

In attendance: Stefan Humphries, Scott Rothermel, Roger Quayle, Sveta Tisma, Cindy Lindstrom, Aileen Anderson, Brett Adams, Justine Langevin, Emma Felten, Alan Therrien, Cheryl-Anne Birse, Sarah Kozlowski

Regrets: Amanda Peschke

1. Call to order: 6:02pm
2. Approval of Agenda- Scott and Emma
3. Receipt of January Minutes- Aileen and Justine

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### a. Chair – Stefan

###### a.i. FIFA Viewing Party

City wanted to go for the larger grant (\$150,000) based on 1,000 people attending. Significant criteria including multi-culturalism, diversity, safety etc.

Small committee put together with a designated city person assigned. Viewing party at the field with a promotion downtown. Worked hard to put the grant together.

Allison Schlosser at the City and Justine put a lot of work into the proposal. Sydney Black (Nelson and District Arts Council) put together budgets and incorporated the police. FIFA travelling caravan is going to attend 10 different cities across Canada- has a travelling McDonalds, food court, beer garden etc. like a Midway. This is a separate application but securing the grant could make Nelson a contender for the caravan. NSA is involved but the City is the body applying for the grant.

###### a.ii. RDCK Redi Grant

Kevin Cormack suggested the Redi Grant. The City has already applied for it but NSA can apply as well. The City designated worker has volunteered to write the grant. Up to \$20,000 to add to the FIFA grant.

###### a.iii. Varian revised proposal

On May 19<sup>th</sup> BC Soccer is coming to Nelson and Paul Varian will be coming as well. He has sent out a new proposal for a workshop. Thought would be beneficial to have a strategic planning committee up and running. BC Soccer had contacted NSA about a space to rent. The evening of May 20<sup>th</sup> would be a targeted workshop for NSA. Could probably rent out the boardroom at the chamber or a room at the Prestige.

Approval for the cost of up to \$2,500 and the cost of a venue

Moved by: Cindy Lindstrom

Seconded by: Scott Rothermel

Motion carried

##### b. Financial Update – Roger

Looks good. Current assets of 662K vs. total liabilities of 400K is really strong. Nothing in accounts payables that stood out. In terms of revenue, really strong- just over a million. Projected to be around \$300K more than last year. Slight profit made in December. Net of a \$160K is pretty good going. January is generally when the budget is developed by likely by April this year.

Approval of the financials:

Moved by: Stefan Humphries

Seconded by: Justine Langevin

Motion carried

c. Rep – Amanda (Brett in lieu)

c.i. 2026 Rep Coaches and Managers

No U18 girls- only 2 girls left.

Made a decision to allow the U17 teams to stay together. The U16s and U18s can go to tournaments together. Kootenay South and Kootenay east are interested in joining for provincials. U16 girls will get to go to tournaments with Kootenay South. U14 boys went through evaluations, professional process, 5 certified coaches, Brett abstained. 5 kids will not be playing on the team- 2 pulled themselves out and 3 were advised.

Is it possible to collect feedback from families about the coaches. If there are any issues, this feedback may be useful.

d. TD

d.i. KUFA Update

Building a year round soccer program. The morning sessions have been a success with about 95% attendance. Elevate sessions to be held outside. Footskills Fridays doing well with younger groups. New for the summer is to continue the goalkeeping academy (free), 2 interested goalkeepers in the area. Striking academy for forwards- need to do the summer academy. Add the Annual Programming Calendar to the website. Elite camps are separate. Camp dates and academy dates are all set up.

d.ii. Dante Zanata - UBC Head coach and Learning Facilitator for BC Soccer

Has offered his services to come and spend some time with NSA. He is a university coach for UBCO and a learning coach, can do B license and C license. April 21-23- example of Tuesday focus on rep teams and coaches, Wednesday focus on coaching clinics (all coaches rec and rep) and Thursday focus on college prep clinics for players and parents. Only asking for expenses to come to Nelson- approx. \$1,500.

Approval for covering the expenses for Dante Zanata to come to Nelson

Moved by: Cheryl-Anne Birse

Seconded: Justine Langevin

Motion carried

d.iii. Futsal - Development Academy

Launching in January 2027? U8-U14, 1 hour allowing more time for touches on the ball. Open to everyone, cost-effective. Sara has a gym- will need to buy goalposts. Can start the futsal program at the same time we start indoor (September). An additional opportunity for younger players to play or another opportunity for players to improve their skills to try out for other programs (Rep/KUFA).

e. ED

e.i. Referee Clinics

Update. Sveta requested to host a referee clinic March 28 and March 29- approved. Sveta is finalizing his Referee certification- Sid is mentoring. It is the last weekend in spring break which might mean missing some kids but the referee clinics are available in the Kootenays on separate weekends. Email to go out to the appropriate age groups this week.

f. DEI – Aileen

f.i. Fillable form for Fair Play Initiative

Getting applications and the program has been well received. Applications in response to the email. \$8,000 or more in the budget. Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Roger will figure out the exact numbers noting that Fairplay does not have it's own account.

Some of our policies note a SafeSport Representative. Currently do not have a person in this role. Contact would be through admin.

Motion to nominate Scott Rothermel:

Moved by: Roger Quayle

Seconded by: Aileen Anderson

Motion carried

g. Marketing – Emma

g.i. Website

Website is coming along amazing. Justine has been working very closely with Adrian. Board should be up on the website. Bios or a list of members and a photo of the Board as a whole. Next big step for the website is for photos. Anyone who knows anyone with high quality photos, please pass their name along. Media day at indoor where we get photos- coaches etc.

g.ii. Social Media Policy

Emma Wouders has not officially started yet. Plan to onboard her. Would like to make a change for our sponsors who want to have photos of their team on their social media. Waiver does not explicitly include sponsors.

5. New Business

a. Rain City Proposal

Wants to set up an online merchandise program with a kick back to NSA which could go to the Fairplay initiative. Profit share back to the club. Hoodies, t-shirts, sweatpants, blankets,

hats/toques and rain jackets. Low fee for the cost and then NSA can increase cost for retail. Shipping can go direct to families- higher cost, ship to a central location- lower cost. Can make hoodies for the Terry Walgren and print on site. Could conflict with the online store and the stock we have pre-ordered from Soccer Express as this is adidas and is more expensive. Only jerseys are mandatory for Rep so there could be an issue with stock not being sold as it is more expensive. Sell our stock first and then revisit.

b. ECRB panelist approval: Adam Mandseth

Moved by: Justine Langevin

Seconded by: Scott Rothermel

Motion carried

6. In-Camera: 7:30pm

a. Staffing

Out of camera: 8:20

Motion to approve the Operations Manager and Head Referee:

Moved by: Emma

Seconded by: Scott Rothermel

Motion carried

ED Job Posting:

Moved by: Alain

Seconded: Roger Quayle

Motion carried

7. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Cindy Lindstrom

Seconded by: Scott Rothermel

Motion carried

Next meeting March 9, 2026 at 6:00pm at NDCU Board Room.