



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
December 3, 2024

Present: Paul Wedman, Sherri Clayton, Dara LaLonde, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Derek Van Tassell, Mathieu Evans, Kristien Mizzau, Chuntai Jin, Jessica Reid, Sukh Dass

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Brian Meiklem

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Paul Wedman chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the revised consent agenda of December 3, 2024, which includes the committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Dara

Seconded by: Lynda

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 November 12, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2024

Moved by: Corrie

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried



4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 Financial Reports dated September 30, 2024

Motion 03

To approve the financial reports for September 30, 2024, as presented.

Moved by: Matt

Seconded by: Derek

Carried

5.0 ED/TD/ Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

Swan City FC Indoor Pitch:

Paul and I met with the City to discuss the naming right of the indoor pitch. Swan City will be able to keep the funds from the sale of the Indoor pitch naming rights, however, the City is responsible for creating the contract to ensure it meets City policies and guidelines.

The selling of naming rights must be open to the public so people/companies can bid for it, the naming rights will be granted to the highest bidder.

We will work with the City over the next few weeks as they draft the contract and open the bidding process.

We also discussed the sale of the naming rights for the rotary fields and the possibility of building turf fields. They are open to the ideas and suggested a few grants that could help us raise funds to make it a reality in addition to other fundraising efforts, selling of naming rights, and our own funds.



School League

We will work directly with schools Principals and teachers to involve more schools in the league. The tentative date for the school league is April – June 2025. We will aim to have two age groups for this year’s school league: Grade 3 – 4 and Grade 5 – 6.

Fundraising & Grants

Every Kid Can Play Grant (KidSport): We will receive \$18,000 to use towards the school league. See letter attached.

In exchange for our club’s help during the 2025 Alberta Special Olympics, the City will look into providing grant funds for us to use towards the purchase of a new paint machine for the Rotary fields. The cost for a new machine is \$10,000 - \$15,000. We are unsure about the amount the city will be able to contribute, however, it could be up to 50% of the total cost.

Other

We have submitted the application for a \$65,000 raffle. We continue to wait to receive the license from AGLC before we can print tickets. No further documents have been requested from us. We received our casino license for January 19th and 20th, 2025.

5.2 Technical Director Report:

Minor Soccer

Grassroots Program

2024-25 Indoor Grassroots Program (October-December):

Tim Hortons Festival: Scheduled for December 14th and 15th at the Swan City Pitch.

Additional grassroots sessions at the Crosslink: 7 week house league program for U9 and U11 boys. 8 teams total, involving a total of 96 players. 4 NWP college players assigned as coaches.

2025 Indoor Grassroots Program (January-March): 9-week program with 18 total sessions at the Swan City Pitch. Online registration is open, with approximately 311 players registered so far.

Competitive Program

2024-25 Indoor Season Structure: Competitive and High-Performance programs.

Total Teams: 23 teams.



EMSA League:

-All teams participating in the EMSA league are well-tiered, with the competition levels appearing balanced. Overall, the results have been positive, with most teams currently ranked in the top five.

-Competitive teams are scheduled to participate in two tournaments included in their registration fees, with the option to join additional tournaments at their own expense. All tournament details have now been confirmed and shared with teams through Teamlinkt.

Tournaments:

1- SGSA Early Bird – November 14 - 17 Girls Only

- U9 Girls (Meiklem) T4 - Gold / U11 Girls Comp (Chriss) T3 - Bronze / U11 Girls Comp (Claude-Jennifer) T4 - 4th place / U13 Girls Comp (Keston) T3 - Silver / U13 Girls Comp (Reid) T4 - 3rd place / U15 Girls (Sukh-Atamanchuk) T3 – Gold.

2- SGSA Early Bird – November 21-24 Boys Only

- U9 Boys Comp (Cam-Fulmek) T3 - Silver / U11 Boys Comp (Claude) T3 - 4th place / U11 Boys Comp (Chriss) T3 - Bronze / U11 Boys Comp (Mo) T4 - 4th place / U13 Boys Comp (Wedman) T3 - Silver / U13 Boys Comp (Bowen) T4 - Bronze / U15 Boys Comp (Sukh-Bomen) T3 - Bronze / U15 Boys Comp (Clayton-Charles) T4 - 4th place.

