

Nelson Soccer Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21, 2024

Board and Staff Present:

Goran Denkovski (Chair), Amanda Peschke (Vice Chair), Sarah Kozlowski (Secretary), Roger Quayle (Treasurer), Stefan Humphries (Director), Aileen Anderson (Director), Marlisa Crosland (Director), Larissa Parry (Marketing Director), Sveta Tisma (Executive Director), Brett Adams (Technical Director), Hayden Whitman (Field and Operations Manager), Gabrielle Plamondon (Office Manager), and Iain Harvey (Head of Recreational Programs).

Absent: Ken Sookero (Accounting).

Quorum: Met with 56 voting members and 7 non-voting members present.

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome

Goran Denkovski welcomed attendees, introduced the board members and staff, and thanked everyone for their support and dedication to the Nelson Soccer Association (NSA).

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Larissa Parry, seconded by Roger Quayle. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from the 2023 AGM moved by Matt Peschke, seconded by Brenda Jones. Motion carried.

Reports

5. Technical Report – Brett Adams

- **Coach Development:** The NSA has 8 coaches holding C Diplomas, an impressive achievement for a rural community. All paid staff are qualified and committed to continuous improvement.
- **IMPACT Program:** Continues to be highly successful and impactful.
- **Outdoor Recreational (REC) Program:** Achieved strong participation and success this season.
- **REP Program:** Five out of six teams qualified for the Provincial B Cup, with three teams earning medals—an unprecedented result for NSA. Notably, the U17 Girls team received the Fair Play Award.

6. Memorial Award for Volunteerism – Goran Denkovski

Presented to Amanda Peschke for her extraordinary dedication as the Rep Director, recognizing her significant contributions to NSA.

7. Financial Report – Roger Quayle

- NSA reported a 22% revenue increase, with net income including amortization totaling \$61,689.
- Current assets less current liabilities stand at \$303,700, indicating a strong working capital position.
- The organization received a \$61,500 gaming grant and has repaid the \$40,000 CEBA loan.
 - **Motion to Approve Financial Report:** Moved by Mike Gerun, seconded by Kate Walker. Motion carried.
 - **Motion to Approve Comishen for 2025 Accounting:** Moved by Chuck Bennett, seconded by Tad Lake. Motion carried.
 - **Questions from the Floor:**
 - **Rep Fees Breakdown:** Explained that all Rep fees contribute to revenue, with expenses managed through the NSA account.
 - **Donations:** Catherine McRae donates \$7,500 annually; however, jerseys cost approximately \$35,000. NSA will provide more details on audit practices for transparency.

8. Executive Report – Sveta Tisma

Recreational soccer registrations were above capacity, reflecting strong demand. Although slightly below pre-pandemic levels, participation is rebounding. Referee numbers have shown positive growth. A detailed report will be attached to these minutes.

9. REP Report – Amanda Peschke

- Rep enrollment grew from 250 in 2023 to 280 in 2024.
- The TWMT tournament was a major success, attracting teams from across BC and Alberta.
- The new Square machine enhanced concession sales, generating \$8,700 at the TWMT, contributing to keeping Rep fees low.

10. Chair Report – Goran Denkovski

Emphasized the importance of community involvement in nonprofit youth sports. The need for more space for the Dome Initiative was also highlighted as a key challenge.

Motion for Approval of All Reports

Moved by JC, seconded by Catherine McRae. Motion carried.

Open Discussion

- **REP Program Participation:** Amanda and Brett are actively collaborating with coaches to address low participation. Final strategies will depend on registration outcomes.
- **House Soccer for U13+:** Due to limited player numbers, NSA works hard to ensure team balance.
- **Soccer Saturday Impact:** This event's impact is under review for possible adjustments in the 2025 season.
- **Year-Round REP Program:** Gaby noted limited indoor facility space as a constraint. Floor suggestion made to explore renting alternative spaces.
- **Mission Statement Alignment:** Larissa is developing a Social Media Policy to maintain consistent and accurate communication with members.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** A working group has been formed to address a recent incident, with a formal committee to be established at the November board meeting.

Elections – Sveta Tisma

Four board members' two-year terms ended: Stefan Humphries, Sarah Kozlowski, Amanda Peschke, and Goran Denkovski. They are all running for re-election.

Nominations: Cindy Linstrom, Justin Dexter, Alain Therrien, Justine Langevin, Cheryl Ann Birse, and Emma Felton.

Election Results: Elected to a two-year term are Stefan Humphries, Sarah Kozlowski, Amanda Peschke, Cindy Linstrom, Justin Dexter, Alain Therrien, Cheryl Ann Birse, and Emma Felton.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn moved by Brenna Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.