



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
December 12 , 2023

Present: Derek Van Tassell, Dara LaLonde, Paul Wedman, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Kriss Scott, Sherri Clayton, Kristien Mizzau, Chuntai Jin, Mathieu Evans , and Stefan Caers

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Derek Van Tassell chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

Special Message: The board would like to extend a special thank you to the following board members that volunteered on the board this past year. Jane Penson and Carlos Ramos.

In addition, a special thank you to Chad Moore for his many years of service as a board member and a coach with our youth teams.

Welcome to the new board members Kristien, Matt and Chuntai.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised agenda of December 12, 2023

Moved by: Chuntai

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 November 7, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

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

Moved by: Kris

Seconded by: Stefan

Carried



4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Financial Reports Dated: October 31, 2023

Motion 03

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

Moved by: Lynda

Seconded by: Corrie

Carried

5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

Swan City FC Pitch 1:

- Adult drop-in has begun. There have been somewhere between 15 – 20 players every week.
- Pitch 1 lease renewal date is coming up. The city is finalizing the new lease agreement and will send to us for review, comments, and signature in the following days.
- Some old pitch turf remains behind the pitch. Chad helped move one truckload – we need at least two more to get it all out.

Rotary:

- The Gateway shed has been moved to Rotary and placed on the concrete pad. We received notice of someone breaking in again – we need to find a way to secure it better.

Pending items at Rotary:

- Waiting on alarm system quote from CCSI.
- Waiting on a quote to replace sinks & toilets from Steve Clifford.

Grassroots

Registration for the Winter 2024 program opened on Tuesday, November 7th. There were 504 spots available – we are currently sitting at 93% capacity. Remaining spots are only for U4 Mixed (11), U9 Girls (15), and U11 Girls (10).

Power Soccer

The new Strike Force chair and parts have arrived.

School League

We are working on a grade 4 - 6 soccer school league proposal with Kelsey Urban (Supervisor of Celtic Academy and Sports Coordinator for the Grande Prairie Catholic School District). Kelsey is supportive and excited about the idea of bringing soccer to elementary schools. We will put a proposal together for Kelsey to present to her supervisors. The goal is to start with the GPCSD and expand to GPPSD and PWPSD.



Fundraising

Our AGLC account remains on hold. After our recent AGM, we can update our bylaws to meet AGLC's requirements and reactivate our AGLC online services.

Grants

City of GP – Community Improvement Grant: \$2,500 – Awarded \$2,500.

December 12th, 2023 - This grant is intended for the improvement of the Rotary facilities.

City of GP – Pursuit of Excellence Funding for Workshops, Clinics & Symposiums: \$1,000 pending - This grant is intended to assist with the cost of bringing an ASA coach developer to run the practical components of the Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train, and Soccer for Life Workshops for our Swan City and Beaverlodge coaches and volunteers. City of GP – Pursuit of Excellence Funding for Coach, Official and Volunteer Development Funding: \$1,000 pending - This grant is intended to assist with the cost of hosting a referee clinic in April/May 2024.

KidSport - \$20,000 – Ineligible. Our application was deemed as ineligible because our club is affiliated with a provincial scope organization (ASA). I have followed up to ensure we do not encounter this issue going forward.

Other

Our Standards for Quality Soccer (SQS) application has been submitted. We are only missing a letter of good standing from NWP for our club to be classified as a Quality Soccer Provider.

The last payment of \$2,275 on our CEBA loan is scheduled for December 15th . We should qualify for the forgiveness of the remaining \$20,000.

All current coaches and team managers with an expired Criminal Record Check (older than two years as of October 15th, 2023) have been asked to apply for a new CRC with VSC.

We submitted a request to host Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train, and Soccer for Life Workshops in Grande Prairie on January 13th & 14th, 2024.

5.2 Technical Director Report –

Programming

Minor Soccer:

- Grassroots Festival: December 16 -17. - Tournament: 2 games per team; 10 minutes per half. - Tim Hortons medals for all the teams, Timbits and hot chocolate.



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- 2024 Indoor Grassroots (January - March):
 - All age groups are almost full. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Skill Development.
 - All age groups have a skill development session except for the U13-15's.
 - Saturday, Sunday house league games.
 - Grassroots Festival: end of March.

Competitive Teams:

- 2023-24 Indoor Season Structure: Grassroots/House league, Competitive and High-Performance programs.

- EMSA League:

- EMSA teams and tiers:
 - 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 in Edmonton.

Tournaments:

- SGSA Early Bird - Girls Only - November 17-19 - Edmonton:
 - U9 Girls (Oliveira) - Tier 3. 2nd Place - Silver.
 - U11 Girls (Youssef) - Tier 3. 2nd Place - Silver.
 - U11 Girls (Reid) - Tier 3. 3rd place - Bronze.
 - U15 Girls (Sukh-Bashar) Tier 3. 3rd Place - Bronze.
- SGSA Early Bird - Boys Only - November 24 - 26 - Edmonton:
 - U9 Boys (Fulmek) - Tier 3. 1st Place - Gold.
 - U9 Boys (Oliveira) - Tier 3. 4th Place.
 - U11 Boys HP (Youssef) - Tier 3 1st Place - Gold.
 - U11 Boys competitive (Claude) - Tier 4. 4th Place.
 - U13 Boys Competitive (Wedman) - Tier 4. 2nd Place - Silver.
 - U15 Boys (Charles-Bowen) - Tier 3. 3rd Place - Bronze.