3- FC Memorial – January 23-26 Edmonton

- All competitive teams will participate except the U15 Girls, to allow Coach Sukh to be present with the U15 Boys.

4- Slush Cup - February 27- March 2

- U9 Boys HP (Chattri) T1 • U11 Boys HP (Youssef) T1 / U11 Boys Comp (Claude) T2 / U11 Boys Comp (Chriss) T2 / U13 Boys Comp (Wedman) T3 / U15 Girls Comp (Sukh-Atamanchuk) T2 / U17 Girls (Winterford) Tier 1.

Grassroots Coaches:

- A season curriculum has been distributed to all parent volunteer coaches and player-coaches for U4 to U13. All coaches have been added to the Teamlinkt app to facilitate the sharing and receiving of grassroots-related information.



Competitive Coaches:

- Assigned college player Chantelle Kirk as an assistant coach for the U13 Girls Competitive (Coach Luke). Positive feedback from parents. Seeking additional female coaches to join our competitive program.

Goalkeeper Development:

- Goalkeeper training takes place on Fridays and Saturdays, started on October 18th. Four college players are assisting Coach Ed with goalkeeper sessions. Over 30 goalkeepers are attending practices. Great feedback from players and parents. Coach Ed has been a great addition to our coaching staff.

Coaches Development:

- Conducted observations of several coaches during practice to ensure sessions align with team skill levels. Teams observed: U9 Boys (Cam), U11 Boys (Mo), U11 Boys (Chriss), U11 Boys (Claude), U13 Girls (Luke), U13 Girls (Reid), U15 Boys (Charles- Clayton). Provided feedback and guidance through individual conversations with coaches. Planning to observe the remaining teams before their next tournament at the end of January. Working on a structure to facilitate regular visits for all teams, based on their schedules and coach availability. This will help ensure consistent support and development across the club.

Adult League:

- 2024-25 Adult Indoor League:** - **Start Date:** October 20th. - The Men's and Women's seasons are now underway.

Swan City FC Red Eye Tournament:

- **Dates:** January 3, 4, 5 at the Swan City Pitch
- **Divisions:** Men's Open and Recreational, Women's Open - **Prizes:** - Men's Open Division: \$3,000 Other Divisions: Team registration fees reimbursed
- **Social night event** - Location: Better Than Fred's - Theme: 90's

Gear and Equipment:

- Reordered Timbits jerseys for the upcoming summer season. - Received new game jersey sets to accommodate additional teams.



New Initiatives:

- Planning a picture day for all competitive teams. TBD. Seeking a social media specialist to support our online presence.

Motion 04

Adopt the ED and TD reports as presented.

Moved by: Matt

Seconded by: Derek

Carried

Motion 05

To adjust our policy that Criminal Record Checks are completed on an annual basis.

Moved by: Derek

Seconded by: Kristien

Carried

Motion 06

To suspend an adult member from all SCFC events effective immediately up to and including January 31, 2025. This suspension applies to all minor and senior league practices, games, events whether as a player or spectator or any other club functions .

Moved By: Derek Van Tassell

Seconded By: Kristien Mizzau

Carried

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Gala Night – March 22, 2025
- 6.2 SCFC Board meeting request form

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 SCFC Indoor pitch naming rights
- 7.2 AGM Review
- 7.3 Policies
- 7.4 New board committees



New Board Committees:

Fundraising Committee – Jess

Adult Committee – Matt, Kristien

Beaverlodge Committee – Derek Van Tassell

Competitive & High-Performance Committee – Chuntai

Junior & Asst. Coaches Committee – Sherri

Grassroots Committee – Kristien

Facility Committee – Derek & Brian

8.0 NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2025

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:05 pm.

Approved the day of December 3, 2024

CHAIRPERSON

(Paul Wedman)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)