



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
March 5, 2024

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

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Guests: Sukh Dass & Satbir Baidwan

Regrets: Kris Scott and Kristien Mizzau

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 AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised agenda of March 5, 2024, with changes.

Add: iv) New Business Sikh Soccer

Moved by: Lynda

Seconded by: Paul

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 February 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2024

Moved by: Corrie

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Financial Reports dated January 31, 2024

Motion 03

To approve the financial reports for January 31, 2024, as presented.



Moved by: Lynda
Seconded by: Sherri
Carried

5.0 ED/TD/Committee Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Swan City FC Pitch 1:

The old turf from Pitch 1 will be moved once the snow has cleared.

Rotary:

On February 29th our shed was moved to Beaverlodge which cost \$580.00.

School League

Our School League proposal to GPCSD has been well received – we are working with Kelsey Urban to iron out the details (schedule, cost, playing format, age groups, etc.). Tentative start date: Monday, May 6th. - End-of-season tournament date: June 15th @ Swan City FC Indoor Pitch.

Fundraising

Our amended bylaws were submitted to Corporate Registry for review on Monday, February 26th. We are unsure of the date they will be accepted and returned. Our AGLC online services remain on hold.

Other

I have submitted a request to host a Referee Refresher course (for existing referees) and an Entry Level course (for new aspiring referees) on Saturday, April 27th @ Swan City FC Indoor Pitch.
I have submitted an application to take the Canada Soccer B License. Course to commence in September 2024.

Grants

Applied: CIBC Soccer Fest Grant – to be used towards our Outdoor 2024 Grassroots Festival

5.2 Technical Director Report

Minor Soccer:

2024 Indoor Grassroots (January - April):

- Grassroots Festival: April 6-7.

2024 Outdoor Grassroots (May-June):

- Registration will open mid March. 14 sessions total at the Rotary Field, May to June.
- Summer Camp: Looking to run a summer camp in July. TBD



Competitive Teams:

Provincial declarations were made for teams attending.

2024 Outdoor Competitive Assessment:

- Online registration is now open. May to July. Assessment date April 8-14 at the Swan City Pitch.

2024 Outdoor Season - Initial EMSA Team Declaration:

- U9 Boys HP, U11 Girls HP, U11 Boys HP, U13 Boys HP, U15 Boys HP, U17 Girls HP

Trip to United Kingdom Summer 2025: - U15 Boys travel opportunity to experience playing soccer in the UK. Will further discuss concerns.

Tournaments:

Family Day Classic; EWZSA Slush Cup and BTB Spring Cup.

SCFC 3 VS 3 Mini World Cup: April 19 - 21.

- Grassroots and Competitive Divisions. Online registration will open March 10th.
- Extend invitation to Beaverlodge players.

Coaches:

Standards Quality Soccer Application was approved. We are now considered a Quality Soccer Provider. Title renews every two years.

- Junior Coaching Program: 5 Junior coaches are currently working with the grassroots coaches.
- GK Coaching with Firas and Evan. Friday: 5:30 – 7:30

Adult League:

- Updated SCFC Adult League Policies and Procedures completed.
- Indoor: Men's and Women's: 22 games guaranteed, league started Oct 16th. - Schedule added to TeamLink; results and stats updated after every game. - Playoffs starting on March 7th.

Spring League (Starting mid-April)

- Men's: 7 VS 7 Format at the County Sportsplex.
- Women's: 6vs 6 Format at the Swan City Pitch.

2024 Adult Outdoor:

- Men's: 9 VS 9 Format at Rotary/CKC. Women's: To discuss.



Gear and Equipment:

- Training jerseys are available and were given to all players who purchased one previously. Looking to purchase more. Game socks and shorts are available at SportswearPlus.
- Add team tracksuits info and apparel sponsoring opportunities to the parents' handbook.
- Turf ideas to suggest to the City of Gp.

SCFC Gala Night:

- Friday March 22nd at the Jackpot Grill & Events Centre. Tickets are available online.

5.3 All Committee Reports

5.4 Senior League Report

Women's League

Meeting with Women's league team reps on Feb 21st. Team Reps from 7 teams were in attendance.

Referees – There is an interest in people taking the referee course and team reps will provide us with a list of those interested. Informed team reps to send any concerns or suggestions to info@swancityfc.ca.

Indoor League - Regular league games are wrapping up and playoffs begin March 5th. Informed Team Reps that the contract for Pitch one has been extended for five years.

Ice packs need to be restocked in referee box more often.

Could the game schedule and stats show up on the SCFC website? Team reps would like the public to have access to the schedule so that family and friends can watch games.

Goalie Pool – Team reps would like a goalie pool contact sheet available.

Spring League – Currently there is interest from four teams who plan on registering. Preference is for 8 or 9 pm games as 6 pm will be too early.

Outdoor League – There is a rough estimate of four teams interested in playing outdoor. Preference for a 7 v 7 format. Request to not schedule outdoor games on Tuesdays as ladies golf league is also that evening.

Co-ed Tournament – There is interest in a mixed league tournament to be held in September. Due to shortened daylight hours, would need to be Hansen Field or Crosslink.



Red Eye Tournament – Good review from Team Reps and would like to get enough teams registered so that we could have two divisions. Advertise months in advance to attract interest from out-of-town teams.

