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Swan City Football Club
Regular Board Meeting
January 13, 2026

Present: Paul Wedman, Sherri Clayton, Lynda Atamanchuk, Corrie Funk, Derek Van Tassell, Catherine Ridgeway, Jessica Reid, Mathieu Evans

Staff: Houssam Chattri

Regrets: David Rojas, Dara LaLonde, Chuntai Jin, Brian Meiklem, Sukh Dass

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 January 13 , 2026, which includes the committee reports as presented.

Moved by: Jess

Seconded by: Sherri

Carried

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 December 9, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion 02

To adopt the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2025

Moved by: Catherine

Seconded by: Matt

Carried



4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT: dated December 9, 2025

Motion 03

To approve the financial reports for December 9, 2025, as presented.

Moved by: Catherine

Seconded by: Matt

Carried

5.0 ED/TD/ Reports

5.1 Executive Director Report

Executive Summary

The club continues to operate smoothly throughout the indoor season. Registrations for Grassroots remains high, players and coaches keep learning and developing, EMSA teams are on the final stretch to secure their standings on their respective age groups/tiers. As we kick off the new year, we will pay special attention to the planning of the School League, Club Outdoor Assessments, and Adult Spring League.

Facilities

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

School League

We contacted all schools across the Public, Catholic, and Peace Wapiti school districts as a save the date for the School League. 13 schools participated in last year's School League; we hope to have the same or more interest this year. We will follow the same format as last year.

Grants

We received approval for a soccer balls grant through Canada Soccer. We will receive 120 balls over the next few weeks (\$4,000.00 - \$6,000.00 value). We will donate the balls to each school that will be participating in this year's School League.



Upcoming Events

- Arctic Winter Games March 8 – 15, 2026 in Whitehorse, YT.
- Alberta Soccer Youth Indoor Provincials March 12 – 15, 2026. Five Swan City teams have been declared.
- Club Outdoor 2026 Assessments will take place March 18 – 27, 2026.
- Swan City FC Gala Night will take place on Saturday, March 21st, 2026. Closing Comments
- The Red Eye Tournament went well. Great atmosphere, sportsmanship, and competition. Areas of improvement would include: Better understanding of roles and responsibilities of organizing committee members. Ensuring the tournament schedule is suitable for out-of-town teams and referees. This might require playing games throughout the night and/or getting rid of the bronze medal matches.

5.2 Technical Director Report:

Youth Programming

Grassroots Program

A new Winter Grassroots season will begin on January 20th. Registration is currently underway, with most age groups already full. The season will consist of 9 sessions and conclude in mid-March. Tim Hortons Festival to end the indoor season.

Competitive Program

Most High Performance and EMSA teams have two remaining trips, with February 7th marking the final trip for club teams. Team placement within the EMSA structure has proven effective, with players adapting well to appropriate competitive environments. The decision to introduce EMSA teams has strengthened player development pathways, provided consistent competition, and supported clearer long-term progression across age groups.

Tournament Teams

Next event: FC Memorial Challenge Tournament, scheduled for January 22–25. Slush Cup – February 26 to March 1 (Optional): Most of our teams were accepted; a few were not due to capacity limits. A high number of participating teams highlights the ongoing lack of tournament options for Tier 3 and higher levels. With this in mind, the club is exploring the possibility of hosting an indoor youth tournament



once the Dome is operational, allowing teams to compete against opponents of similar level and division while increasing meaningful game opportunities.

Goalkeeper Training Program

The program continues to run well under Coach Isaac and Coach Alecs, supported by assistant coaches. Sessions remain well organized, with strong attendance and consistent progression across age groups.

Futsal Program

The program continues to progress positively and is proving valuable in enhancing first touch, ball control, and quick decision-making. With the final EMSA trip approaching, the club is exploring additional game opportunities to maintain momentum and player engagement.

School & Community Programs

School League

Scheduled to begin in April and run through May. Open to students from Grade 3 to Grade 12, supporting continued collaboration between schools and the club.

Power Soccer

The remaining helper schedule will be shared in January. New teams and new helpers will be introduced, allowing more participants to experience and support Power Soccer programming.

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 Licence 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. Recruited a new coach, Andrii, to support technical training sessions and serve as a head coach for the upcoming outdoor season. Andrii currently plays with NAIT and competes at the League 1 level, bringing valuable playing and technical experience to the club.

Coach Development Clinics

Monthly in-person clinics continue to support coaching standards and alignment with club identity. Past Coaching Clinic – December 18 Curriculum by age group. Introduction of conditioning app. Attendance was impacted by challenging weather conditions. 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. Next



Coaching Clinic – January 15. Setting up B42 conditioning app for all coaches and players. Live practice session to reinforce the club’s game model and training standards.

Practice Observations & Support

Ongoing technical team visits ensure all coaches receive constructive feedback and mentorship. Dec 3: Observed U12 Boys Comp (Isaac) Dec 7: Observed U11 Boys Comp (Gillman) and U10 Girls Comp (Cloe–Kobe) Dec 12: Held a parent meeting with U8 Boys HP to clarify code of conduct and outline coach and team manager responsibilities Dec 19: Assigned a coach to run a session for U8 Boys HP Dec 20 - January 5: Christmas Break

Closing Remarks

Work toward certification, alignment, and consistent coaching standards remains ongoing. The focus continues to be on strengthening session quality, increasing adoption of shared tools, and providing targeted support to coaches as the club grows.

Adult Leagues

League play is still underway. Round robin games continue through January, 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.) Red Eye Tournament (January 2–4) – Swan City Pitch. Strong participation across all divisions, including two out-of-town teams: Los Chico’s (Calgary) and Ice Packs (Fort St. John). Competitive divisions featured close matches and a great atmosphere throughout the weekend. Winners: Men’s Competitive: Los Chico’s, Women’s Competitive: The Crew, Women’s Recreational: Hot Headz Ignite. Both competitive finals were decided by penalty shootouts, drawing excellent crowds and engagement. Overall feedback on match quality and organization was very positive.

Challenges: Some logistical areas (raffle tickets, social night coordination) created confusion regarding responsibilities. Moving forward, the club will continue to manage tournament programming and facilities, while additional activities will be coordinated by the designated organizing committee to ensure clearer roles and smoother execution.

Club Merchandise

The Macron online store remains active, with the catalog and link accessible to members. A new away kit is planned for Indoor 2026–2027. Team gear remains available. 4 6.

Personal & Professional Development

Continuing Concacaf B Licence coursework. Enrolled in a Leadership & Communication Course to further strengthen leadership and organizational effectiveness.



Future Planning & Partnerships

Early Morning Academy

A small-group technical academy is scheduled to begin in January, focusing on motivated players seeking additional ball contact and individualized technical development.

Closing Remarks

The club continues to build on a strong foundation across programming, coaching development, and competition structures. The focus remains on refining existing systems, increasing meaningful playing opportunities, and supporting coaches and players through consistent standards and clear pathways. As the season progresses, attention will remain on sustainable growth, alignment with long-term licensing objectives, and preparing the club for future expansion.

Motion 04

Adopt the ED & TD reports as presented

Moved by: Lynda

Seconded by: Corrie

Carried

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Disciplinary committee
- 6.2 Red Eye Tournament

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 2027 United Kingdom trip – 2013 Girls.
- 7.2 Member complaint re: Disciplinary process and fellow member.

8.0 NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2026

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Approved the 13th day of January 2026.

CHAIRPERSON

(Paul Wedman)

SECRETARY

(Lynda Atamanchuk)