



Swan City Football Club  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 9, 2025

Present: Paul Wedman, Sherri Clayton, Dara LaLonde, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk,  
Catherine Ridgeway, Chuntai Jin, Mathieu Evans

Staff: David Rojas, Houssam Chattri

Regrets: Jessica Reid, Derek Van Tassell, Brian Meiklem, Sukh Dass

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Wedman chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED AGENDA**

**Motion 01**

**To adopt the consent agenda of December 9, 2025, which includes the committee reports as presented.**

Moved by: Corrie  
Seconded by: Matt  
**Carried**

**3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 November 4, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion 02**

**To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2025**

Moved by: Sherri  
Seconded by: Chuntai  
**Carried**



#### **4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT: N/A**

#### **5.0 ED/TD/ Reports**

##### **5.1 Executive Director Report**

#### **Facilities**

The Swan City FC sign outside the indoor pitch fell off. We are currently looking at replacement options. See possible options below.

#### **Naming Rights**

The City has approved the selling of the Naming Rights for the Indoor Boarded facility. The tendering process opened on September 11th. We continue to wait for direction on successful bids.

#### **Other**

All Indoor 2025-26 programs are off to a great start.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- The Red Eye tournament will take place on January 2 – 4, 2026. We are finalizing preparations related to the event.
- Club raffle tickets are ready, and their distribution started on Saturday, December 6th for the Grassroots program. Club players will receive their tickets in the following days through their team managers.
- The Arctic Winter Games Boys' Futsal team will hold their first training camp in Grande Prairie on December 6–7, with nine Swan City players selected to participate. Additionally, three Swan City girls will be attending the Futsal training camp in Fort McMurray that same weekend.



## 5.2 Technical Director Report: Youth Programming

### Grassroots Program

Tim Hortons Festival scheduled for December 14th, celebrating the completion of the grassroots indoor Fall season.

A new Grassroots season will begin on January 20th, with online registration now open.

### Competitive Program

Most teams are placed in the correct tiers, and many teams new to the EMSA league structure are experiencing early success. Parents have shared very positive feedback, noting improved player development and stronger team structure through consistent league play.

For next outdoor season, we are evaluating the possibility of moving U11, U12, and U13 Boys High Performance teams to Tier 1 to ensure appropriate challenges and continued development.

### Tournament Teams

SGSA Early Bird Tournament in Edmonton (November 13–16 and November 20–23).

Results: For most teams and players, this was their first tournament experience. Strong learning outcomes, positive feedback, and several notable results including U10 Boys Comp (Ayar) finishing 2nd place and multiple teams earning bronze medals.

Next event: FC Memorial Challenge Tournament, scheduled for January 22–25.

Slush Cup – Feb 26 to March 1 (Optional). Most teams, including EMSA teams, are planning to attend as an additional competitive opportunity.

### Goalkeeper Training Program

Supported two GK sessions this month and was impressed with the flow, structure, and overall quality of training. Great feedback from parents and players.

Led by Coach Isaac and Coach Alecs, with increasing support from NWP College women's team players, ensuring individualized attention. Attendance and progression remain strong across all age groups.

### Futsal Program

Observed several futsal games, player progress is evident. Improved ball-handling, quicker decisionmaking, and more confident play under pressure. The program continues to run well.



## **School & Community Programs**

### **School League**

Scheduled to begin in April and run through May.

Open to students from Grade 3 through Grade 12, fostering school and club collaboration.

### **Power Soccer**

Our athlete Rheegan represented Team Canada at the APFC America's Cup in Phoenix, Arizona, a huge accomplishment and a proud moment for our club.

The remaining helper schedule will be shared in January.

## **Coaching Development**

### **Objectives**

Short-Term Goal: Ensure all coaches meet the minimum certification requirements to coach within the club.

Long-Term Goal: Achieve the Club Youth License within 2–3 years, enabling Swan City FC to introduce the Alberta Player Development League (APDL) program.

### **Current Coaching Staff**

28 coaches involved in competitive programs. 2 coaches (Houssam & David) currently enrolled in the Concacaf B License. 2 coaches (Youssef & Chuntai) are currently completing the Concacaf C License. Recruited a new Assistant Coach, Jeorgia from NWP, to support the U12 Girls EMSA (Lawsamba) program and the GK program.

