



Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
July 8, 2025

Present: Paul Wedman, Dara LaLonde, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Derek Van Tassell,
Mathieu Evans, Chuntai Jin, Jessica Reid, Brian Meiklem, Sukh Dass

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Sherri Clayton, Kristien Mizzau

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 consent agenda of July 8, 2025, which includes the committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Chuntai

Seconded by: Jessica

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 June 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2025

Moved by: Derek

Seconded by: Corrie

Carried



4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT dated May 31, 2025

Motion 03

To approve the financial reports for May 31, 2025, as presented.

Moved by: Sukh

Seconded by: Brian

Carried

5.0 ED/TD/ Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Facilities

The Rotary fields are looking great. The full-time staff and the underground and water cannon irrigation systems have made a positive impact in keeping the fields in decent shape this year.

Naming Rights

The City has approved the sale of the Naming Rights for our Indoor Boarded facility. Their team will work on the brochure, website, and expression of interest form over the next few weeks. Our club will be involved in the negotiation process.

Coach & Referee Education

On July 1st – 4th, I attended the final in-person workshop for my Canada Soccer CONCACAF B License in Red Deer. I have my final evaluation in August 2025.

Other

We have received our funds from January 2025 Casino event. Our club received a total of \$37,495.01 - Swan City is scheduled for another casino event in 2027 Q3 (Jul/Aug/Sep) at the Great Northern Casino.

Upcoming Events:

- Special Olympics Alberta Summer Games: July 11th – 13th. Our club will be hosting the Soccer Special Olympics at the Rotary fields. We will provide the facilities, referees, equipment, and volunteers necessary for the event. Board members are invited to attend as spectators or volunteers.

- Summer Camps: July 7th – August 15th



5.2 Technical Director Report:

Minor Soccer

Grassroots Program

Grassroots Wrap-Up Festival

We successfully hosted the Grassroots Festival in late June. U4 and U5 groups enjoyed festival-style activity stations. U6 teams played two games each. U7 to U15 mixed teams competed in a tournament format. Beaverlodge Soccer brought three teams to play exhibition matches against our competitive teams, creating a positive atmosphere. All players received ball bags and sticker packs. Food trucks on-site added to the event's success.

Indoor Grassroots – Fall 2025

Online registration opens mid-July. The season will start in early October, continuing our focus on creating an engaging and developmentally appropriate environment.

Competitive Program

The outdoor season will conclude on July 24. Season Wrap-up: Players VS Parents at Rotary Field. Most competitive teams participated in at least two tournaments, with their final event being the Warriors Invitational Tournament in Edmonton, July 11–13. EMSA teams still have two more trips scheduled before wrapping up. Overall, this has been a strong season for our high performance teams. Spruce Grove was invited to play an EMSA game against our U13 Girls HP (Coach Youssef).

Tournaments – All tournaments attended by a number of competitive and HP teams.

Koora Cup June 13-15

Slave Lake Tournament June 20-22

Summer Solstice Tournament June 20-22

Upcoming Indoor Season – 2025

Online Registration for Competitive teams will open July 15th. Single Birth Year Team Formation.

We are evaluating moving to single birth year teams (U8, U9, U10, etc.). This will provide more balanced competition. Support accurate player placement. Increase roster consistency and peer development. Align with best practices in long-term player development. Final decisions will be based on registration numbers, especially in U9, U11, and U13 age groups.



Futsal Program Launch

Starting this indoor season, Swan City FC will introduce a dedicated futsal program for all U9– U17 competitive teams. Each competitive team will be composed of 12 players. These rosters will be split into two futsal teams of 6 players each. The futsal teams will participate in house league-style matches on weekends, competing within their age group. Where possible, futsal-specific technical training will also be integrated into training sessions. Futsal will help players: Get more touches on the ball and improve control under pressure. Develop faster decision-making in tight spaces. Build confidence and creativity in possession. We believe combining single birth year teams with a dedicated futsal program will significantly enhance player development and enjoyment of the game.

Coaching Development

David is on track to complete his B Licence by the end of this season. I have started my B Licence course. Coach Youssef and Coach Chuntai have been accepted to the C Licence course, starting in September. The B and C Licences are both year-long diplomas focused on developing advanced coaching knowledge and competencies.

Coaching Clinics

We will deliver three pre-season clinics for U9–U11 and U13–U15 coaches to support their preparation and season planning. Two grassroots clinics are scheduled for all grassroots coaches before the season begins. Additional mid-season clinics will follow to reinforce training concepts and address specific needs as they arise.

On-Field Support

I have observed several teams during practices and games, providing direct feedback to coaches on session design, coaching points, and game structure tips. I conducted sessions with the U11 Boys, U11 Girls, and U17–U19 Girls groups. Our high performance teams continue to demonstrate strong intensity and got more familiar with the EMSA competition environment. Many competitive teams still show lower intensity levels, likely due to fewer regular games. We expect the new futsal program to help bridge this gap and better prepare players for future progression into high performance teams.

Adult Soccer League

The Adult Men's and Women's Leagues are currently underway and progressing well overall. The playoff schedules for both leagues will be released soon so teams can plan ahead. While most matches have been positive, we have experienced challenges with a few men's league players and teams regarding interactions with referees this outdoor season. We have taken steps to reinforce expectations around conduct and respect for officials. Fall and Indoor season registration for adult leagues will open mid-August. The Coed League continues to run smoothly, with teams enjoying a mix of competition and fun.



Gear and Equipment

We are working on the next collection of Macron game jerseys, planned for the next three years. An online store for fan gear will be launched by the start of the indoor season. Improved marketing plan to better highlight club events and updates.

Motion 04

Adopt the ED & TD reports as presented.

Moved by: Sukh

Seconded by: Brian

Carried

Motion 05

To approve the “Social Media Policy” as presented.

Moved by: Sherri

Seconded by: Brian

Carried

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 SCFC Indoor pitch naming rights
- 6.2 Club fundraising policy
- 6.3 Club Futsal League
- 6.4 Review SCFC Handbook, Policies, and Bylaws

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 U17 Boys HP Mexico Trip (To be discussed in the future)
- 7.2 Dome operating proposal
- 7.3 Indoor Pitch Naming Rights



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8.0 NEXT MEETING: August 12, 2025

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Approved the 8th day of July, 2025

CHAIRPERSON

(Paul Wedman)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)