- **SCFC 4 VS 4 Holiday Tournament presented By Stack Production Testing December 28-31**

- Grande Prairie:

- Location: Swan City Pitch.
- Age Groups: U9, U11, U13/15 Boys and Girls.
- 2 Divisions: Grassroots - Competitive & High Performance.
- 6 Players per team. - Registration Deadline: December 20th.
- Gift and Prizes available for all players.



- **The Red Eye Tournament:** - Adult - Jan 5 - 7 - Pitch 1
 - Men and Women Open.
 - Competitive and Recreational divisions.
 - Details to be announced.

- EWZSA Slush Cup - Youth - February 29 - March 3 - Edmonton: Various Teams

Coaches:

- The application for Standards Quality Soccer was received by Canada Soccer.
- Mini Coaches - Junior program: Looking for more coaches.
- Recruit: Evan and Firas - GK coaches.
- Gk training sessions every Friday: 5:30 - 6:30 (U9 to U11 boys & girls) 6:30 - 7:30 (U13 to U17 boys and girls).

Adult League:

- 2023-24 Adult Indoor
 - Men's and Women's: 22 games guaranteed, league started Oct 16th.
 - Schedule added to TeamLinkt; results and stats updated after every game.
 - Playoffs starting on March 7th.

Gear and Equipment:

- All size socks and shorts are now available at SportswearPlus.
- Training jerseys situation: Jerseys will be available January 12th.
- Adidas Tracksuits ordered for 7 teams so far.
- SCFC gear page added to the website.

5.3 Facility Committee – N/A

5.4 Fundraising Committee – N/A

5.5 Senior League Report –

Women's league

Complaints from teams in the Competitive Division that the schedule was created so that the U17 team gets all the early 8:15 games. This is not fair for other teams to have to play mostly the late 9:15 games. Other teams also have players in high school. Would like the schedule readjusted to have the game times set equally among teams.

Question was raised on player affiliation. Could rec div players be invited to play up in competitive division if a comp team is short on players. Currently a player can play on another team only if the position they are substituting for is the keeper position. Any changes would have to be discussed and voted on by team reps at a Senior League meeting.



Inconsistency in referee calls along with inappropriate comments and it is getting a bit too much. Also, silly things like giving one player a card for wearing jewelry and letting it go for others. There is an acknowledgement that we do have a shortage of refs and the refs are doing the best they can, however, they do set the tone for the game and when it's silly and petty it is disheartening. Also, a concern with referees failing to protect players, especially rough play along the boards.

Men's league

Ongoing concerns with referees failing to protect players. Referees are letting too much go and things progressively getting heated. At a game a player got elbowed in the head, sending him to the hospital. No card given, no warning, just unacceptable.

Player got an infection from sliding on the pitch. Had to go to the hospital and start on IV antibiotics. Question on reoccurring field maintenance as far as the cleanliness of the pitch and what more can be done to ensure better standards of cleanliness.

Adult Drop in Night

Currently there are no change rooms open for players during drop in night and players are expected to change in the washrooms. The cleanliness of the washrooms is okay but feel that the floors are not as sanitary as a dressing room to be able to take shoes off and put gear on the floor to change. Request that we allow access to both a male and female change room for drop in night.

Policies and Procedures

Could we get the most recent copy of the Men's and Ladies league Policies and Procedures so that Matt Evans and Kris Scott can be better prepared to answer questions and complaints received from players.

Tournaments

Red Eye Tournament scheduled for January 5-7th. What is the status on number of teams registered?

Meetings

The next meeting will be scheduled after the holidays in the New Year.



5.7 Beaverlodge Soccer Kits Report

Field location:

- The committee agreed on using the Lions Park field (80 meters long by 50 meters wide) as our main site for games and U13+ age groups.
- All elementary school age groups will continue to play at BES school grounds.
- I am in contact with Peace Wapiti School board to work out an agreement for some minor upgrades to the school yard.
- I am in contact with Jeff Johnston to create an agreement to use the Lions Park for 3 to 5 years

Club image:

- Logo will be developed by TrimFx (owner is vice principal of BES with preferred rate for us)
- Budget for the logo is set to \$500.
- Beaverlodge soccer club will run under the name "Beaverlodge Soccer Kits" for all elementary school ages.
- Beaverlodge soccer club will run under the name of "Swan City fc" to promote transition to Grande Prairie for more competitive players.

5.8 4HER Report

WHERE WE ARE AT

Sweatshirts are in and finished! They have been handed out to the U17 girls, female coaches & board members Website has been edited, more edits will be made.

WHERE WE ARE GOING SHORT TERM

Winter Series - December 30 or January 3 potential date or pushing to end of the season/between seasons to have more speakers (March) Buddy Breakfast Location: Teresa Sargent Hall Possible buffet breakfast by Jefferys (grants) Date: January 27th.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

Will need to apply for grants.



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Motion 03

Adopt the ED, TD and Committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Kristien.

Seconded by: Dara

Carried

6.0 New Business

New Committee Members:

Senior Leage – Matt, Kris and Kristien

Power Soccer – Corrie and Sherri

Beaverlodge – Stefan, Derek and Paul

Facility – Derek and Kristien

Fundraising – Derek, Chuntai & Houssam

Grassroots – Sherri and Kristien

Competitive & High Performance – Derek

7.0 NEXT MEETING:

January 9, 2023 @ 7:30pm.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Approved December 12, 2023, at Fletcher Mudryk

CHAIRPERSON

(Derek Van Tassell)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)