### **Coach Development Clinics**

Monthly in-person clinics continue to support coaching standards and alignment with club identity. Next Coaching Clinic: December 18

Curriculum by age group. Introduction of conditioning app. Will run a practice session to keep training coaches to follow the club's game model.

The conditioning app will serve as a motivational tool for players: ranking systems, sweat points, ball-touch tracking, and individual progression. Our aim is to bring the entire club onto the platform to encourage consistency and healthy competition.



### **Practice Observations & Support**

Ongoing technical team visits ensure all coaches receive constructive feedback and mentorship.

Nov 2: Ran Futsal session for U10 Girls Comp (Cloe-Kobe)

Nov 5: Observed U9 Boys Comp (Fulmek) & U11 Girls Comp (Alecs-Kate)

Nov 7: Observed U12 Girls HP (Koch-Alisson)

Nov 8: Ran practice for both U12 Girls & U13 Girls EMSA

Nov 8: Supported the GK Clinic

Nov 11: Technical team observation. Coach Youssef with U9 Comp (Fulmek).

Nov 12: Observed U10 Boys (Robin) & U11 Girls Comp (Alecs)

Nov 15: Coached EMSA Saturday games for the U11 Boys HP (Sukh)

Nov 16: Technical team - Coach David ran a session with U10 Girls Comp (Cloe-Kobe)

Nov 18: Technical team observation - Coach Youssef with U10 Boys Comp (Ayar)

Nov 21: Observed U12 Girls HP (Koch-Alisson)

Nov 22: Supported the GK Clinic GK Clinic

Nov 26: Ran session with U13 Boys HP; met with team manager after regarding parent questions.

Dec 5: Ran session for U11 Boys HP (Sukh)

Dec 6: Ran session for U10 Girls Comp (Cloe-Kobe)

Dec 6: GK Clinic + introduced Assistant Coach Jeorgia to Coach Claude & to the U12 Girls EMSA team.

Dec 7: Supervised Futsal games

### **Closing Remarks**

We are progressing toward a fully certified coaching staff, with stronger alignment to our club identity. The next phase will focus on elevating the standard of session planning, increasing use of new digital coaching tools, and supporting coaches with more individualized mentorship. As our programs expand, we will strategically recruit additional certified coaches to meet future demands.

### **Adult Leagues**

League play is still underway. Round robin games continue through December, followed by playoffs. (Last month's structure remains unchanged: 6 men's competitive teams; 5 women's competitive and 4 recreational teams; strong participation from younger players and former college athletes.)

### **Club Merchandise**

Macron gear provided for U8-U11 Boys & Girls. Additional socks and shorts have arrived. Plans in motion for customized Macron kits once the club transitions to the new Dome facility. The Macron online store is active, link and catalog accessible to members.



### **Personal & Professional Development**

Continuing Concacaf B License coursework. Will enroll in a Communication Course (January) and preparing to take a Time Management Course (Feb) to enhance leadership and organizational skills.

### **Future Planning & Partnerships**

#### **Early Morning Academy**

Small-group technical academy scheduled to begin in January, focusing on motivated players seeking extra ballcontact and individualized technical work.

#### **International Partnerships**

Held a video call on December 5th with Uritz from San Sebastián to discuss professional pathways, camp opportunities, and potential tournament exposure in Spain. More details will be shared as discussions progress.

#### **Closing Remarks**

With strong momentum across player development, coaching education, and new programming initiatives, the club is entering the next phase of long-term growth. The introduction of new technology tools, enhanced coaching support, and international partnerships reflect our commitment to elevating the Swan City FC environment. As we head into the new year, our focus will be on consolidating these improvements, expanding opportunities for players, and strengthening the foundation needed for future APDL and Youth License objectives.

#### **Motion 03**

##### **Adopt the ED & TD reports as presented**

Moved by: Corrie

Seconded by: Lynda

**Carried**

#### **Motion 04**

##### **All Swan City FC board members must attend 75% or 9/12 board meetings annually either in person or virtually.**

Moved by: Paul

Seconded by: Lynda

**Carried**



**6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

- 6.1 2025 AGM
- 6.2 Beaverlodge Soccer Field

**7.0 New Business**

- 7.1 New SCFC Sign at Indoor Pitch
- 7.2 Disciplinary committee
- 7.3 Red Eye Tournament
- 7.4 Raffle Tickets

**8.0 NEXT MEETING:** January 13, 2026

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Approved the 9th day of December 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON



(Paul Wedman)

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SECRETARY



(Lynda Atamanchuk)