



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2023

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

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Kriss 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 REVISED AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised agenda of October 10, 2023.

Moved by: Paul

Seconded by: Stefan

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 12, 2023.

Moved by: Paul

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Financial Reports Dated: October 3, 2023

Motion 03

To approve the financial reports for October 3, 2023 as presented.

Moved by: Lynda

Seconded by: Paul

Carried



5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

Swan City's turf was replaced this past summer – it has been officially in use as of September 13th . Pitch 1 turf is 10 years newer, than our previous turf a layer and will provide a safer playing environment for all our members and user groups. - The total cost for the project was \$4,700.

Pitch 1 building lease renewal date is coming up. The City is updating the contract and will send it to us for review and signatures in the following weeks.

On October 11th , Steve Clifford from SLB will be assessing our sinks and toilets at the Rotary club house and provide a quote to the place them. Lesley Clifford will assist in providing quotes for required supplies at discounted prices (or possible donations) from her workplace at EMCO. Other pending items at rotary:

- Blow out the travelling irrigation system.
- Mark the soccer fields.
- Figure out if it is worth re-installing the alarm system at the club house.

Grassroots

We were able to open an additional 96 spots for grassroots for a total of 504 players in our Fall Grassroots program.

Power Soccer

The new Strike Force chair order was delayed due to motor shortages. The lead time has been updated to October. Currently waiting to hear back with more details.

Fundraising

Our AGLC account remains on hold. Our bylaws require further modifications.

Grants

Alberta Blue Cross: \$2,000 to assist our Power Soccer program - Approved. City of GP – Community Improvement Grant: \$2,500 – Pending - This grant is intended for the improvement of the Rotary facilities. KidSport - \$20,000 – Pending (last year we received \$10,000).

Other

Our 2023 Annual General Meeting is coming up – we need to set a date, time, and location.



5.2 Technical Director Report –

Programming

Minor Soccer:

- 2023-24 Indoor Grassroots (September - December):
 - U4 - U13-15; 12 players per team; 54 Teams Total.
 - Total of 650 players in the program.
 - Junior coach program started; schedules submitted.
 - Each team has a coach, a junior coach, and two parents helpers.
 - Grassroots Festival: December 16 -17.
 - Tournament: 3 games per team; 12 minutes per half.
 - Invite Beaverlodge teams to be part of the festival.
 - Tim Hortons medals for all the teams.
 - Tim Hortons to provide Timbits and hot chocolate for all the participants.

Competitive Teams:

- 2023-24 Indoor Season Structure: Grassroots/House league at Pitch 1, Competitive and High Performance programs.
- Practice locations:
 - Grassroots: Swan City Pitch 1.
 - Competitive and High performance: Swan City, The Crosslink Center, ENF school and The Eastlink Center.
 - Total of 14 teams in the competitive stream.
- EMSA League: First trip to Edmonton will be in October. (October 21st weekend)
 - EMSA teams and tiers: 1
 - U13 Boys HP (Clayton-Mo)- Tier 2 Pool B.
 - U15 Bous HP (Chattri-Jin) - Tier 1.
 - U17 Girls HP (Winterford-Chattri) - Tier 1.
 - Competitive Teams : 2 tournaments during the season in Edmonton.

Tournaments:

- Remembrance Day Caledonia Cup - November 9-12 - Edmonton:
 - U15 Boys (Charles-Bowen) - Tier 3.
 - U15 Girls Competitive (Sukh-Bashar) - Tier 3.
- SGSA Early Bird - Girls Only - November 17-19 - Edmonton:
 - U9 Girls (Oliveira) - Tier 3.
 - U11 Girls (Youssef) - Tier 3.
 - U11 Girls (Reid) - Tier 3.
- SGSA Early Bird - Boys Only - November 24 - 26 - Edmonton:
 - U9 Boys (Fulmek) - Tier 3.
 - U9 Boys (Oliveira) - Tier 3.



- U11 Boys HP (Youssef) - Tier 3 (No tier 1 or tier 2 available).
- U11 Boys competitive (Claude) - Tier 4.
- U13 Boys Competitive (Wedman) - Tier 4.

Coaches:

- The technical director will run a practice session once month for each team; working on a schedule.
- The application for Standards Quality Soccer was sent; Waiting to hear back from Canada Soccer.
- New coaches in the competitive stream:
 - U9 Boys (Tylor Fulmek).
 - U11 Boys Competitive (Claude Lawsamba).
 - U15 Boys Competitive (Charles Nsanga).
 - U13 Boys Competitive (Paul Wedman).
 - U15 Girls Competitive (Sukh Dass).
- Working on schedule with Aeron Tiller to train goalies aged 12 yrs old and older.
- Mini Coaches - Junior program: 4 new junior coaches.

Adult League:

- 2023-24 Adult Indoor - Men's and Women's : 22 games guaranteed, league starts Oct 16th. - Men: 8 teams; 2 divisions.
 - Game days: Mondays and Wednesdays.
 - Women: 10 teams ; 2 divisions.
 - Game days: Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - Schedule will be released Oct 12th.

Gear and Equipment:

- SportswearPlus got more game socks and shorts; all sizes are now available.
- New training jerseys available for the indoor season.
- Challenge: the training jersey quality isn't what we ordered; sportswear looking into it.
- SCFC gear page added to our website; new gear coming soon.
- Lots of the competitive teams are willing to buy tracksuits; to discuss further.

5.3 **Facility Committee** – City consultant possibly hired by the city this month.

5.4 **Fundraising Committee** – N/A



5.5 Senior League Report –

Outdoor League

Is it possible to have a net behind the keeper to catch the balls that are kicked over the soccer net and end up in the field behind the fence?

