



Swan City Football Club  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 7, 2023

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

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Paul Wedman

**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 November 7, 2023**

Moved by: Jane

Seconded by: Kriss

**Carried**

**3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 October 10, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion 02**

**To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated October 10, 2023. Approved via email November 15, 2023**

Moved by: Paul

Seconded by: Kriss

**Carried**

**4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT**

4.1 Financial Report: Tabled



## 5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

### 5.1 Executive Director Report

#### Facilities

##### Swan City FC Pitch 1:

- All programs are now underway. We currently have 75 hrs of pitch utilization per week
- This includes our grassroots, competitive, and adult programs as well as school bookings, sport academies, and the cricket club.
- We are looking to kick start adult drop-in on Friday, November 17th .
- Pitch 1 building lease renewal date is coming up. The City is updating the wording of the contract and will send to us for review and signatures in the following weeks.

##### Rotary:

- Fields and clubhouse have been winterized. The Gateway shed has been moved to Rotary and placed on the concrete pad (thanks Chad).

##### 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 will open on Tuesday, November 7th . There will be 504 spots available – same as the current Fall program.

##### Power Soccer

The new Strike Force chair will be ready for shipping between Nov 7th – 10th. Total owed for the chair and the additional parts is \$7,892.5 USD.

##### Fundraising

Our AGLC account remains on hold.

##### Grants

City of GP

- Community Improvement Grant: \$2,500 – Pending
- 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 courses for our Grassroots coaches, Beaverlodge coaches, and volunteers. Attaining the certifications for these courses will put our club closer to gaining our Canada Quality Soccer Provider status.

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
- Pending (last year we received \$10,000).



## Other

Swan City FC' 2023 Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 28th at the Peace Wapiti Academy High School at 6:30 PM. Required email notice and social media announcement will go out Tuesday, November 7th as per our bylaws.

We are on schedule to pay down \$30,000 on our CEBA loan by December 2023 and receive a \$20,000 loan forgiveness.

## 5.2 Technical Director Report –

### Programming

#### Minor Soccer:

- **2023-24 Indoor Grassroots (September - December):**

- U4 - U13-15; 12 players per team; 44 Teams Total.
- Junior coach program started; Levi, Marshall, Merrick, Jack and Ben.
- **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, food and drinks fore everyone.

- **2024 Indoor Grassroots (January - March):**

- Online registration opens Tuesday November 7
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Skill Development
- 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. 1
- U17 Girls HP (Winterford-Chattri) - Tier 1.

- **Competitive Teams :** 2 tournaments in Edmonton.

#### Tournaments:

- **SGSA Early Bird - Girls Only - November 17-19 - Edmonton:**
- **SGSA Early Bird - Boys Only - November 24 - 26 - Edmonton:**
- **The Red Eye Tournament: - Adult - Jan 5 - 7 -Pitch 1**
- Men and Women Open.
- Competitive and Recreational divisions.
- Details to be announced.



### **Coaches:**

- The application for Standards Quality Soccer was received by Canada Soccer.
- All our new coaches are taking the Canada Soccer courses.
- Mini Coaches - Junior program: Looking for more coaches.

### **Adult League:**

- **2023-24 Adult Indoor** - Men's and Women's : 22 games guaranteed, league started Oct 16th. - Men: 9 teams; one competitive division.
- Game days: Mondays and Wednesdays. - Women: 10 teams ; 2 divisions. - Game days: Tuesdays and Thursdays. - Schedule added to TeamLinkt; results and stats added after every game.

### **Gear and Equipment:**

- All size socks and shorts are now available at Sportswear Plus.
- Training jerseys situation: new order was made to replace the ones we currently have. - Tracksuits ordered for couple teams.
- SCFC gear page added to our website; new gear coming soon.
- New training gear: in talks with the Macron ambassador for options. Details to come.

