



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
March 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: _____

Guest Attendee: Stephan Caers discussed a possible Swan City FC and Beaverlodge soccer collaboration.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Derek Van Tassell chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised agenda of March 7, 2023.

Moved by: Troy

Seconded by: Corrie

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 February 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated February 7, 2023.

Moved by: Dara

Seconded by: Troy

Carried

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Financial Reports Dated: January 31, 2023

Motion 03

To approve the financial reports for January 31, 2023 as presented.

Moved by: Sherri

Seconded by: Lynda

Carried



5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

We have not heard more information regarding the new facility discussion. City Administration is actively looking at possible land alternatives for a new recreation facility.

The city has agreed to let us to keep the turf from The Leisure Centre. The turf is 10 years newer than our current Pitch 1 turf. The city will have city staff remove the turf but will contact us if volunteer help is needed. Ideally, we will install this newer turf on Pitch 1 during the Outdoor season.

Grassroots

The last day of grassroots will be April 2nd, 2023. Registration for the spring/summer season will open March 15th. The program format will be the same as our fall/winter sections. We are currently waiting on confirmation from facilities to put together a season schedule.

- Hosting house games at CKC would bring a lot of attention to the area.

Fundraising

Ended - Cars for Christmas. The U17 Girls and U13 Girls teams looked after the requirements for this fundraiser. SCFC will receive \$8,500 which will be divided 50 percent for the Club and 50 percent will be split between the teams that helped with the fundraised. Each team will receive \$2,125. It was reduced somewhat due to social median posting non-compliance which has now been rectified.

Mandatory fundraising commitment raffle took place on February 22nd. The three winners were Tony Wanke, Gloria Hartford, and Tarik Jamil. \$4,000 was split between the winners.

- Five ticket books were lost (100 tickets). We followed AGLC reporting procedures.



Contracts

We have purchased 105 new Swan City jerseys for our competitive teams. Sportswear Plus has an additional 135 in stock ready to be purchased for future competitive teams. There are four sponsorship board spaces available.

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.
- Naming rights are a requirement for this grant. We are in contact with the City, they seem willing to work something out as CO-OP are big community supporters and they want our club to have access to these funds.

Other

SCFC to run the Mini-World Cup tournament April 21 - 23. Registration is now open.

Discussed whether or not to hold Swan City FC Gala. Decided to push ahead even though might be more basic than desired.

At the City request, we have terminated our Eastlink office agreement with the city. The total cost for that office including internet was \$600 per month.

A new contract has been signed for Power Soccer storage at Eastlink. The cost is \$51 per month. A SCFC sign will be placed next to the door. Our ASA insurance includes property damage, I have requested a full copy of our policy from NWP to ensure the power chairs are covered under our policy.

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. Medals are available.

• Mini World-cup:

- Online registration is open
- Teams of 5 players; register as a team or as an individual player.
- U7 - U17 boys and girls; competitive and recreational.



• **22-23 Grassroots outdoor season:**

- Registration opens March 15; 8 weeks program; 2 times per week; Practice at Rotary and Games at CKC. Tbd.
- Grassroots structure: 6-8 teams per age group per gender; 12 players per team; U4 to U13-15 mixed.
- Festival at CKC; food trucks; face tattoos etc.
- Objective: To grow grassroots numbers in order to have a bigger player base and encourage players showing potential to join the competitive stream.

Competitive Teams:

- GK training on Mondays and Wednesdays for all the competitive teams. Ethan is doing a great job helping the goalies.
- Indoor provincial games - March 17-19:
 - U17 girls hp - Tier 1 in Edmonton
 - U15 boys - Tier 2 in Calgary.
- Concerns about the U13 Boys hp attendance percentage; follow up.
 - Solution: create new policies to have a better understanding of the club structure and long-term vision. To discuss with Derek.
 - Ultimate goal: provide the right environment for each player to allow growth and success.
- **Outdoor Season Structure:** Grassroots/House league at the Rotary fields or CKC, Competitive and High-Performance streams.
- Female athletes: Create U9-U11 competitive teams. A lot of interest from parents.
- Outdoor season registration is now open for all age groups. Competitive and High-performance teams; Assessments on April 5, 14, 15, 16. Online registration.

