replacement of damaged rink boards, making the facility better suited for spectators, and conditioning the indoor space for other sports. It would be helpful to know the city and county plans so we could better determine if these grants were needed.

Contracts

We have purchased 105 new Swan City jerseys for our competitive teams. SportswearPlus has an additional 135 in stock ready to be purchased for future competitive teams.

There are four sponsorship board spaces available.

Other

SCFC to run Mini-World Cup tournament in collaboration with Northwestern Polytechnic (March 2023) if they provide 25+ coaches for the event. If so, they will collect the revenue generated minus pitch rental and expenses associated with the event. If not, our club will handle.

Swan City FC is still looking at the possibility of an end-of-season gala/award night for our competitive program. SCFC staff and fundraising/advertising committee are working on.

The City has inquired about whether we would give up our Eastlink office for city staff. They would waive any penalty for exiting early out of our contract AND they would allow us to have our monthly board meetings in a different conference room at no additional cost. Power soccer chairs would stay in their current storage space at a cost of \$610/year provided we purchase our own tenant's insurance. Only Corrie would have access to that space. **We discussed exiting and asking for another year of free storage for power soccer as we don't need the offer of boardroom space**

5.2 Technical Director Report

Programming

Minor Soccer:

• 2023 Grassroots Indoor Season 2:

- All age categories are now full; 10 weeks program ending on April 1st.
- Grassroots festival: March 24-25.

• 22-23. Grassroots Outdoor season: • Registration will open beginning of March; 10 weeks program.

- Grassroots structure: 8 teams per age group per gender; 12 players per team; U4 to U13-15 mixed.
- Objective: To grow the grassroots numbers in order to have a bigger player base and encourage players showing potential to join the competitive stream.

Competitive Teams:

- Share the Game Initiative: An email was sent to the U15 boys, U15 Girls and the U17 girls.
- GK training on Wednesdays for all the competitive teams.



• Concerns about the U13 Boys hp attendance percentage; Players missing their initial team practice to attend the U15 practice instead. To discuss further. Also concerns from U15 HP parents that U13 players are attending U15 HP when not needed.

- Solution: create new policies to have a better understanding of the club structure and long term vision. - Ultimate goal: provide the right environment for each player to allow growth and success.

• **Outdoor Season Structure:**

Grassroots/House league at the Rotary fields, Competitive and High Performance streams.

• Female athletes: Create a U9/U11 competitive girls teams to allow growth in our competitive stream.

Coaches:

• Moving towards completing Canada Soccer Standards for quality soccer.

• Working to get coaches to take the Respect in Sport and Making Ethical Decision courses to meet ASA requirements.

• U15 and U17 girls are coaching grassroots Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. • Looking for new coaches to help with the summer grassroots program.

Tournament:

• FC Memorial January 26-28: U11 Boys hp - Gold - Tier3

• Power-Play January 26-28: U15 Girls - Silver - Tier1

• Family Day Caledonia Cup February 17-19: U11 boys hp and competitive, U13 boys and girls competitive.

• **Friendlies:**

February 11 - U11 Boys hp VS U11 FSJ. February 12 - U13 Boys competitive VS FSJ U13 Boys.

Adult League:

• Indoor Adult league: October 24th - mid March.

• Men and Women leagues; competitive and recreational divisions.

• Round-Robin 4; Relegation/promotion after every 4 games played.

• Playoffs starting end of February.

• Spring Cup tournament end of April.

• Looking to sanction an adult tournament this outdoor season; CKC field; food trucks etc; to discuss further.

• Adult outdoor season: 9 VS 9 game format. To discuss further. 2 Events:

• Grassroots Festival: March 24-25.

• Caledonia Family Day: Feb 17-19.

• Slush Cup: March 2-5.

• End of season(Competitive stream) : March 17



5.3 Power Soccer (PS) Report

- Share the game initiative has still not been sent to all competitive team managers.
- The ACPSA is hosting a tournament March 3-5 in Fort Saskatchewan which we will attend.
- Team Alberta going to Montreal April 27-30 to play in Defi Sportif an international tournament. Some of our SFCF athletes may make the roster.
- 1 athlete from Grande Prairie went to Arizona January 13-15 2023 for a North American 10 team tournament with Team Alberta, they got second place overall.
- 50/50 fundraising money \$440 from the red eye tournament went to athlete costs, team toolkit for chair repairs and joystick repairs.
- The City of Grande Prairie **Rotary** grant application for \$10,000 was presented on Jan 24 at the Eastlink Center. Based on increasing costs we will be a little short to purchase next chair.
- We need to discuss the purchasing another Strike Force chair for the club.

5.4 Facility Committee

Derek had a discussion with County rep on next steps. We are still awaiting a response from the city. Essentially, a holding pattern.

5.5 Gala Committee

End of the season Gala possibly scheduled for April 29, 2023, David Rojas to inquire about an update from Paul.

Motion 03

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

Moved by: Troy

Seconded by: Corrie

Carried

6.0 New Business

- Membership concern from Kenzo who is a parent and has children playing on the competitive teams. His concern is player attendance on some of the boys competitive teams where there are some inconsistencies. It was decided players must attend your own teams practice and must be invited to attend the other team's practice.



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Motion 04

To accept city proposal concerning the SCFC Eastlink office and include 2023 free storage for Power Soccer equipment at the Eastlink Centre.

Moved by: Dara
Seconded by: Lynda

Carried

7.0 NEXT MEETING:

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

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45.

Approved the 7 day of February , 2023.

CHAIRPERSON

(Derek Van Tassell)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)