Men's league would like to go back to having 11 v 11 for next outdoor season.

Questions have come up on what happens to the money paid from registration fees for referees if there are a lack of linesmen? Also, some games ended up having a referee and two linesmen but the other game playing at the same time would have one referee and no linesmen. Wouldn't it make sense at a minimum to have one referee and one linesman at both games?

Drop in Soccer

Men on Fridays and Women on Sundays (subject to pitch availability)

Indoor League

Women's league – There will be two divisions, Competitive has 4 teams registered and Recreational has 6 teams registered. Rec will play Tuesdays and some Sunday nights. Comp will play Thursday nights. Any make up games required for both divisions will be played on Sunday nights. Will create a "Goalie Pool" list made available to teams in the event a team is looking for a goalie last minute.

Men's league – There are 8 teams registered. The games will be Monday and Wednesday nights.

Season starts the week of October 16th. All Senior League games will be scheduled for 8:15 and 9:15 pm. Total of 22 games per team. In order to be eligible to play in the playoff games, a player must have played a minimum of 6 games in the regular season. A player must be registered at least 48 hours prior to their first game.

We would like to have preprinted game sheets available to teams with the team roster listed on the game sheet rather than having to complete before each game. Would just cross out players not in attendance. Even better, is it possible to just have electronic game sheets completed by teams rather than paper? This would be a cost savings to not require game books printed.

Referee Course

At this time, there are just referee conversion courses offered. We will hold off until spring to look at setting up a referee course.

Tournaments

Need to start organizing and advertising the Red Eye Tournament which will happen January 6-8th. There has been a lot of interest and participation in this tournament each year.



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Year End Windup Event

We are looking into options for a windup event at the end of the indoor season. Matt Tupper and Jayden Chmilar have offered to aid in that department.

Meetings

Last meeting held was on September 13th at Better Than Fred's. There was very good representation with 5 Women's team reps and 6 Men's team reps in attendance.

The next meeting will be scheduled to take place in November. We would like to have Ken Loudon in attendance to answer some referee-based questions that seem to always come up at the meetings.

5.6 Power Soccer (PS) Report

ACPSA insurance fees need to be paid in November (\$20 per athlete and coach) currently we have 6 athletes playing.

PS dropdown link on our SCFC website still needs updated and I have showed everyone what I want done.

Share the game initiative has started with the competitive girls teams coming to help. This has been a great help to me so far. Directions for all managers will be discussed at the mandatory managers meeting. I can attend to speak about the importance of this initiative once I know the date.

I have picked up our SCFC Logo sign from Eastlink and will give it to David, he plans to hang it in another location.

I have ordered 4 drive tires, 4 caster tires and 1 joy stick for our strike force chairs from power soccer shop that was approved by the board. These additional parts will be added to the bill that remains from the chair we ordered (and sent to David) All parts will come in the box with the SF chair which saves us shipping and duty.

I also ordered 2 new batteries with the Calgary teams order @\$229 each because they did a bulk order and to save us shipping and duty on those.

A reminder to do the Alberta Blue Cross promo on our social media platforms, and also to thank **Hi Tech** on our social media for their continues support to PS.



5.7 Beaverlodge Report –

The outdoor fall session going excellent, with 18 participants consistently. Currently head coach Stef is unable to coach by himself due to concussion injury. Currently is getting help from parents and previous coaches to keep the sessions going.

We have identified the need to keep track of participants and who is coaching. Does SCFC have a standardized way to do this?

Going to follow up on the logo development after Thanksgiving.

Waiting for feed back from SCFC board, to approve the letter to the town of Beaverlodge for field development.

As of July 2024 the Beaverlodge minor soccer club turns 20 years old. We're looking into how to celebrate this milestone. Ideas from SCFC board welcome.

The Beaverlodge soccer committee is planning a meeting for mid November to discuss the above mentioned points

5.8 4HER Report

Where we are at.

We are hoping to re-introduce the 4HER program in the right way.

Female-led & driven 100%.

Focus on what is important, not the 'look' of the program for the club.

Where we are going short term.

We are planning to introduce a buddy system to inspire both our youngest and oldest female athletes through the 2023/2024 Indoor Season. U11 & U17 girls Buddy Breakfast.

Update website to reflect the program vision Colours, logo, information.

Where we are hoping to go long(er)term.

4HER Team.

Winter series.

Female focused & female-led presentations U17s this year, with the aim of expanding to the whole club.

Look at the female side programming for upcoming seasons.

Get involved in the schools to promote soccer to female athletes.

Provide more opportunities for our female athletes to feel valued and celebrated and connect all of the female club members.

Requests for support

Allowing the program to be fully female-led Apparel.

I would like for every female player to have access to 4HER apparel (sweatshirt to start) to feel connected to the program and to each other Online store?

Motion 04

Adopt the ED and Committee reports as presented.

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Seconded by: Lynda



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6.0 New Business

- i) Schedule and communicate date for 2023 AGM
- ii) Look into security system at Rotary & Pitch 1
- iii) Update Website with Power Soccer & 4HER information
- iv) Police check for coaches and managers.
- v) Provide player cards for all EMSA & tournament teams.
- vi) 4HER Presentation by Jessica Winterford
- vii) AWG Admin Assistant
- viii) Training Jersey
- ix) Employer contract for Youssef
- x) Team pictures

7.0 NEXT MEETING:

November 7, 2023 @ 7:30 pm at Fletcher Mudryk.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.
Approved the October 10, 2023.

DV. Tassell
CHAIRPERSON (Derek Van Tassell)

L. Atamanchuk
SECRETARY (Lynda Atamanchuk)