Coaches:

- Moving towards completing Canada Soccer Standards for quality soccer.
- Recruiting more coaches for the summer season. Grassroots and competitive.
- U15 and U17 girls are coaching grassroots Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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 competitive Tier 3 - 4th, -U13 boys - Tier 3 - Gold -U13 girls competitive Tier 3 - Gold.
- **Slush Cup March 3-5:** -U11 Boys competitive Tier 3 - 4th -U11 boys hp - Tier 2 - Bronze -U13 girls competitive Tier 3 - Bronze -U13 boys hp - Tier 1 - Bronze -U15 girls - Tier 2 - Gold

Adult League:

- Indoor Adult league: October 24 - March 30.
- Playoffs games started.
- Spring league starts early April; 8 games guaranteed; indoor boarded.



- Looking to sanction an adult tournament this outdoor season; CKC field.
- Adult outdoor season: 9 VS 9 game format. Registration opens March 15.

Events:

- **Grassroots Festival:** March 24-25.
- **End of season (Competitive stream) :** March 17.
- **Provincial games:** Match 17-19.

5.3 Power Soccer (PS) Report

- The ACPSA hosted a tournament March 4-5 in Fort Saskatchewan which SCFC PS team attended.
- 2 SCFC athletes were picked to join Team Alberta going to Montreal April 27-30 to play in La Defi Sportif International tournament.
- The City of Grande Prairie Rotary grant application for \$10,000 was presented on Jan. 24 at the Eastlink Center, A lunch presentation will be done March 24 in front of the GPRC members. Once of the SCFC athletes will accept the giant cheque.
- What is happening with the Eastlink storage room/ office and insurance for the equipment stored there.
- We need to discuss the purchasing of another Strike Force chair for the club because the cost has drastically increased and most of the current chairs need new parts.
- Share the game initiative has not been successful this year, but two of our U15 boy's competitive players have come every week to help me and they are just amazing young men. This program will need to be seriously looked at and started for next year (Sept. 2023 – June 2024)
- Corrie received an award for community sportsmanship for promoting inclusive sports in GP at the Northwest Alberta Sports excellence awards. This brings lots of positive exposure to SCFC and our outstanding athletes and coaches.

5.4 **Facility Committee** – Derek to email Katie at the City of GP and follow up.

5.5 **Fundraising Committee** – Set up raffle box for the Mini World Cup.

5.6 **Senior League** – Kriss to schedule a meeting with women's and men's league.

5.7 Gala Committee –

Gala Committee Report

We requested event date be moved up to Mar24/25 area to be closer to the windup of team's season and not coincide with next session start up.

Poster info would be generated to be sent to teams via team link by Thursday.

Best option-

Paradise Inn 200-240ppl **\$700** (round tables, audio/video, pitchers of water inc)

Cake with logo **\$200**

Plates, Cutlery, table covers **\$100**

Trophies – **\$** (Houssam)

Per team

-MVP as voted by players

-Most outstanding skill, leadership and sportsmanship



-Most improved
3 overall trophies- Team of the year, male and female player of the year.

GP sport council has offered décor items at no cost.
\$5 ticketed entry could generate \$600-\$1000.
Possibly sell extra door prize tickets \$2 each?

Motion 04

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

Moved by: Troy
Seconded by: Paul

Carried

Motion 05

Mini World Cup 50/50 funds to go towards the new Power Soccer chair.

Moved by: Troy
Seconded by: Dara

Carried

Motion 06

To approve the budget for the adult spring league as presented.

Moved by: Troy
Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

Motion 07

To approve the budget for the grassroots outdoor program as presented.

Moved by: Sherri
Seconded by: Dara

Carried

6.0 New Business

- i) **Outdoor season budgets.**
- ii) **Collaboration with Beaverlodge soccer.**
- iii) **Eastlink storage space.**
- iv) **Congratulations to Corrie on her receiving award for Community Sportsmanship,**
- v) **RCMP Criminal Record Cheques – For all board members and coaches,**
- vi) **Travel by third parties and non parent travel.**
- vii) **Official Junior Coaching program.**
- viii) **Leo Ramos has been invited to the Whitecaps Training in Edmonton.**



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7.0 NEXT MEETING:

April 4, 2023 @ 7:30 pm at Fletcher Mudryk Board Room

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:57.

Approved the 7 day of March , 2023.

CHAIRPERSON

(Derek Van Tassell)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)