



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
January 7 , 2025

Present: Paul Wedman, Sherri Clayton, Dara LaLonde, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Kristien Mizzau, Mathieu Evans, Brian Meiklem, Sukh Dass

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Derek Van Tassell, Chuntai Jin, Jessica Reid

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Paul Wedman chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion 01

To adopt the consent agenda of January 7, 2025, which includes the committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Dara
Seconded by: Corrie

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 December 3, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 3, 2024

Moved by: Corrie
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. Over the Christmas break, full-time and part-time staff worked to improve a few things at the indoor pitch. These improvements included things such as board replacement and realignment, painting of doors, spectators' benches, and hallway walls, etc. See PDF attached.

2. 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: We are still waiting to hear back from the city. All we know so far is that the bidding price will start at \$12,000/year.

3. We also discussed with the City the sale of the naming rights for the rotary fields and the possibility of building turf fields. They are open to ideas and suggested a few grants that could help us raise funds for the project.

School League

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

Other

We received our \$65,000 raffle license. Roughly 50% of our members have picked up their raffle tickets. Now that we have submitted a successful raffle application, the process will be much faster for future raffles. We will need a total of 20 volunteers for our casino event on January 19th and 20th, 2025 (10 volunteers per day). We will set up a Signup Genius page and share with our membership to help fill up the remaining positions.



5.2 Technical Director Report:

Minor Soccer

Grassroots Program

2024-25 Grassroots Tim Hortons Festival (December 14,15): Stations for U4–U5 players and small-sided games for the U6 age group. Tournament format for U7 to U13 age groups. Medal ceremony, hot chocolate and timbits. Junior coaches and volunteers. Overall the feedback was very positive.

Crosslink Grassroots Festival (December 21,22): Tournament format for all age groups to conclude the season. Medals for all teams. Positive feedback from parents.

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 (January-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

Provincial Declarations:

- Tier 2 Non-Boarded (U13, U15): March 14–16, 2025, Calgary (Shane Homes West Calgary Soccer Centre) U13 Boys HP (Youssef); U13 Girls HP (Youssef - Julian); U15 Boys HP (Chuntai).

-Tier 2 Non-Boarded (U17): March 14–16, 2025, Edmonton (Scottish Dome) U17 Boys HP (Derek)

-Tier 2 Non-Boarded (U19): March 14–16, 2025, Red Deer (Red Deer Dome) U19 Girls HP (Winterford).

-Tier 3 Boarded (U13, U15): March 14–16, 2025, Lethbridge (Servus Sports Centre) U13 Boys (Wedman).

Tournaments:

- **FC Memorial** – January 24-26 Edmonton. All competitive teams will participate except the U15 Girls, to allow Coach Sukh to be present with the U15 Boys.

- **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 will meet with the technical team prior to the start of the season. New coaches will be added to the TeamLinkt app to streamline the sharing and receiving of grassroots-related information.

Competitive Coaches:

- Seeking additional female coaches to join our competitive program.

Goalkeeper Development:

- Goalkeeper training takes place on Fridays and Saturdays, starting on October 18th. Coach Amber has been a great addition to our coaching staff. Great feedback from both players and parents.

Coaches Development:

- Conducted a combined practice session for the U13 Boys (Wedman) and U13 Boys (Scott) teams and observed and assisted with the U11 Girls HP (Travis) 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 based on ball possession and building plays from the back. Coaching Clinic: January 16th, U9-U11 Coaches @ Swan City Pitch. January 17th, U13-U19 Coaches Crosslink. Details will be shared with coaches via TeamLinkt.

Adult League:

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

Swan City FC Red Eye Tournament Results. Dates: January 3, 4, 5 at the Swan City Pitch. Divisions: Men's Open and Women's Open. Men's Open Winners – Deportivo. Women's Open Winners - Crew Social night event at Better Than Fred's - Theme: 90's. Great atmosphere overall, with a prize for the best costume.

Gear and Equipment:

- Currently in discussions with a Macron representative. Details TBD.

New Initiatives:

-We are planning a picture day for all competitive teams. Date TBD



Motion 03

Adopt the ED and TD reports as presented.

Moved by: Brian

Seconded by: Sukh

Carried

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 New board committees
- 6.2 SCFC Indoor pitch naming rights

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Swan City FC School League
- 7.2 Club Fundraising Policy
- 7.3 Futsal League

New Board Committees:

Senior League – Matt, Kristien

Power Soccer – Corrie

Beaverlodge – Derek

4HER – Jess W.

Fundraising – Jess R, Brian, David

Facility – Paul, Brian & Derek

Competitive & High-Performance – Chuntai

Grassroots Junior & Asst. Coaches– Sherri

Disciplinary - Corrie, Paul & Lynda



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8.0 NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2025

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Approved the day of January 7, 2025

CHAIRPERSON

(Paul Wedman)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)