5.3 Facility Committee – N/A

5.4 Fundraising Committee – N/A

5.5 Senior League Report –

### **Women's league**

We need to find a way to encourage more senior league enrollment and build more teams. Over the past few years, we have seen a significant drop in numbers as there was a time (probably somewhere in 2015-2018) that the women's league had enough teams for three divisions. Teams were relegated or promoted through the season between the divisions, which allowed for a lot of variety in play and helped several teams grow in skill level. We need to keep pushing people to come up with ideas. Drop in night should help but need to set it up and advertise.

The league should recognize the positive steps taken to get the U17 and Wolves teams playing indoor this season. While it is a bit daunting for some of us to play them, it is important for those younger players to know that there is an adult league for them when they get older and/or move on from the junior leagues - and for them to know that they will still be challenged by the game, and not feel like they're "going backwards" or "giving up" in their skill progression and enjoyment of the game.

A team mentioned referees letting everything go, because "it wasn't that bad, and it's just women's league". Many handballs aren't being called anymore, or trips. Less calls help with the ongoing play of game, but some players are starting to use it to their advantage. And if the ref does make a call, a player shouldn't be able to complain to them and get the call revoked. Different story if the call is a legit wrong call, then maybe just question it appropriately.



### **Men's league**

The team rep has suggested the idea of making a payment plan available to players who struggle with registration fee. Lots of players are not playing due to lack of affordability.

### **Tournaments**

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

### **Meetings**

The next meeting needs to be scheduled for November. 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 will be paid in November (\$20 per athlete and coach) ACPSA will send the bill to David.

- Share the game initiative has started and I also have two U 11 boys helping each week as volunteers. This has been a huge help to me so far and our athletes love to hang out with the other teams on Tuesdays.

- Checking to see if David received the new revised bill for the 4 drive tires, 4 caster tires and 1 joystick from power soccer shop and if he has an ETA on the chair and parts

- I will pick up the 2 batteries we ordered in Calgary and pay for them and then submit a bill for reimbursement.

- Our 3 annual SCFC PS clinic was a success, all participants learned a lot, had lots of fun and met new friends. We also had a pizza party Saturday night and watched the FIPFA powerchair world cup finals that were being played in Australia. Thank you to Carlos for arranging four competitive boys' volunteers for me, they were awesome and so helpful all weekend. Also, thank you to Lynda for helping on Saturday and Sunday with all the extra jobs I needed done. I could not have pulled off the weekend without everyone stepping up.

- Our first away tournament is in Edmonton in December.

## **5.7 Beaverlodge Report –**

-Walked all 4 sites with David and Houssam in Beaverlodge for permanent soccer location. Houssam and David prefer the Lions Park location. Meeting with town council 14 November to share pros and cons of the 4 sites.

-Outdoor season wrap up 17 November

-Beaverlodge soccer committee meeting 20 November 7 pm (in person) Items to be discussed: club image, club location, sponsorship, team structure and communication



## 5.8 4HER Report

### WHERE WE ARE AT

- Sweatshirts have been ordered and have arrived
- They are at Sportswear Plus for embroidery
- The first round will go to female coaches & board members, U17 girls and the technical team (& Derek)

### WHERE WE ARE GOING SHORT TERM

- Finalizing a date for the Buddy Breakfast - looking at November 25
- Location TBD

### WHERE WE ARE HOPING TO GO LONG(ER) TERM

- Continuing to work on the Winter Series
- Booking presenters
- Looking at dates December/January

### REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

- Location ideas for the Buddy Breakfast
- Will need to apply for grants

### Motion 03

**Adopt the ED and Committee reports as presented.**

Moved by: Sherri

Seconded by: Stefan

**Carried**

## 6.0 New Business

- 2023 AGM – November 28, 2023
- Produce player cards for all EMSA & Tournament teams.



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**7.0 NEXT MEETING:**

December 12, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Approved November 7, 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

(Derek Van Tassell )

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SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)