Men's League

Meeting with the Men's league team reps on Feb 22nd. 5 team reps were in attendance.

Indoor League –The playoff schedule has been emailed out. Playoff games start March 11th.

Spring League - Introduced idea for 7v7 format at Sportsplex. Teams agreed only the Sportplex, not both Pitch 1 and Sportplex. Mentioned that there are only so many spots so get registration in.

Outdoor League – Consensus is that teams would like to play the 11v11 format for outdoor league this year.

Rotary Fields – Will the grass be watered regularly this year?

Request for a digital roster to include pictures to prevent ineligible players wearing other players jerseys. Request for payment plan. Replied to team rep that this could cause problems with collection of fees as players could leave halfway through season.

Schedule – Request no more than a 10-day gap between games and that each team has the same number of byes. Games should be scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays as agreed with Sunday games only for a rescheduled game. No games on the long weekends.

Tournaments - Team reps like the idea of having a Co-ed Tournament in September.

Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures document was emailed out to the Team Reps for review and discussion.

Would like clarification on criteria for registration refunds to be added.
2 business days' notice required for a team to forfeit without financial penalty.

Disciplinary Committee

Would like a Disciplinary Committee created by SCFC to handle misconduct and violations of rules and regulations.



5.5 Power Soccer Report

Alberta provincial power soccer association (ACPSA) is in financial trouble. The board is trying to find ways to help with finances and keeping the programs going. They are having a meeting with ASA to see if our SCFC model (joining a soccer club in each city) can help grow the program provincially. This year only 5 provincial athletes will be attending the Defi International tournament in Montreal in May.

-Power soccer is looking for more corporate sponsorship to keep our local program going and to keep the costs down for our athletes. Free play is my goal.

-The goal of purchasing the eighth Strikeforce chair by 2024 will be on hold for now. Exploring grant opportunities for sport chair funding.

-SCFC PS athletes competed in Red Deer Feb 24-25 weekend.

-Share the game is going better with teams showing up for their dates.

-Reeghan F has been nominated for female athlete of the year for the Northwest Alberta Sport Excellence awards with PS soccer being one of her sports recognized.

-SCFC athletes will attend the Spring thaw camp in Fort Saskatchewan March 9-10

-I have been asked to be the head coach for the Canadian North Stars PS team that is competing in Norfolk Virginia March 22-24, one of our SCFC has been invited to play for this team.

5.6 Beaverlodge Report

Storage shed

-Shed has been successfully moved from Rotary fields to Beaverlodge fire station storage

-Shed will be cleaned this spring and will be decorated with logos.

Registration

-We are opening registration mid march

Spring season

-Playing from end of April to end of June allows for a buffer when weather events prevent playing

Coaches

-There is interest from teams to start coaching this spring

-We are entertaining paying our youth for these coaching opportunities (need help to organize this)

Tournament

-Contacted Beaverlodge chamber of commerce to coordinate tournament with local festival in June called "Art Walk" (waiting for response)



5.7 4HER Report

-4HER Launching Event - early outdoor season (after registration and teams have been made)

Location: Teresa Sargent Hall Possible buffet breakfast by Jeffery's

Winter Series at NWP - early outdoor season

- Speakers: Janai Martens - How a Woman's Menstrual Cycle Affects Performance

- Catherine Ridgeway - Information on the Post Secondary Experience

- Jaimie Stauss - Nutrition and Injury Prevention (requested)

- Krystle Bush - Managing Mental Health (requested)

-Michelle Blondin - Mental Skills in Sport (requested)

March 2024 IDEA DAY

- preliminary interview with Elizabeth McCaw (Canada Soccer, Community Sport for All, Project Manager) and we have been selected along with two other community presenters to present on the upcoming IDEA Day on March 21 from 1:00-3:00. Erin McLeod is the keynote speaker The community groups are.

1. Swan City FC (us)

2. United DFC

3. North Shore Girls Soccer Club

My presentation will be 10 minutes with a question and answer period to follow. I will have a run through of my presentation the week of March 11th Canada Soccer's IDEA Day has received \$1.2 million in grant funding.

Motion 04

Adopt the ED and TD reports as presented.

Moved by: Dara

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

Motion 05

Adopt the committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Paul

Seconded by: Chuntai

Carried

Motion 06

To approve the Beaverlodge soccer logo

Moved by: Corrie

Seconded by: Lynda



Motion 07

To refund raffle ticket by cheque or credit subject to parent preference

Moved by: Dara

Seconded by: Lynda

Motion 08

To work with Sikh community so they can register in an ASA tournament under SCFC and all costs covered by Sikh community.

Moved by: Sherri

Seconded by: Stefan

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 SCFC Bylaws Amendment
- 6.2 Standards for Quality Soccer (SQS)
- 6.3 Provincial Declarations
- 6.4 Senior League Proposal
- 6.5 Adult League Policies and Procedures

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 U15 Boys UK Trip
- 7.2 Adult Spring League
- 7.3 2024 Outdoor Budget
- 7.4 Sikh Soccer

8.0 NEXT MEETING: April 2, 2024

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Approved the 5th day of March, 2024

CHAIRPERSON


(Derek Van Tassell)

SECRETARY


(Lynda Atamanchuk)