



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
February 4 , 2025

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

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Dara LaLonde

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Paul Wedman 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 consent agenda of February 4, 2025, which includes the committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Sherri

Seconded by: Derek

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 7, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated January 7, 2025

Moved by: Matt

Seconded by: Sukh

Carried

4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT N/A



5.0 ED/TD/ Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

Swan City FC Indoor Pitch:

1. 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.

- Update: City manager will speak to Council about it in the coming days.

School League

We have reached out to all the school in the Public, Catholic, and Peace Wapiti School districts. Great interest from Catholic and Peace Wapiti. So far, we have eight schools interested in participating, some will register multiple teams for each age group. The Public School District commented they are not interested in the Grade 3- 6 Soccer School League.

- We have estimated 260 – 300 players will participate from the eight different schools.

Other

Our casino event on January 19th – 20th went great. Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped. We have submitted a new casino event application so we can be considered for another event in 3 years' time.

5.2 Technical Director Report:

Grassroots Program:

2025 Indoor Grassroots Program (January-March):

- 9 -week program with 18 total sessions at the Swan City Pitch.

- Online registration is open, with approximately 500 players registered so far.

2025 Indoor Crosslink Grassroots Program (February-March):

- A 7-week program with 14 total sessions at the Swan City Pitch.

- Includes: U7 Mixed, U9 Boys, and U11 Boys age groups.



Competitive Program:

- Most high-performance teams have one trip left for Edmonton for EMSA.

Provincial Playoffs :

Saturday, February 15th:

- U13 Boys HP vs U13 Boys FSJ: 6:30pm (half-field)
- U15 Boys HP vs U15 Boys FSJ: 7:30pm (half-field)
- U17 Boys vs U17 Boys FSJ: 5:30pm (full-field)

Sunday, February 16th:

- U13 Boys HP vs U13 Boys FSJ: 8:00am (half-field)
- U15 Boys HP vs U15 Boys FSJ: 8:00am (half-field)
- U17 Boys vs U17 Boys FSJ: 7:00am (full-field)

-Playing format: 7v7, No offsides., Two 25-min halves.

- Location: All games will be at the Crosslink Sportsplex. We encourage all coaches to bring their teams to show support for our club during this event.

Tournaments:.

- FC Memorial – January 24-26 Edmonton

Swan City FC proudly sent 15 teams to compete in the FC Memorial Tournament, and we are thrilled with the performance of our players.

Here are the top results:

- U11 Boys (Chriss) T3 – Gold/ U11 Boys (Robin) T4 – Silver
- U11 Girls (Chriss) T3 – Silver/ U11 Girls (Claude/Jen) T4 – Silver
- U13 Boys (Wedman) T3 – Bronze/ - U15 Girls (Sukh/Atamanchuk) T2 – Silver

Congratulations to all of our players, coaches, and families for their hard work and dedication!

- 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:

-Grassroots coaches met with the technical team before the season to align coaching plans and expectations. New coaches have been added to the TeamLinkt app for better communication and easy access to grassroots-related information.

Competitive Coaches:

We will be adding two female coaches to our staff this summer. Details will be provided soon.

Goalkeeper Development:

- Goalkeeper training takes place on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Coach Amber has been a great addition to our coaching staff.
- Great feedback from both players and parents.
- Goalkeeper coaches will have input in determining the winner of the Aaron Tiller Golden Glove award.

Coaches Development:

- Conducted a coaching clinic for the U9-U11 coaches on January 16th, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Swan City Pitch. Most coaches attended, and the session was a great success. The technical team provided feedback and guidance to coaches through individual conversations. Developed a coaching platform to organize our coaching curriculums, aligning them with our vision and emphasizing a play style focused on ball possession and building plays from the back.
- We are considering selecting potential coaches to pursue the CONCACAF C-Diploma, which costs approximately \$2,000. To support this initiative, we need to discuss how the club will assist coaches financially. One option could cover 50% of the registration fee, with the coach committing a three-year contract in return. This approach would help develop our coaching staff while ensuring long-term stability for the club.

-Coaching Clinic:

- January 17th, U13-U19 Coaches @ Crosslink Sportsplex. Cancelled due to coaches traveling to Edmonton on Friday because of bad weather.
- Next Coaching Clinic: TBD. A TouchTight tutorial will be presented to all coaches to familiarize them with the new coaching tools.

Adult League:

- 2024-25 Adult Indoor League: - Resumed on January 13th.



Gear and Equipment:

- I am currently in discussions with a Macron representative regarding new designs for training and game jerseys, as well as shorts. Please refer to the brochure provided.
- We are considering offering gear packages for our Competitive and High-Performance teams, which would include training gear, tracksuits, and backpacks. These packages could be part of the registration fee and ordered in bulk to reduce costs. New styles could be introduced for younger teams this summer, while we continue using the Adidas jerseys for older teams until they are fully used. This will make the process simpler and more cost-effective. We will also be developing a website where all the gear can be purchased.

New Initiatives:

- Picture Day will take place on February 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th at Crosslink Sportsplex. The Picture Day schedule has been created and sent to all teams and parents via TeamLinkt.
- TeamLinkt events have been created and added to each team's schedule.

Motion 03

Adopt the ED and TD reports as presented.

Moved by: Brian

Seconded by: Sukh

Carried

Motion 04

Subject to the approval of the technical director, the board moves that SCFC will pay the cost of the Canada Soccer C Diploma course (up to a cost of \$2, 500) as follows:

- a) Any SCFC staff or board member who has been with the club in excess of a year, SCFC shall pay the fees up front with no reimbursement requirement.
- b) Any individual who wants to take the course, and who will commit to coach each indoor and outdoor season for a period of 3 years, the club shall pay 50% of the cost up front and reimburse the individual the remaining 50% at the end of the 3-year period.

Moved by: Derek

Seconded by: Brian

Carried



Motion 05

To suspend an adult member from all SCFC events effective immediately up to and including April 1, 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: Corrie

Seconded by: Matt

Carried

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 SCFC Indoor pitch naming rights
- 6.2 SCFC School league
- 6.3 Club fundraising policy
- 6.4 Futsal League (On hold due to no available gym space)
- 6.5 Gala night

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Coach survey
- 7.2 New facility proposal
- 7.3 Disciplinary committee

8.0 NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2025

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Approved the 4th day of February, 2025

CHAIRPERSON

(Paul Wedman)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)